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Legislative changes

Update - Covid-19 tax relief measures

The National Treasury and SARS published the second batch of the 2021 Draft Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (TLAB) and 2021 Draft Tax Administration Laws Amendment Bill (TALAB), which contains emergency tax measures taking effect on 1 August 2021. These measures include the expansion of the employment tax incentive (ETI) and a PAYE deferral. Although not promulgated yet, these draft Bills provide the necessary legislative amendments required to implement the Covid-19 tax relief measures.

- It is proposed that the expansion of the ETI be reinstated for another limited four-month period (Aug – Nov), following the design

implemented in 2020 (in other words it is the same in principle, however for different months).

- It is proposed that the PAYE deferral relief measure be reinstated for another limited three-month period.

For more information please see the [Explanatory Notes on the Emergency Tax Relief measures](#).

To find out when these changes will be available in the payroll system, please refer to our [Sage City article](#).

Temporary Financial Relief Scheme (TFRS) - Destroyed, Affected or Looted Workplaces

Following the civil unrest which occurred in Gauteng and Kwa-Zulu-Natal during 9 to 18 July 2021, the Minister of Employment and Labour issued a new directive (Government Gazette number 44978, 10 August 2021) to provide relief to those employees who lost remuneration in full or in part as a result of the closure of a workplace due to the unrest. Read more [here](#).

e@syFile Version 7.1.5 Release

SARS e@syFile™ Employer version 7.1.5 is now available for [download](#) from e@syFile™ Employer (sarsefiling.co.za). Release notes for this new version may be located on the SARS website [e@syFile™ – South African Revenue Service \(sars.gov.za\)](#).

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Planned Maintenance

There will be scheduled maintenance planned for the month of August 2021:

- 18 August 2021 - This is regular server maintenance.
- 23 August - This update will include the Extended ETI changes as well as important changes to [Directive processing](#).

For the month of September, there will be scheduled maintenance on the 20th of September 2021.

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- Long Service Awards Review of the fringe benefit
- Employment Tax Incentive Important backdated changes to curb abuse
- Retirement Fund Contribution Simplification of the Fringe Benefit calculation
- Mid-year tax certificates 2021 Requirements and Proposed penalties
- Home Office Expenses The latest information on this deduction

Other Important Changes:

- PAYE deferral to boost Employer cashflow
- Employment Tax Incentive enhancement - To fund the preservation of jobs
- UIF TERS Benefit Extension to assist Impacted Employees
- UIF Reduced Work Time Benefit How does it work?
- PAYE & Personal Income Tax Administration Reform An update on this project

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