



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

## PRESS RELEASE

### INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO RECOVER THE OUTSTANDING TAX DEBT

This notice serves to inform all taxpayers and the general public that the Ministry of Finance is implementing a second and last **Tax Arrear Recovery Incentive Programme** which has three primary objectives, namely:

1. To collect tax arrears that remain owing to the Receiver of Revenue;
2. To offer a **limited-time relief** to taxpayers with outstanding tax balances to settle their capital amounts in full and pay only part of their interest charges; and
3. To invite all persons especially business owners who have failed to register as taxpayers to come forth and register in order to benefit from the incentive programme.

This Tax Arrear Recovery Incentive Programme will commence on 11 September 2017 and run until the **11 March 2018** and shall apply to all taxes administered by Inland Revenue Department which are Income Tax, Value Added Tax (VAT), VAT Import, Employee's Tax Stamp Duty, Non-resident's Shareholders Tax (NRST) and Tax on Royalties.

The Ministry of Finance will waive the penalties levied on tax payments and submission of tax returns, AND **write off 70%** of the interest balance on all tax accounts for taxpayers who pay the capital tax amount in full and **30% of the interest** balance. There shall be no write off of any capital amount.

Taxpayers who intend to participate in the tax incentive programme are encouraged to **register for such purpose** during the months of **September and October 2017** and settle their debt, before benefiting from the programme, as follows:

1. Any taxpayer who intends to make a once off settlement of the debt payable should do so during the month of September or October 2017;
2. Any taxpayer who is unable to settle the balance by making only one payment, is required to pay the first instalment that will be agreed upon with Inland Revenue Department in the month of registration and thereafter pay monthly instalments until the debt is settled within the tax incentive period.

Any taxpayer who fails to honour the instalment arrangement may be disqualified from benefiting from the incentive programme unless a good cause is shown in writing before any payment becomes due and payable.

Taxpayers are encouraged to update all their respective tax accounts by filing all the tax returns at offices where their accounts are registered and obtain the most recent statements of account with the correct balance.

Application forms for registration to partake in this programme can be obtained from any office of Inland Revenue Department and can also be downloaded from our website at <http://www.mof.gov.na/tax-arrear-recovery-incentive-programme>.

The Ministry of Finance would like to request all taxpayers participating in this tax incentive programme to deposit their payments into the account shown below and provide the proof of payment to their nearest office of Inland Revenue Department:

<b>Bank</b>	Bank of Namibia
<b>Account Name</b>	General Revenue – Sub Account
<b>Branch Code</b>	980-172
<b>Account Number</b>	<b>165011</b>
<b>Reference Number</b>	Enter your tax registration number

Taxpayers who choose **NOT** to partake in this Incentive Programme shall become liable for the full payment of taxes and interests owing to the Receiver of Revenue. Inland Revenue Department will impose the full extent of the tax laws through the recovery provisions which include **Attachment of Assets, Appointment of Agents and Recovery of Tax from Third Parties.**

Inquiries relating to this notification should be addressed to the nearest office of the Inland Revenue Department.

  
  
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DATE