

**Extension of PAYE Deferral Relief in terms of the Disaster Management Tax Relief
Administration Bill**

The South African Revenue Service (“**SARS**”) has confirmed that the amended Disaster Management Tax Relief Administration Bill that caters for the extension of the deferral of the payment of the employees’ tax liability for tax compliant small to medium sized businesses for one month until 31 August 2020, was passed by the National Assembly on 26 August 2020.

The amendment specifically refers to the –

- deferral being applicable to amounts deducted or withheld during the period commencing on 1 April 2020 and ending on 31 August 2020 with the same requirements as was previously applicable, and
- a requirement that the payment of the deferred amounts are to be paid in six equal monthly instalments, commencing on 7 October 2020 and ending on 5 March 2021.

SARS noted that the amended Bill should soon become available.

Under the circumstances, given the timing of the proposal, the SARS system has been updated to accommodate this extended relief. The Statement of Account (EPMSA) will be amended during September 2020 to include detail of the deferred payments. This will enable qualifying employers to remain compliant.

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