

Budget Highlights for 2022/23 February 2022

The Minister of Finance delivered his budget speech on 23 February 2022.

The individual tax brackets were increased with the lowest tax rate of 18% applicable to income of R226 000 and the maximum marginal rate at 45% applicable to income above R1 731 601.

Individual Tax

- Interest exemption remain unchanged
 - o 65 years and under = R23 800
 - o 65 years and older = R34 500
- Medical tax credits to increase
 - o R347 per month per person for the first 2 members
 - o R234 per month per person for each additional member

New tax tables and rebates

Taxable income		Tax	payable			
R1 – R226 000		18% of the taxable income				
R226 001 - R353 100		R40 680 + 26% above R226 000				
R353 101 - R488 700		R73 726 + 31% above R353 100				
R488 701 – R641 400		R115 762 + 36% above R488 700				
R641 401 - R817 600		R170 734 + 39% above R641 400				
R817 601 – R1 731 600		R239 452 + 41% above R817 600				
R1 731 601 and above		R614 192 + 45% above R1 731 600				
Primary rebate	Secondary rebate (65 and over)		Tertiary rebate (75 and over)			
R16 425	R9 000		R 2 997			
Tax thresholds						
Below age 65			R91 250			
Age 65 to 75			R141 250			
Age 75 and over			R157 900	<u> </u>		

Companies and Trusts

- Tax rate for companies to be reduced from 28% to 27%, for companies with years of assessment ending on or after 31 March 2023.
- Tax rate for companies with years of assessment ending on any date between 1 April 2022 and 30 March 2023 will be 28%.
- Tax rate for trusts other than special trust remains at 45%

Donations Tax

Remains unchanged-

- Exempt up to R100 000 per annum
- Donation's tax payable at 20% on a donation not exceeding R30 million and 25% where it exceeds R30 million by donor

Capital Gains Tax

CGT inclusion rates:

- For individuals and special trusts 40%
- Companies 80%
- Other trusts 80%

Maximum effective rate of tax:

- Individuals and special trusts 18%
- Companies 22.4% (will reduce to 21.6%)
- Other trusts 36%

Value added Tax

Tax rate remains unchanged at 15%.

Dividend Tax

Tax rate remains unchanged at 20%.

Transfer Duty

Value of property	Tax payable
R1 - R1 000 000	0%
R1 000 001 - R1 375 000	3% of the value above R1 000 000
R1 375 001 – R1 925 000	R11 250 + 6% of the value above
	R1 375 000
R1 925 001 – R2 475 000	R44 250 + 8% of the value above
	R1 925 000
R2 475 001 - R11 000 000	R88 250 + 11% of the value above
	R2 475 000
R11 000 001 and above	R1 026 000 + 13% of the value
	exceeding R11 000 000

Retirement Funds

 Proposed changes to Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act, relating to retirement funds to be gazetted next month. i.e. proposal includes the possibility of short-term access which is subject to the trustee's approval

Retirement fund lump sum withdrawal benefits

Taxable income	Rate of Tax payable
R1 – R25 000	0% of the taxable income
R25 001 - R660 000	18% above R25 000
R660 001 - R990 000	R114 300 + 27% above R660 000
R990 001 and above	R203 400 + 36% above R990 000

Retirement fund lump sum benefits or severance benefits

Taxable income	Rate of Tax payable	
R1 - R500 000	0% of the taxable income	
R500 001 - R700 000	18% above R500 000	
R700 001 - R1 050 000	R36 000 + 27% above R700 000	
R1 050 001 and above	R130 500 + 36% above R1 050 000	

No changes

- To the general fuel levy and road accident fund levy for 2022/23
- UIF Contribution up to R17 712 per month

Other increases

- Between 4.5 and 6.5% increase in specific excise duties on tobacco products and alcoholic beverages
- A new tax on vaping products of at least R2.90 per ml from 1 January 2023
- New tax to be introduced on beer powders
- Health promotion levy to be increased to 2.31 cents per gram of sugar
- Carbon tax rate will increase from R134 to R144, effective from 1 January 2022
- Carbon fuel levy will increase by 1c to 9c per litre for petrol, and 10c per litre for diesel, from 6 April 2022
- An expansion of the employment tax incentive through a 50% increase in the maximum monthly value increases by 50% to R1,500 (currently R1 000) for the first 12 months and a maximum of R750 (previously R500) for the second 12 months of eligibility.

SARS interest rate

Business" App

Rate of interest (from 1 February 2022)	Rate p.a
Fringe benefits - interest free or low interest loan	5%
Rate of interest (from 1 March 2022)	Rate p.a
Late or underpayment of tax	7.25%
Refund of overpayment of provisional tax	3.25%
Refunds on tax on successful appeal or where the appeal was conceded by SARS	7.25%
Refund of VAT after prescribed period	7.25%
Late payment of VAT	7.25%
Customs and Excise	7.25%

