



PUBLIC NOTICE

AMNESTY ON ACCUMULATED INTEREST AND PENALTIES ON TAX ARREARS

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Following the directive by H.E. President John Pombe Joseph Magufuli in response to the business community's concerns over the burden of accumulated tax arrears that include penalties and interest raised during the Tanzania National Business Council Meeting (TNBC) held on 20th March, the parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania during its budget session, made some amendments through the Finance Act. 2018 and the Tax Administration Act. 2015.2018.

The amendments gave mandate to the Minister of Finance and Planning to issue regulations/guidelines for the Commissioner General to wave up to 100% of penalties and interest on overdue taxes from the previous 50% limit.

The intention of the Amnesty is to give relief to taxpayers with debts by waiving 100% interests and penalties to motivate them to pay Principal Tax liabilities voluntarily and in installments within the financial year 2018/2019 as long as they apply within six months from the beginning of this financial year.

This tax amnesty will include all taxes collectible as per the laws governing TRA's establishment except for the following:-

- (a) Customs and excise duties as they are governed by the East Africa Customs Management Act. 2004.
- (b) Other Revenues that TRA is mandated by law to collect on behalf of Local Government, Agencies and other Government departments. Such Revenues include:- Gaming taxes, Property Tax, Advertising fees, etc.

Taxpayers that are eligible for this amnesty shall meet the following criteria:-

- (a) Those who have submitted their returns for which taxes are either in whole or partially unpaid.
- (b) Those who have not submitted their returns for the respective taxes.
- (c) Businesses that have been operating without finalization of registration with TRA i.e those that have not acquired Tax Identification Numbers (TIN) or Value Added Tax Registration Numbers (VRN) as per the laws governing Taxpayer Registration.
- (d) Taxpayers that have lodged their objections to the Commissioner General but have not reached the Tax Appeals Board.

- (e) Those that have lodged their objections with the Tax appeals Board but not decided yet.
- (f) Confirmation in writing to pay the principal Tax amount within the Financial year 2018/2019 latest 30th June, 2019 excluding penalties and interest

For a taxpayer to qualify for this amnesty he/she or a legally appointed representative must submit a dully completed application form titled No: **ITX207.01.E** which is found in the TRA Website.

In addition, the applicant must attach the following;

- (a) Complete details showing the tax liability and a confirmation that he is willing to pay the principal tax
- (b) Commitment that he/she will pay the tax arrears stated excluding interest and penalties within the Financial year 2018/19 latest 30th June 2019.
- (c) For debts under objection the Taxpayer must confirm that the assessed taxes are correct as well as the fact that he/she will not proceed with the objection submitted prior to the application for the amnesty.

However it should be observed that the amnesty will apply for only those taxpayers that will have met all the necessary conditions of application that will include signing of an agreement that stipulates the total taxes in debt as well as the interest and penalties to be waived taking into account that the principal taxes have to be paid latest by 30th June, 2019.

TRA Urges all Taxpayers to:-

- (a) Use this rare opportunity to benefit from the amnesty within the prescribe period.
- (b) Avoid providing false information during their application as this will result into the disqualification of the application.

For more information kindly visit any TRA office in the respective Regions or Districts or visit our website www.tr.go.tz or you may contact our call Centre through **0800 750075/0800-780078** or **services@tra.go.tz**.

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