

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA calls for public compliance and vigilance during 2025-tax filing season
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) urges all taxpayers to comply with tax regulations and file tax returns diligently during the 2025-tax filing period, which commenced on 7 July 2025.

Auto-assessment notices were issued from 7 to 20 July 2025, whilst the filing period for individual taxpayers runs from 21 July 2025 to 20 October 2025. Provisional taxpayers have until 19 January 2026 to submit their returns.

As the majority Union at the South African Revenue Service (SARS), the PSA assures citizens that the Union's members are committed to serving with distinction during this critical period. Timely and accurate tax submissions are vital for enhancing government revenue and sustaining essential public services. The PSA therefore encourages all taxpayers to meet their obligations and avoid the risks associated with non-compliance.

The PSA further warns all workers and members of the public to remain vigilant against cybercrime, which has seen a notable increase during previous tax seasons. Cybercriminals are increasingly using fraudulent emails, SMSs, and *WhatsApp* messages that appear to originate from SARS in an attempt to trick taxpayers into clicking on malicious links or disclosing sensitive personal information. These scams can lead to identity theft, unauthorised access to bank accounts, and financial fraud. Taxpayers should thus exercise extreme caution when receiving electronic communications claiming to be from SARS. Suspicious links should not be followed, and personal information should not be shared. Any suspected phishing attempts should be reported immediately to phishing@sars.gov.za.

The PSA reiterates the Union's commitment to safeguarding the integrity of the tax system and supporting SARS employees who play an essential role in revenue collection. A secure and compliant tax season benefits all South Africans.

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