



South African Revenue Service

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Notice to taxpayers regarding the submission of unsolicited supporting documents

The South African Revenue Service (SARS) does not require taxpayers to submit supporting documents with their returns.

The only time when taxpayers should submit supporting documents is when requested to do so by SARS. They will be notified to do so via an official letter which will be posted to them or an electronic notification will be sent to their eFiling profile.

Please note that taxpayers are only required to submit copies, not the originals, of the requested supporting documents. If taxpayers submit supporting documents that have not been requested by SARS these will be returned to them with a rejection letter.

Note, however, that taxpayers are required to keep the original documents for at least five years in case SARS needs access to them in the future.

Should you have any queries regarding the submission of supporting documents, please call the SARS Contact Centre on 0800 00 SARS (7277). Please have your ID number and tax reference number on hand when you call to enable us to assist you promptly.

Please note that SARS will never request a taxpayer's banking details in any correspondence that you receive per post, via email or SMS. SARS will also not send you hyperlinks to other websites - even those of banks. Please note that the SARS website does not have links to any banks. Should you wish to verify the authenticity of correspondence from SARS, kindly call the SARS Contact Centre on **0800 00 7277**. Information about the latest phishing scams and fraudulent emails abusing the SARS brand is regularly updated on the SARS website. Go to **www.sars.gov.za** for examples of these scams. Report all suspicious incidents to the SARS Anti-Corruption Hotline on **0800 00 2870** or email **phishing@sars.gov.za**