(?) What Must I Do When I Get an Auto Assessment SMS or Email?

When you log in to your eFiling profile, you will notice new shortcuts on the home page, including:

- View your 2025 Auto Assessment.
- Submit previous years' returns.
- Submit the current year's return.
- Update your personal bank details.

All of the above will be available before the start of this year's Filing Season.

For more information on the above, please visit our website and subscribe to the SARS TV channel on YouTube.

Note: If you are not registered for eFiling and you receive a notification that you have been auto-assessed, vou can get vour tax assessment on SARS WhatsApp (080 011 7277). or dial *134*7277#.

If you agree with the assessment, then check if a refund is due to you (a minus before the number means SARS owes you!), or if you owe SARS. If a refund is due, then there is nothing more you have to do - you can log out and wait for the refund, which you can expect within about 72 hours (SARS must have the correct banking details for you). If you owe SARS, then make the payment through eFiling or SARS MobiApp on or before the payment due date, which is shown on the "Notice of Assessment" (ITA34).

If you do not agree with the assessment, you can access your tax return on eFiling or the SARS MobiApp immediately. You then complete the return with the correct/updated information, and file it on or before 20 October 2025, which is the Filing Season closing date for non-provisional taxpayers.

(?)How Do I Know if SARS Used the Right Information for My Auto Assessment?

To view your data in detail:

- Log in to eFiling. 1.
- 2. Select the "Third-Party Data Certificate" search button on the menu bar.
- 3. Submit/search any certificate that you want to verify.
- 4. Select the certificate type you need.

If there is an error in your data or the data is incomplete, you can correct it by:

- 1. Asking the institution (third-party data provider such as your bank) that provided the data to SARS to correct it by sending updated data to SARS and yourself.
- 2. Confirming with the third-party data provider that they corrected and filed your information with SARS. Then, access your tax return again on eFiling or MobiApp, check that the data has been updated, and file your tax return on eFiling or the SARS MobiApp.

If I never got an SMS or email, How do I check if I have been Auto-Assessed?

You can go to the SARS website (www.sars.gov.za), click on "SARS Online Query System", then click on "My Auto Assessment Status" and complete the details (this will be available from the start of Filing Season). You can also check on www.sarsefiling. co.za or the SARS MobiApp.

Need help?

To learn more about how to use our digital platforms, visit the SARS TV YouTube channel for video tutorials, or visit the SARS website (www.sars.gov.za).

Book an appointment on the SARS website sars.gov.za or send an SMS to SARS (47277)



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Auto-assessments

Auto Assessment is an automatic tax assessment in which SARS uses pre-filed information to calculate and issue an assessment without the need for taxpayers to complete or submit a tax return.

SARS uses information from employers, banks, medical schemes, retirement funds, and insurers to do the Auto Assessment. This year, SARS will be issuing auto-assessment notifications in batches between 7 and 20 July 2025. If you haven't received an auto-assessment notification by 20 July and you are required to file a return, you can do so via the usual channels from 21 July 2025.

If you have been auto-assessed, SARS will send you an SMS or email asking you to check your Auto Assessment. See below for examples:



Email:



Dear [Initials] [Surname] Tax Reference Number: [TaxReferenceNo]

SARS has sent you an Income Tax Assessment for the <CCYY> tax year to help you easily fulfil your tax obligations. Your assessment is automatically calculated using information received from third parties, such as your employer, financial institutions, medical schemes, and retirement annuity fund administrators.

What you need to do:

- 1. View your assessment: log in to SARS eFiling (sarsefiling.co.za) or the SARS MobiApp to check your Assessment.
- 2. If you agree with your assessment: you do not need to submit a tax return.
- 3. If you do not agree with your assessment:
 - You can submit your <CCYY> Income Tax Return on or before 20 October 2025.
 - You can submit your return on SARS eFiling (sarsefiling.co.za) or the SARS MobiApp.
 - For help with your return, go to the Filing Season webpage on sars.gov.za.
- 4. If a refund is due to you:
 - Refunds of R100 or more will be paid automatically within 72 hours.
 - Refunds of less than R100 will be added to your account and paid out when your account balance exceeds R100.
- 5. If your assessment shows that you owe SARS:
 - Debt of **R100** or more must be paid by the due date to avoid interest charges. For payment options, go to the How do I Pay webpage on sars.gov.za.
 - Debt of less than R100 will be carried over to the next tax year.

Need Help?

For further assistance, please use any of our channels:

SARS Website: visit the Filing Season webpage on sars.gov.za.

SARS Online Query System (SOQS): click on the SARS Online Query System (SOQS) tile on sars.gov.za.

SARS WhatsApp: send "Hi" or "Hello" to 0800 117 277.

Al Virtual Assistant: available 24/7 on the SARS website to answer your queries.

Dial *134*7277#: to access SARS services.

No need to visit a SARS branch. If you must, first book an appointment to avoid long queues.

Sincerely

THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE

What Must I Do When I Get an Auto Assessment SMS or Email?

The first thing to do is to log in to eFiling or the SARS MobiApp and view your assessment. You will see all the data we used to calculate your assessment.

SARS recently introduced enhancements on eFiling to make it easier for taxpayers to comply with their tax obligations.