

# VAT NEWS

keeping vendors informed

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## CHANGE OF DETAILS FOR THE WESTERN CAPE REGION

As from February 2003, the new mailing address for all returns and correspondence is:

**South African Revenue Service  
CAPE MAIL  
8076**

The physical address for the Belville Branch office is:

**Sable Centre  
c/o De Lange & Teddington Road  
BELVILLE**

The **call center** contact number is: **0860 121218**

and the **fax** number is: **(021) 413 8900**

All other physical addresses in respect of branch offices in the Western Cape Region remained unchanged.

## CHANGE OF STATUS

A vendor must inform the South African Revenue Service ("SARS") branch office of any change of status in writing within 21 days of the following events:

- Where a vendor is currently registered as a category A or B vendor (ie. he/she submits VAT returns every 2 months) and the value of his/her taxable supplies for the previous 12 months is more than R30 million or where the vendor believes that his/her taxable supplies is likely to be more than R30million in a 12 month period; or
- Where a vendor is currently registered as a category D vendor (ie. he/she submits VAT returns every 6 months) and his/her taxable supplies for the last 12 months is more than R1million, or the vendor believes that his/her taxable supplies is likely to be more than R1million in a 12 month period; or
- Where a vendor is registered on the payments basis and his/her taxable supplies is more than R2.5 million in any 12 month period or is likely to be more than R2.5 million in a 12 month period; or
- Any other change in the status of the vendor.

Where the vendor fails to timeously inform SARS of a change in category, the vendor will be regarded as having failed to pay his/her tax when it was due. The late payment could therefore be subject to interest and penalties.

## CONTACTING SARS:

Where vendors have queries relating to VAT, including where to fax their returns, they should contact their local SARS branch office. Additional information can be obtained on the SARS website at: [www.sars.gov.za](http://www.sars.gov.za)

## PROOF OF PAYMENT

The following proof of payment / receipts are issued:

Method of payment	Proof received
Cash	SARSBank receipt (if paid at Cash Hall) VAT213 (if posted)
Cheque	SARSBank receipt (if paid at Cash Hall) VAT 213 (if posted)
Postal order	SARSBank receipt (if paid at Cash Hall) VAT 213 (if posted)
Payments at FNB	Deposit slip
VAT 201(a) debit order	VAT213 - acknowledgement of payment received
E-filing via service provider	Confirmation slip
Electronic Transfers (including internet banking)	Confirmation slip

Vendors are reminded that any payment to be made to SARS, may be made at any branch of First National Bank. The reference number, SARS branch and bank account number are preprinted on the VAT 201 for your convenience. Refer to VAT News 19 issued in May/June 2002 for more information.

The vendor must not attach deposit slips / confirmation slips when submitting the VAT 201 return

## INTEREST

With effect from 1 April 2003, interest on outstanding taxes (VAT/PAYE/SDL/UIF) will be payable at a rate of 16.5%. For more information, refer to Media Release 1, dated 6 March 2003.

## FUEL LEVY INCREASE

As announced by the Minister of Finance in his budget speech on 26 February 2003, the general fuel levy has been increased as follows:

	Previous	Current
Onland:	44.1 c/l	48.4 c/l
Offshore:	99.5 c/l	106.5 c/l
Rail:	18.5 c/l	21.5 c/l

An explanatory letter has also been addressed to VAT vendors.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The Minister of Finance announced in his budget speech on 26 February 2003 that vendors will be required to issue tax invoices with the recipient's VAT registration number where the invoice is for R 1000 or more. The amendment is intended to be effective from 1 April 2004. However, it is advisable that vendors commence with the process to amend their current systems so

