

## Media Releases 2010

### SARS reminds taxpayers with car allowance to record their odometer readings

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**Pretoria, 24 February 2010** – The South African Revenue Service (SARS) would like to remind all those taxpayers who receive a travel allowance to record their odometer readings by Sunday 28 February 2010 for the 2009/10 tax year.

The last day of February marks the end of the tax year for individual taxpayers. Those seeking to claim a business travel deduction in their income tax return are required to record their vehicles opening and closing mileage for each tax year on the 1st of March and the last day of the following February respectively.

Several changes relating to travel allowances have been introduced for the 2010/11 tax year. From the 1 March 2010 all taxpayers who use their personal vehicles for business will be required to complete a logbook separating business mileage from that of private mileage in order to claim travel expenses. Also, the portion of the monthly travel allowance that will be taxed upfront and subject to Pay As You Earn (PAYE) will rise from 60% to 80%.

Logbooks are available from SARS branch offices countrywide from 1 March 2010. [Downloadable e-logbooks](#) are also available to taxpayers from the SARS website ([www.sars.gov.za](http://www.sars.gov.za)).