

Tax Arrears Settlement Scheme (TASS)



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Objective

The scheme is designed for taxpayers having outstanding tax arrears as at **7 June 2022**. Where the tax arrears are settled on or before 31 March 2023, the taxpayer will benefit from 100 percent waiver of penalty and interest included in the tax arrears under the Income Tax Act, Value Added Tax Act or the Gambling Regulatory Authority Act.

Scope

The scheme will cover tax arrears that are tax, penalty and interest due under an assessment issued or a return submitted on or before 7 June 2022 under the Income Tax Act, Value Added Tax Act or the Gambling Regulatory Authority Act.

Taxpayers having assessments pending before the Assessment Review Committee (ARC), the Supreme Court or the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council and who wish to take advantage of the scheme, may do so by withdrawing the case before these institutions.

Procedures

To benefit from the full waiver of penalty and interest, the taxpayer is required to make an application for the waiver to the Director-General on or before **31 December 2022**.

The Application Form to join the scheme is annexed to this guide.

Eligibility

The scheme is applicable to all taxpayers with tax arrears outstanding as at **7 June 2022** under an assessment issued or return submitted on or before **7 June 2022**.

Persons not eligible for the scheme (Section 28 (21) (b) of the MRA Act)

The scheme is not applicable to any person:

- (i) who has been convicted of an offence on or after 01 July 2012;
- (ii) against whom there are any pending or contemplated civil or criminal proceedings; or
- (iii) who is the subject matter of an enquiry relating to -

drug trafficking under the Dangerous Drugs Act; arms trafficking, an offence related to terrorism under the Prevention of Terrorism Act; money laundering under the Financial Intelligence and Anti Money Laundering Act; or a corruption offence under the Prevention of Corruption Act.



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Application Form

(To be submitted on or before 31 December 2022)

To the Director-General, MRA

1. I, bearing NIC Number acting in my own name / as representative* of Company/Societe/Succession* bearing TAN/BRN.....hereby make an application to join the above-mentioned scheme and to avail of waiver of penalty and interest on assessment or return.

2. I also undertake to:

- (i) enter into an agreement for the payment of the balance of tax due of Rs, in monthly instalments; and
- (ii) pay the total tax due on or before 31 March 2023.

3. I declare that:

- (i) I/the company/the Societe/the Succession* have/has not been convicted of an offence on or after 1 July 2012;
- (ii) there are no pending or contemplated civil or criminal proceedings against me/the company/ the Societe/the Succession*; or
- (iii) I/the company/the Societe/the Succession *am/is not the subject matter of an enquiry

relating to drug trafficking under the Dangerous Drugs Act, arms trafficking, an offence related to terrorism under Prevention of Terrorism Act, money laundering under the Financial Intelligence and Anti-MoneyLaundering Act, or a corruption offence under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

4. It is understood that this application shall lapse if the above conditions are not complied with.

5. I hereby confirm that I am duly authorized by the taxpayer to make this application and enter into an agreement with the MRA for payment of tax.

Signature:

Date:.....

Tel No:

Address/Email Address:

*Delete, if not applicable.