



Tax Season 2020

New Dates

Employers/Individuals take note!

New Dates:

1 September to 16 November 2020

Taxpayers who file online

1 September to 22 October 2020

Taxpayers who cannot file electronically can do so at a SARS branch by appointment

1 September 2020 to 31 January 2021

Provisional taxpayers who file electronically.

Auto Assessments

SARS says that a significant number of taxpayers will be auto-assessed this season. In August this year they will start sending individuals SMSs if they are auto assessed.

What does this mean?

It means that SARS will attempt to complete your tax return based on 3rd party data (such as IRP5, medical, investments) and will issue you with an assessment that you will have to accept.

Auto Assessments

Is that a good thing?

Its always best to file your own tax return, that way you'll ensure that:

- The are no errors on your return as SARS may not have your latest tax certificates from your employer
- Your return has all your data so you do not loose out on all your refunds
- You can claim your tax deductions which will not appear on your auto-assessment (e.g. additional medical expenses, home office, wear and tear, donations, etc.)

In the meantime

What you can do in the meantime is to get organised.

- Make sure that you have received your IRP5/IT3(a)s and other tax certificates like medical certificate, retirement annuity fund certificate and any other 3rd party data that are relevant in determining your tax obligations.
- Reset your eFiling username and password if you have forgotten them.
- Update your personal information such as banking details, address and contact details online on eFiling or the SARS MobiApp.