## Key proposals that may affect you.

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This 2023 Budget summary provides an overview of how South Africa's Budget changes and proposals may affect your everyday finances, future planning and wealth.



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**Rebuilding SARS with a focus on wealthy individuals** Third-party data

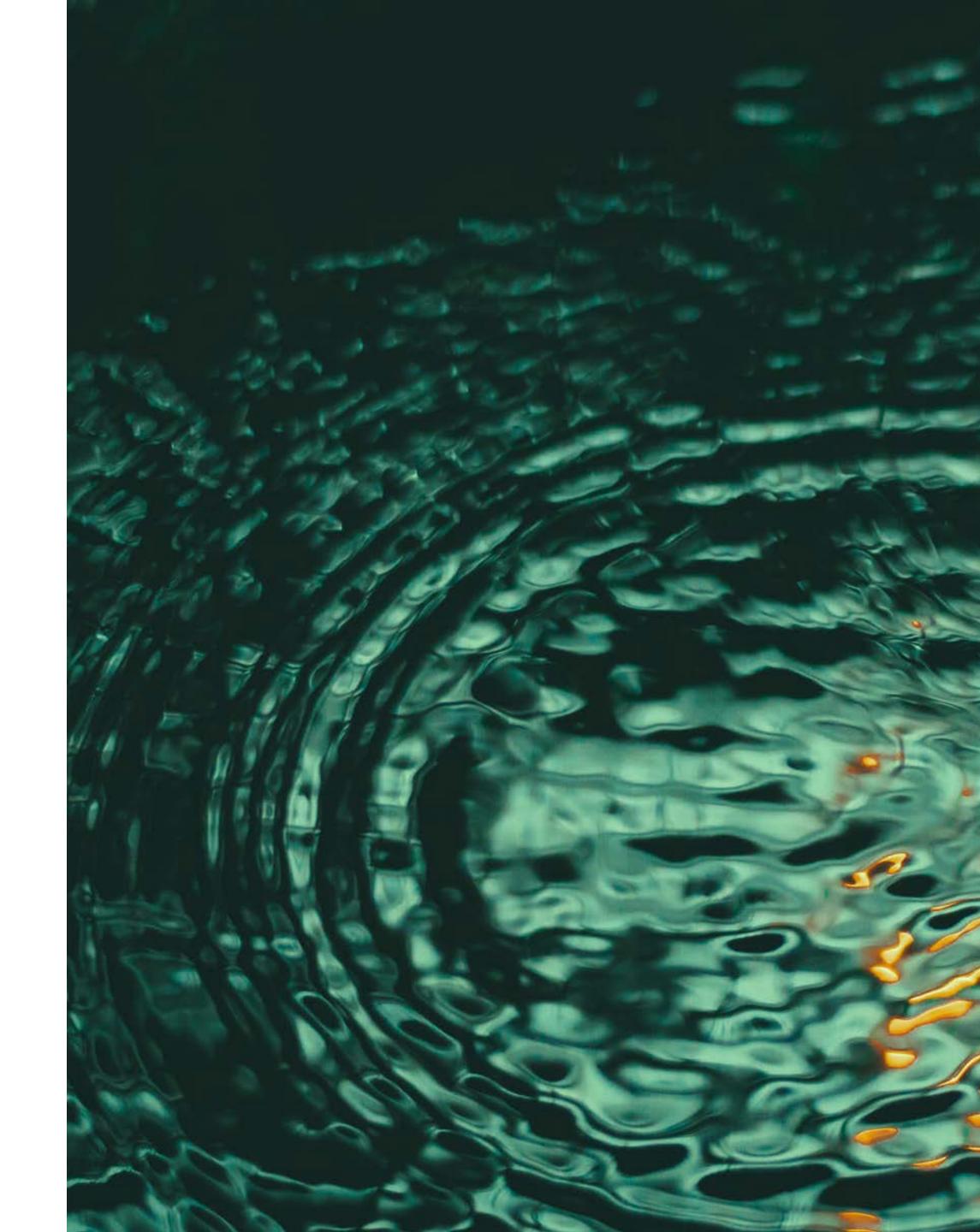


#### **Retirement-related reforms**

South African households in distress (help them access savings but also encourage the preservation of savings) and anyone planning their retirement.



**Exchange control** No changes were announced.



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VAT 15% (unchanged)



### Personal income tax

Personal income tax brackets and rebates increased by **4,5%** 



## **Corporate tax** 27%

(27% for years of assessment ending on or after 31 March 2023). This will affect capital gains tax (CGT) effective rates for companies too.



## Estate duty rate 20%

on dutiable estates up to R30 million (unchanged)

25%

on dutiable estates greater than R30 million (unchanged)



### **Donations tax rate**

**20%** on donations up to R30 million (unchanged)

### 25%

on donations exceeding R30 million (unchanged)



### **Fuel taxes**

General fuel levy (unchanged) **15c/litre** 

Road Accident Fund (RAF) levy (unchanged) **11c/litre** 



### Carbon tax Petrol

10c/litre

Diesel

11c/litre

(effective from 5 April 2023)





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### Tax

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on what you earn			
Personal income tax			
<ul> <li>Personal income tax brackets and rebates increased by 4,9%</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Maximum personal income tax rate (unchanged): 45%</li> </ul>		
Rebates			
Primary	Secondary	Tertiary	
R17 235 R9 444 R3 145			
▲ R810	▲ R444	▲ R148	
<b>-</b>			
Tax thresholds			
< 65 years	65+ years	75+ years	
R95 750	R148 217	R165 689	
▲ R4 500	▲ R6 967	▲ R7 789	



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4,9%	Personal income tax brackets and rebates increased by <b>4,9</b> % Maximum personal income tax rate (unchanged): <b>45</b> %		
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## Your investments

### **Exemptions and allowances**

**Interest exemption** (unchanged) (Applicable to South African-sourced income only) For individuals:

< 65 years	65+ years
R23 800 per year	R34 500

Tax-free savings (unchanged). Annual contribution limit: R36 000

Annual donations relief (unchanged). Exemption of R100 000

#### **Reviewing Practice Note 31 of 1994**

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#### Non-resident beneficiaries of trusts

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per year

### Tax on your investments

**CGT** (Company maximum effective rate decreased)

Taxpayer	Inclusion rate	Maximum effective rate
Individuals	40,0%	18,0%
Special trusts	40,0%	18,0%
<b>Companies</b> (Applicable to companies with a financial year-end on or after 31 March 2023.)	80,0%	21,6%
Trusts	80,0%	36,0%

**Dividend withholding tax (SA)** (unchanged): 20%

Foreign dividends tax (unchanged): 20%

Withholding tax on interest (unchanged): 15%



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#### **Donations tax** (unchanged)

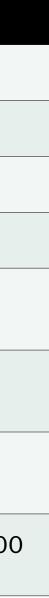
- Tax rate on donations exceeding R30 million 1 March 2018: 25%
- Tax rate on donations up to R30 million after
- Annual donations tax exemption: R100 000

#### Property transfer duty:

2023/2024 table adjusted upwards by 10% to compensate for inflation.

Transfer duty rates						
	2022/23	2023/24				
Property value (R)	Rates of tax	Property value (R)	Rates of tax			
R0 – R1 000 000	0% of property value	R0 – R1100000	0% of property value			
R1 000 001 – R1 375 000	3% of property value above R1 000 000	R1 100 001 – R1 512 500	3% of property value above R1100 00			
R1 375 001 – R1 925 000	R11 250 + 6% of property value above R1 375 000	R1 512 501 - R2 117 500	R12 375 + 6% of property value above R1 512 501			
R1 925 001 – R2 475 000	R44 250 + 8% of property value above R1 925 000	R2 117 501 - R2 722 500	R48 675 + 8% of property value above R2 117 500			
R2 475 001 – R11 000 000	R88 250 + 11% of property value above R2 475 000	R2 722 501 - R12 100 000	R97 075 + 11% of property value above R2 722 500			
R11 000 001 and above	R1 026 000 + 13% of property value above R11 000 000	R12 100 001 and above	R1 128 600 + 13% of property value above R12 100 000			

nafter	Trusts tax rate (unchanged): 45%
	Estate duty (unchanged)
r 1 March 2018: <b>20</b> %	<ul> <li>Dutiable estates up to R30 million: 20%</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Dutiable estates greater than R30 million: 25%</li> </ul>





## **Your retirement**

#### 2023/2024 limits adjusted upwards by 10% to compensate for inflation.

Retirement fund lump sum benefits tax					
	2022/23	2023/24			
Taxable income (R)	Rates of tax	Taxable income (R)	Rates of tax		
R0 – R500 0000	0% of taxable income	R550 000	0% of taxable income		
R500 001 – R700 000	18% of taxable income above R500 000	R550 001 – R770 000	18% of taxable income above R550 000		
R700 001 – R1 050 000	R56 700 + 27% of taxable income above R770 000	R770 001 – R1 155 000	R39 600 + 27% of taxable income above R770 000		
R1 050 001 and above	R141 750 + 36% of taxable income above R1 050 000	R1 155 001 and above	R143 550 + 36% of taxable income above R1 155 000		

Retirement fund fump sum withdrawar benefits tax					
	2022/23	2023/24			
Taxable income (R)	Rates of tax	Taxable income (R)	Rates of tax		
R0 – R25 000	0% of taxable income	R0 – R27 500	0% of taxable income		
R25 001 – R660 000	R18% of taxable income above R25 000	R27 501 – R726 000	18% of taxable income above R27 500		
R660 001 – R990 000	R114 300 + 27% of taxable income above R660 000	R726 001 – R1 089 000	R125 730 + 27% of taxable income above R726 000		
R990 001 and above	R203 400 + 36% of taxable income above R990 000	R1 089 001 and above	R223 740 + 36% of taxable income above R1 089 000		

#### **Retirement-related reforms**

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#### **Corporate tax**

Companies with year-ends before 31 March 2023 (unchanged): **28**%

Companies with year-ends ending on or after 31 March 2023 (decrease of 1%): **27%** 

- Assessed loss to be limited to 80% of taxable income to coincide with rate reduction.
- Interest deduction to be limited to 30% of earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation for taxpayers forming part of a multinational group to coincide with rate reduction.

Please refer to the Key changes and proposals for more detail.



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## **Income tax changes and proposals**

Tax proposals were announced in the Budget and draft legislation to give effect to these tax proposals are generally published in July 2023. Treasury then considers any consultations made or responses received and final changes are made before legislation is typically introduced towards the end of the year.

### Q Who may be affected? The proposals and changes **Multinationals operating Base erosion and profit shifting: Pillar Two (minimum effective tax rate)** businesses internationally which jurisdictions they operate. and paying below the specified minimum tax rate. Companies investing in **Expansion of the renewable-energy tax incentive** renewable energy use for the first time between 1 March 2023 and 28 February 2025.

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Pillar Two, which is one of the measures of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development to combat tax-base erosion and profit shifting, proposes an approach to ensure that all internationally operating businesses with global annual revenue of more than €750 million pay an effective tax rate of at least 15%, regardless of where they are headquartered or in

• A minimum effective tax rate for large multinationals is expected to apply in several countries from December 2023.

During the 2023 legislative cycle, government will publish a draft position on the implementation of Pillar Two for public

comment and draft legislation will be prepared for inclusion in the 2024 Taxation Laws Amendment Bill.

This will negatively impact South African shareholders holding shares in companies with revenue exceeding the threshold

• The tax incentive, mainly capital and depreciation allowances, is available for businesses to promote renewable energy will be expanded temporarily to encourage rapid private investment to alleviate the energy crisis.

 Under the expanded incentive, businesses will be able to claim a 125% deduction in the first year for all renewable-energy projects with no thresholds on generation capacity. The adjusted incentive will be available only for investments brought into

• This deduction incentive is welcome but the two-year period appears to be too short.

Businesses with significant assessed losses will not benefit from the incentive immediately.



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### Income tax changes and proposals (continued)

Who may be affected?	Q T
Individual households investing in solar photovoltaic (PV) panels	<ul> <li>Rooftop s</li> <li>To increating individuation of the rebuild of the reb</li></ul>
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#### he proposals and changes

#### solar tax incentive

rease electricity generation, government is proposing a rooftop solar incentive for individuals to invest in solar PV. luals will be able to receive a tax rebate to the value of 25% of the cost of any new and unused solar PV panels. To , the solar panels must be purchased and installed at a private residence, and a certificate of compliance for the ation must be issued from 1 March 2023 to 29 February 2024.

bate is available only for solar PV panels, and not for inverters or batteries. It can be used to offset the individual's nal income tax liability for the 2023/24 tax year up to a maximum of R15 000.

ebate incentive is welcomed but the one-year period is limited. It is unfortunate that batteries and inverters, which are I to the solar system, are excluded from the incentive.

#### ies tax rate change

ially announced in the 2021 Budget, the corporate income tax rate is reduced by 1% to 27% for companies for years of sment ending on or after 31 March 2023, with a view for further reductions over the medium term. This is coupled with posals aimed at protecting and broadening the tax base, being the limiting of assessed loss and further limiting of the tion of interest accrued to multinational groups.



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### Income tax changes and proposals (continued)

#### Who may be affected?

South African shareholders of controlled foreign companies

Long-term investors in

financial instruments

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#### **Clarifying the foreign business establishment exemption for controlled foreign companies**

#### **Reviewing Practice Note 31 of 1994**

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#### The proposals and changes

Controlled foreign company (CFC) provisions are income deferral anti-avoidance provisions contained in section 9D of the Income Tax Act.

- These provisions apply to South African shareholders who hold more than 50% in the foreign company and owns at least 10% equity shares or voting rights.

- The shareholder is taxed on a proportional amount of income that would have been taxable had the CFC been a South African resident taxpayer. This is done according to the shareholding of the South African shareholder in a CFC.

• A South African shareholder is granted an exemption from this tax if the CFC has a foreign business establishment (FBE) in the country where it established its outsources to another group company with an FBE in that company.

• An FBE is a fixed place of business located in a country outside South Africa where the business:

- is conducted through offices or other structures;

- is suitably staffed with on-site managerial and operational employees to conduct its primary operations;

- is suitably equipped for conducting the primary operations;

- has suitable facilities for conducting the primary operations; and

- is located outside South Africa solely or mainly for a purpose other than for tax avoidance.

CSARS v Coronation Investment Management SA (Pty) Ltd (1269/2021) [2023] ZASCA 10 (07 February 2023) deals with the interpretation of an FBE (mainly the outsourcing of primary operations).

Government is concerned that some taxpayers are outsourcing other primary operations through being compensated for these functions.

• The proposal is to clarify the legislation that to qualify for an FBE exemption, all primary operations for which a CFC is compensated must be performed by the CFC or by the other company in the same group of companies.

• Practice Note 31 (PN 31) currently allows a deduction against interest income of certain expenses, such as interest paid, trustee fees and portfolio fees, for among others, long-term investors who are not carrying on a trade, ie investors who are not speculating in financial instruments to make profit.

• In November 2022, SARS announced its intention to withdraw PN 31.

Government will consider the impact of the proposed withdrawal and the necessary tax legislation changes to accommodate legitimate use of PN 31.

• SARS intends to delay and align the withdrawal of PN 31 with the effective date of the changes in the legislation in this

The alignment of the withdrawal of PN 31 with legislative changes is welcome as this change is now likely to be effective for the tax years starting on 1 March 2024.

Click here for more information on PN 31.



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### Who may be affected?

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#### **Persons emigrating**

### Apportioning the tax-free investment contribution limitation and limiting the retirement funds contributions deduction when an individual ceases to be a tax resident:

#### The below example illustrates the application of the apportionment:

#### The proposals and changes

• When an individual ceases to be a South African tax resident, their year of assessment is deemed to have ended on the date immediately before the day their tax residency ceased, and the next succeeding year of assessment will start on the day on which tax residency is ceased.

• As a result, the individual has two years of assessment during the 12-month period, which means the individual may be able to double-up on certain exemptions or exclusions that are allowed per year of assessment.

• During 2022, government legislated the apportionment of the interest exemption and the limitation of capital gains annual exclusion in such instances.

Government proposes that, to align other provisions of the Income Tax Act for individuals ceasing to be South African tax residents, ie the tax-free investment contribution limitation (currently R36 000 per tax year) and the annual limit (currently R350 000 per tax year) on the deduction of the retirement funds, contributions to retirement funds be apportioned.

• Mr Bheki Baloyi ceased to be a South African resident on 1 September 2022. He contributed R36 000 to a Nedgroup Investments tax-free investment on 1 June 2021 and contributed R180 000 to his retirement annuity fund.

• Year of assessment 1 March 2021 to 31 August 2022: Mr Baloyi is entitled to invest up to R36 000 in a tax-free investment without penalty and can also contribute up to R350 000 to a SARS-approved retirement fund.

• However, if Mr Baloyi ceased to be resident after the proposed changes, he would be entitled to invest up to R18 000 in a tax-free investment without penalty and claim a deduction of up to R175 000 of his contribution to the SARS-approved retirement fund since these would have been apportioned.

Mr Baloyi would therefore be deemed to have invested the R18 000 (R36 000-R18 000) excess investment in a tax-free investments in the next tax year (six-month period).

Mr Baloyi would have had excess contribution amounting to R5 000 (R180 000–R175 000) that would not be allowed for the current tax year ending 31 August 2022. The excess amount of R5 000 will be carried forward to the tax year ending 28 February 2023.

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### Who may be affected?

**South African resident lenders** to non-resident trusts

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#### Anti-avoidance rules for low-interest or interest-free loans denominated in foreign currency to trusts:

#### The proposals and changes

• These rules deem any interest foregone in respect of low-interest or interest-free loans, advances or credit (sometimes denominated in foreign currency, ie Swiss franc) to a trust to be a donation subject to a donations tax.

• Where such loans are denominated in foreign currency, an official interest rate equal to the South African repurchase rate applicable in that currency plus 1% is used to calculate interest foregone, ie where a loan is denominated in Swiss franc, the official interest rate will be the Swiss National Bank rate plus 1%.

• The calculated interest foregone is then translated into rands using a spot rate or an average exchange rate, ie of Swiss francs to rands.

• Currently, the foreign currency exchange difference between for example Swiss franc and the rand on the loan, advances or credit is not calculated for the purposes of interest foregone.

Government proposes to clarify when the loan, advances or credit that is denominated in foreign currency should be converted to rands.

• According to National Treasury, the conversion of these loans affects the calculation of the deemed donation based on interest foregone.

• The inclusion of currency exchange difference will cause a fluctuation in the interest foregone from tax year to tax year. It will be difficult to have certainty of what deemed donation will be from year to year.

• This proposal could also affect other provisions relevant to interest foregone, such as the attribution of income to donors and the 'arm's length interest rate' calculation.



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### Who may be affected?



#### Non-resident beneficiaries of trusts

#### The tax impact of this proposal on a non-resident trust beneficiary is illustrated by the example below:

#### Solution based on current legislation

Income and capital gains attributed to non-resident discretionary trust beneficiary (ie UK tax resident) – tax year ending 28 February 2023.

Capital ga sale of sh SA trust

Rental inc South Afri property

Dividends shares

#### The proposals and changes

#### **Taxation of non-resident beneficiaries of trusts:**

• Capital gains determined by the South African tax resident trust do not flow through to non-resident trust beneficiaries, and are therefore taxed in trusts.

• Income accruing to the South African resident trust, however, can be vested and flow through to non-resident beneficiaries and be taxed in the non-resident hands where applicable.

• National Treasury proposes that the tax treatment of income accruing to a South African tax resident trust be aligned to that of capital gains, and should therefore not flow through to non-resident trust beneficiaries but should be taxed in the trust. • This will be negative for non-resident beneficiaries of the South African trusts as trust tax rates are usually higher, and the double taxation agreement (DTA) will not apply.

• A South African tax resident discretional trust with a UK tax resident trust beneficiary who is 66 years of age. The following income and capital gains of the trust were vested by the trustees to a UK tax resident beneficiary:

- Capital gains from disposal of shares amount of R200 000.

- Immovable property rental income of R100 000.

- Dividends received from listed shares (not REITS).

			Taxable	Taxable
	Legislation	Amounts	SA resident discretionary trust	Non-SA tax resident trust beneficiary
gains from hares by	Paragraph 80 of 8th Schedule to Income Tax	R200 000	Tax paid to SARS = R72 000 R200 000 tax at 36% CGT trust rates	N/A
ncome on frican-based ⁄	Section 25B of Income Tax	R100 000	N/A – flow through	Income tax to SARS = Rnil R100 000 taxed at 18% = R18 000 less primary R16 425 less secondary R9 000 rebates Final tax is nil. <b>Note:</b> SA/UK DTA grants South African taxing rights on income from immovable property.
ls from	Section 25B	R150 000	N/A – flow through	DWT paid to SARS = R15 000 R150 000 DWT at 20%, but SA/UK DTA limits South African taxing rights to only 10%.



	<b>Solution taking account of the proposal</b> If section 25B of the Income Tax Act (ITA) is changed to not allow flow through, the SA tax resident trust will be taxed.				
				Taxable	Taxable
		Legislation and proposal		SA resident discretionary trust	Non-SA tax resident trust beneficiar
	Capital gains from sale of shares by SA trust	Paragraph 80 of 8th Schedule ITA	R200 000	Tax to SARS = R72 000	N/A
	Rental income on South African-based property	Proposed Section 25B of ITA	R100 000	R200 000 taxed at 36% CGT trust rates	N/A
	Dividends from shares	Proposed Section 25B	R150 000	Income tax to SARS = R45 000	N/A
Anyone working from home	Broadening the pers	onal income tax base			

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#### he proposals and changes

#### rty data and personal income tax administration reform

AYE reform is focusing on reducing the administrative burden for employers (including funds paying annuities), administrators and SARS, as well as individual taxpayers who earn salaries.

2022, SARS has been engaging with the trusts and Public Benefit Organisation (PBO) administrators to submit and section 18A PBOs IT3(d) respectively as part of this reform.

pacts the operational efficiency of the administrators as the compliance cost appears to be increasing.

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Anyone planning their retirement	<ul> <li>Transfers bet</li> <li>It is propose rules of that interest tran</li> <li>This means amount</li> </ul>

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#### proposals and changes

#### ction of a 'two-pot' system.

2021 Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS) it was proposed that measures to boost household increasing preservation before retirement and to increase flexibility through partial access to retirement funds be through a 'two-pot' system. In terms of this system, individuals would be able to access contributions to the one contributions to the other pot would be saved until retirement.

extensive public consultation during 2022, the first phase of legislative amendments to the retirement system is e effect on 1 March 2024.

als from the 'savings pot' before retirement will be taxed at marginal rates. On retirement, any remaining amounts ngs pot will be taxed according to the retirement lump sum table (for example, R550 000 is a tax-free lump sum nent).

- required additional work:
- sal for seed capital.
- ve mechanisms to include defined benefit funds in an equitable manner.
- retirement annuity funds.
- wals from the retirement portion if one is retrenched and has no alternative source of income.
- nree matters will be clarified in forthcoming draft legislation. The final matter will be reviewed as a second phase of tation.
- ot retirement system will certainly be welcomed by all retirement fund members who could experience financial ng challenging times, for example during South Africa's Covid-19 lockdown.
- ommendable that consideration is given to matters raised during 2022 consultations.

#### etween retirement funds by members who are 55 years or older:

sed that members of pension or provident funds who have reached the normal retirement age as stipulated in the at fund but have not yet opted to retire must, as part of the involuntary transfer, be able to have their retirement ansferred from a less restrictive to a more restrictive retirement fund without incurring a tax liability. s that these members will not be entitled to the payment of a withdrawal benefit in respect of the transferred

amount.





# Exchange control

Exchange control changes are normally implemented immediately by the issuing of exchange control circulars via the Financial Surveillance Department of the South African Reserve Bank to authorised dealers and other role players. There were no changes announced during the 2023 Budget.

The clarification and simplification of exchange controls is generally welcomed as part of the government's commitment to the modernisation of exchange controls regime to a risk-based approach by introducing a new capital flow management framework. *Read more about this here*.

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