

SARS eFiling Fix: How to view correspondence for all taxpayer clients on a single dashboard

As of October 2021, tax practitioner members have noted that they are no longer receiving email notifications when correspondence has been issued on eFiling, in respect of taxpayer clients. It seems that in such cases, these notifications are now going to the taxpayer client and often these individuals ignore the email assuming that the tax practitioner has received it and is dealing with it, which results in important deadlines being missed. It is not clear what has triggered this, but in a recent meeting with one of the SARS regions, there seemed to be an indication that the system was automatically marking 'preferred' contacts thus resulting in a change to who receives the notification.

SAICA has been engaging with SARS on this issue since October/November 2021 and have sent further complaints this year. Despite the multiple follow ups, unfortunately no timeline has been provided for resolution of the issue.

As an interim measure, tax practitioners may follow the below steps to view the correspondence for all their clients on a single dashboard. Whilst members note that this is a time-consuming exercise, implementation of this 'check' on a regular basis assists them in managing this process to avoid missing important SARS correspondence.

Step 1:

Login to eFiling. Once logged in, select "Show All" from the drop down box below "Taxpayer".





Step 3:

Use the menu on the left to first select "SARS Correspondence" and then "Search Correspondence". Select your date range and click "Search" on the bottom right hand corner.

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Search Correspondence	2021/12/08			
Request PAYE Notices	Received Date To 2021/12/09		Reference Number	
Request Admin Penalty SOA			Clear	Search
Request Historic IT Notices				

Step 4:

View the correspondence, all of which should be listed.

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