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FOR PSA MEMBERS: **SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS)**

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## What is happening in SARS?

### **2022-Wage negotiations: STRIKE ACTION CONTINUES!**

Members are aware that the PSA deadlocked with the employer after a salary increase of 0% was offered to employees. The PSA balloted members who voted in favour of strike, which led to the PSA serving the employer with seven days' notice, as required by law. Subsequently, the Commissioner convened a meeting on 19 May 2022 with a view to persuade unions to halt the strike to allow for further engagements. Unfortunately, he still could not make any offer for unions to consider. The unions maintained that the strike will still continue, although labour representatives committed to engage should the employer be willing to do so.

Members are thus informed that nothing has changed and strike action will continue, as communicated through local leadership. The meeting with the Commissioner should actually agitate members and make them more determined to embark on a strike until the employer seriously considers the plight of workers. Life has not been easy for workers owing to increasing food, electricity, and fuel prices. The South African Reserve Bank also recently increased the repo rate by 50 basis points, the largest hike since 2016.

Strike action is the only option to force the employer to come to the table, otherwise employees will be unable to afford anything. The arrogant attitude of the employer should be nipped in the bud. Members are thus urged to be ready for next week's strike action.

Employees who want to join the PSA can visit the PSA's website ([www.psa.co.za](http://www.psa.co.za)), send an email to [ask@psa.co.za](mailto:ask@psa.co.za), or contact PSA Provincial Offices.

Members will be informed of developments.

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