



**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**  
**Ministry of Finance**

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**ELECTRONIC FILING TAX RELIEF PROGRAMME FOR OUTSTANDING TAXES**

The Ministry of Finance wishes to announce a relief to taxpayers with outstanding balances, with effect from 01 February 2021. The relief is aimed at supporting Namibian citizens and businesses facing hardship and cash flow problems exacerbated by COVID-19.

The details and qualification criteria are as listed below:

**DETAILS:**

1. The Ministry will write off 95% of the interest balance and reverse all penalties for taxpayers who settle the capital amount within a period of three months from 01 February 2021. Taxpayers who settle their capital before the commencement date and only have outstanding interest will also benefit.
2. The Ministry will write off 75% of the interest balance and reverse all penalties for taxpayers who settle the capital amount within a period of twelve months from 01 February 2021.
3. No capital amount owing to Inland Revenue Department (IRD) shall be written off and consequently taxpayers who fail to settle the outstanding capital will not benefit from the relief programme.
4. Penalties and interest settled or set off prior to the effective date of the Relief Programme shall not be refunded or credited to the account.
5. All persons with outstanding taxes can partake in the Relief Programme which is applicable to all taxes administered by IRD.

**QUALIFICATION CRITERIA:**

6. Taxpayers should first register as electronic filers on the portal of the Integrated Tax Administration System (ITAS).

7. Upon registration as electronic filers, taxpayers must file all outstanding tax returns **electronically** on all active tax accounts.
8. Taxpayers will only benefit upon settling the outstanding capital in full. Taxpayers who intend to pay instalments are required to arrange a payment plan with any of the IRD regional offices or Satellite offices.

Please note that the Relief Programme does not suspend the taxpayers' obligation to pay taxes on time. IRD will continue to collect outstanding taxes from taxpayers who have either not made a settlement arrangement or who have not honoured such a settlement plan.

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