

QUICK TAX GUIDE

2026 | 2027

INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX

Rates and rebates

All persons (including deceased estates) other than companies and trusts, but including special trusts

Taxable income

Rate of Tax – 2026/2027 tax year ¹		
R1 – R245 100	18% of taxable income	
R245 101 – R383 100	R44 118 + 26% of taxable income above R245 100	
R383 101 – R530 200	R79 998 + 31% of taxable income above R383 100	
R530 201 – R695 800	R125 599 + 36% of taxable income above R530 200	
R695 801 – R887 000	R185 215 + 39% of taxable income above R695 800	
R887 001 – R1 878 600	R259 783 + 41% of taxable income above R887 000	
R1 878 601 and above	R666 339 + 45% of taxable income above R1 878 600	

¹The 2026/2027 tax year refers to the tax year that starts on 1 March 2026 and ends 28 February 2027.

Rebates²

	2025/2026	2026/2027
Primary	R17 235	R17 820
Secondary – 65 years and older	R9 444	R9 765
Third rebate – 75 years and older	R3 145	R3 249

²Tax rebates do not apply to special trusts.

Tax thresholds

	2025/2026	2026/2027
Below 65	R95 750	R99 000
65 to below 75 years	R148 217	R153 250
75 years and older	R165 689	R171 300

Retirement fund lump sums and severance benefits – Withdrawal benefits

Rates of tax		
R0 – R27 500	0%	
R27 501 – R726 000	18% of each R above R27 500	
R726 001 – R1 089 000	R125 730 + 27% of each R above R726 000	
R1 089 001 +	R223 740 + 36% of each R above R1 089 000	

Retirement³, death and retrenchment benefits

Rates of tax		
R0 – R550 000	0%	
R550 001 – R770 000	18% of each R above R550 000	
R770 001 – R1 155 000	R39 600 + 27% of each R above R770 000	
R1 155 001 +	R143 550 + 36% of each R above R1 155 000	

³After commuting a maximum of up to one-third of the pension, provident or retirement annuity fund capital at retirement, the retiree is obliged to secure an annuity for life with a minimum of two-thirds of the pension, provident or retirement annuity fund capital. Should the balance of the capital to secure the annuity be less than R165 000, the full amount could be commuted for cash. This previous paragraph gives rise to the term 'de minimis'. This means that, for practical purposes, the total retirement fund lump sum for total commutation needs to be R360 000 or less.

Savings withdrawal benefits

On 1 September 2024, a new retirement system was introduced that allocates retirement savings of members between a retirement component, a savings component and a vested component. Any withdrawal from the savings component is taxed at the member's marginal tax rate.

Exemptions and deductions

Interest exemption ⁴	2025/2026	2026/2027
Under 65	R23 800	R23 800
65 years and older	R34 500	R34 500

⁴Interest includes distributions from property unit trusts.

Foreign dividends*

Shareholding < 10%	Maximum effective rate 20%
Shareholding > 10%	Exempt (subject to conditions)

* Applicable to all shareholders (whether individuals, trusts or companies)

Tax-free investments

Investments in tax-free investment financial instruments or policies by individuals, deceased estates, and insolvent estates of individuals are limited to R46 000 per tax year.

Amounts received by or accrued on tax-free investments are exempt from income tax (including tax on capital gains).

Relief for medical expenses

	2025/2026	2026/2027
All taxpayers:		
Medical scheme contributions	Rebate per month	Rebate per month
Taxpayer	R364	R376
Taxpayer and first dependant	R728	R752
Each additional dependant	R246	R254
Other medical expenses		
65 years and older and disabled	Annual rebate medical scheme contributions in excess of 3x medical scheme rebate and 33.3% of other expenses	Annual rebate medical scheme contributions in excess of 3x medical scheme rebate and 33.3% of other expenses
All other under 65s	25% of aggregate of medical scheme contributions in excess of 4x medical scheme rebate and other expenses	25% of aggregate of medical scheme contributions in excess of 4x medical scheme rebate and other expenses

ALLOWANCES

Subsistence allowances and advances

	2025/2026	2026/2027
Meals and incidental costs (in SA)	R570 per day	R595 per day
Incidental costs only	R176 per day	R184 per day
Accommodation outside SA	Country rates published by Government Notice	Country rates published by Government Notice

All rates subject to periodic change

Travel allowances

Travel allowances are granted to employees by employers to assist with the costs of travelling for business purposes. Any portion of a travel allowance not used for business travel will be included in the taxable income of the employee.

The following table is used to determine the deemed costs for the 2026/2027 tax year:

Value of vehicle (including VAT) 'R	Fixed cost (R p.a.)	Fuel cost (c/km)	Maintenance (c/km)
0 – 115 000	38 344	132.9	49.1
115 001 – 230 000	68 487	148.4	61.4
230 001 – 345 000	98 689	161.2	67.8
345 001 – 460 000	125 393	173.4	74.0
460 001 – 575 000	152 097	185.5	86.9
575 001 – 690 000	180 078	212.8	102.0
690 001 – 805 000	208 106	216.5	114.5
805 001 and above	237 679	220.1	126.9

Reimbursed travel

	2025/2026	2026/2027
Alternative deemed rate per km (subject to conditions)	476 c/km	495 c/km

Company cars (private use of employer-owned vehicle)

Taxable benefit per month

	Taxable % (of determined value)
Standard rate	3.5%
If the car is subject to a maintenance plan	3.25%

COMPANIES

Company tax rates

	2025/2026	2026/2027
Normal income tax	27%	27%
Trusts, other than special trusts	45%	45%

Small business corporations

Taxable income	Tax rate – 2026/2027
R0 – R99 000	0%
R99 001 – R365 000	7% of taxable income above R99 000
R365 001 – R550 000	R18 620 + 21% of each R above R365 000
R550 001 and above	R57 470 + 27% of each R above R550 000

Micro business – Turnover tax

Rates of tax	
R0 – R600 000	0%
R600 001 – R950 000	1% of each R above R600 000
R950 001 – R1 400 000	R3 500 + 2% of taxable turnover above R950 000
R1 400 001 and above	R12 500 + 3% of taxable turnover above R1 400 000

VAT

Levied on the supply of goods and services by registered vendors, but certain supplies are exempt or zero-rated.

	2025/2026	2026/2027
Rate	15%	15%
Registration threshold:		
Compulsory	R1m	R2.3m
Voluntary	R50 000	R120 000

CAPITAL GAINS TAX

Person	2026/2027 tax year	
	Inclusion rates	Effective rates of tax
Individuals/Special trusts	40%	18.0%
Companies	80%	21.6%
Trusts	80%	36.0%

* The effective rate can be lower at the lower marginal rates of tax.

Exclusions

	2025/2026	2026/2027
Primary residence	R2m	R3m
Annual exclusion	R40 000	R50 000
Year of death	R300 000	R440 000
Small business exclusion for individuals over 55 years	R1.8m	R2.7m

CARBON TAX

	2025/2026	2026/2027
Rate	R236 per tonne of CO2e	R308 per tonne of CO2e

PAYMENTS TO NON-RESIDENTS

Type of payment	Withholding tax
Dividends	20%
Interest	15%
Royalties	15%
Visiting entertainers and sports people	15%
Sale of immovable property in SA by a non-resident	Trust: 15% Company: 10% Natural person: 7.5%

DONATIONS TAX AND ESTATE DUTY

Rate	2026/2027
First R30 million	20% of each R1
Above R30 million	R6 000 000 + 25% of taxable donation above R30 million (cumulative value of property donated from 1 March 2018)
Donations tax exemption:	
Natural persons	R150 000
Other	R 20 000
Estate duty abatement	R 3.5m

TRANSFER DUTY

Property value	Rate of tax 2026/2027
R0 – R1 210 000	0%
R1 210 001 – R1 663 800	3% of the value above R1 210 000
R1 663 801 – R2 329 300	R13 614 plus 6% of the value above R1 663 800
R2 329 301 – R2 994 800	R53 544 plus 8% of the value above R2 329 300
R2 994 801 – R13 310 000	R106 784 plus 11% of the value above R2 994 800
R13 310 001 and above	R1 241 456 plus 13% of the value exceeding R13 310 000

OTHER RATES

Skills Development Levy

	2025/2026	2026/2027
Rate	1%	1%
Annual remuneration threshold	R500 000	R500 000
Unemployment Insurance Fund (employer and employee)	1% + 1%	1% + 1%

EXCHANGE CONTROL

	2025/2026	2026/2027
Investment allowance	R10 million	R10 million
Single discretionary allowance	R1 million	R2 million
Cash/Travel allowance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R1 million per person over 18 years (less any amounts already been used in respect of a single discretionary allowance) • R200 000 per child. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R2 million per person over 18 years (less any amounts already been used in respect of a single discretionary allowance) • R200 000 per child.
Foreign capital allowance (settling-in allowance)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single persons – up to R10 million per calendar year • Family unit – up to R20 million per calendar year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single persons – up to R10 million per calendar year • Family unit – up to R20 million per calendar year.
Credit and/or debit cards – permissible foreign currency and payments for small transactions	R50 000 per transaction.	R50 000 per transaction.

TAX CALENDAR

Withholding taxes (dividends, royalties and interest)	Last day of month following the month in which amount is paid
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Provisional tax February year-end

1st payment	6 months before year-end (31 Aug)
2nd payment	At year-end (end-February)
1st payment	7 months after year-end (30 Sep)

Other than Feb

1st payment	6 months prior to year-end
2nd payment	At year-end

Other taxes and levies

VAT	25th of month after tax period (special e-filing rules)
PAYE	7th day of each following month
SDL	7th day of each following month

REFERENCE: National Treasury (South Africa). (2026). Documents – National Budget – 2026. <https://www.treasury.gov.za/documents/National%20Budget/2026/default.aspx>

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