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**PRESS RELEASE****27 January 2017****INCENTIVE PROGRAMME FOR PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING TAXES**

The Ministry of Finance is offering an incentive programme for writing off a portion of the interest charged on outstanding tax, as well as penalties, in the event that all taxes (the full outstanding tax amount/s) are paid and 20% of the interest levied is paid, between the period of 01 February 2017 and 31 July 2017.

Taxpayers with delinquent accounts and persons (individuals and companies) that qualify to register for any tax type but did not do so are offered this once off opportunity to become compliant with tax laws.

1. The incentive programme for the payment of tax, write off of a portion of the interest and waiver of penalties takes effect from 01 February 2017 and ends on 31 July 2017. Payment for the full tax amount and 20% interest must be made not later than 31 July 2017 for one to benefit from the incentive programme.
2. No tax amount will be waived. Penalties will be waived in full and 80% of the interest amount, provided the tax amount and 20% of the interest are paid.
3. Eligible tax periods are those where an outstanding debt on any tax account exists up until the end of 31 July 2017.
4. The Incentive programme applies to the following taxes administered by Inland Revenue Department:

Income Tax

Value Added Tax (VAT)

VAT Import

Employee's Tax

Stamp Duty

Non – resident's Shareholders Tax (NRST)

Tax on Royalties (patents, trademarks, copy right etc.)

5. All individuals, businesses, companies, close corporations and other entities with outstanding debt on their tax account/s may apply to participate in the Incentive Programme. Application forms for the Incentive Programme will be available at all Regional Revenue Offices countrywide and must be duly completed and submitted to nearest Receiver of Revenue Office.
6. Payments may be made in instalments over a maximum period of 6 months, last instalment which must be made on 31 July 2017. Only once the full principal tax amount and 20% of interest are paid, will the remaining 80% portion of interest and all penalties be waived.
7. The Ministry of Finance has opened a specific bank account into which payments in respect of arrear taxes by participating taxpayers must be made. Banking details of this account are as follows:

<b>BANK</b>	<b>BANK OF NAMIBIA</b>
<b>ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>RECEIVER OF REVENUE</b>
<b>BRANCH CODE</b>	<b>980-172</b>
<b>TYPE OF ACCOUNT</b>	<b>CURRENT</b>
<b>ACCOUNT NO</b>	<b>165011</b>

8. Normal tax payments must be made into the usual General Revenue Account.
9. In order to determine the correct amount of tax owed, participating taxpayers must file all outstanding tax returns with Inland Revenue Department.
10. Non – filed tax returns, under reported tax liability and tax payers who never registered for taxes/ pay taxes for tax periods prior to the incentive programme period, are eligible for the incentive programme, provided the tax returns are submitted during the duration of the incentive programme and payment is made for the full outstanding tax and 20% of the interest.
11. Penalties and interest paid prior to the effective date of the Tax Incentive Programme are not refundable.
12. Taxpayers who are currently on a deferred payment plan can still apply to participate in the tax incentive programme.
13. Arrear tax amounts to pending cases of fraud, illicit tax practices and corruption are not eligible for participation in this programme.
14. Taxpayers who fail to apply to the Ministry of Finance to have a portion of the interest written off during the period allocated will forfeit this benefit when the incentive program lapses. The Ministry of Finance will then enforce its collection mandate against taxpayers with outstanding balances on their tax accounts as if the programme was never introduced.

15. Please note that this is a once off programme, hence taxpayers are urged to make use of this opportunity not only to update and settle their tax accounts but also to register as taxpayers.

16. Enquiries relating to this notification should be addressed to the nearest tax office.

  
  
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