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2019/20 Filing Season deadline is approaching

Maseru, 21st September 2020: Every year from 1st April to 30th June is the Income Tax Filing Season but this year the filing season was extended to 30th September as a Tax Relief Measure to mitigate the impact of COVID - 19 induced lockdown.

These tax relief measures included deferment; meaning that payments of specified taxes are to be paid at a later date and spread out through 6 months and 8 months. The taxes covered under this relief measures are: Company Income Tax (CIT) Individuals Income Tax (IIT), Simplified Business Tax (SBT), Pay As You Earn (PAYE), and Value Added Tax (VAT). These tax relief measures are amongst others intended to ease cash flow problems faced by businesses as a result of the nationwide lockdown.

The deadline for filing Income Tax Returns, for the financial year 2019/2020 is now few days away, LRA therefore implore all Clients to file their tax returns and pay taxes due on or before 30th September 2020. The extended period was meant to give Clients adequate time, given the prevailing situation, to prepare their books and to file on time. Clients are encouraged to make use of online platforms such as Interim E-filing accessible on the LRA website or to use a dedicated email address: taxreturns@lra.org.ls to file their returns.

Clients are furthermore encouraged to make use of the Payment Referencing Portal also accessible on the LRA website to generate a reference that will allocate their payments to the correct tax type and correct payment period

Clients, whom for various reasons, were not able to meet their tax obligations in the past, are urged to make use of the Voluntary Disclosure Programme (VDP), an initiative established solely to afford such Clients, an opportunity to regularise their tax affairs. There is a dedicated office that is based at Maseru Mall.

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