



SOUTH AFRICA'S BUDGET IN A NUTSHELL 2024

The Budget Speech delivered by Finance Minister Enoch Godongwana on 21 February 2024 laid out South Africa's budget roadmap. Key focus areas were government debt, Eskom, social grant adjustments, and supporting climate change. While there are no tax hikes, individuals will face a "bracket creep". Sin taxes increased by levels above inflation, while there was no VAT increase.

The New Two-Pot Retirement System will launch on 1 September 2024.



This system will allow retirement fund members access to a portion of their retirement fund savings in cases of emergencies. Withdrawals will be taxed at marginal rates, like all other income. [Click here](#) for more information.

ARE YOU REGISTERED ON OUR DIGITAL CHANNELS?

We are working on a digital claims process for withdrawals. It is very important that we have your correct contact information.

You can update your contact information via:

- » the Old Mutual App (available on [Android](#) and [iOS](#)), or
- » [Secure Services](#) ([click here](#) for a detailed registration guide)



To access SuperFund on WhatsApp, scan the QR code on the left or save 0860 933 333 as a contact. Then, send "Hi" on WhatsApp.

TAX RATES ON RETIREMENT BENEFITS

There are no changes to the retirement lump sum tax tables or the R550 000 tax-free withdrawal limit at retirement compared to last year. The rate table that applies from 1 March 2024 is as follows:

Taxable Income (R)	Rate of Tax (R)
Income tax: Retirement fund lump sum benefits	
R0 - R550 000	0% of taxable income
Income tax: Retirement fund lump sum withdrawal benefits	
R0 - R27 500	0% of taxable income

SIN TAX

Increases in alcohol and tobacco duties

Specific excise duties on alcoholic beverages will increase by between 6.7 and 7.2 per cent and tobacco products will increase by between 4.7 and 8.2 per cent.

	Increases by:
Malt beer	14c per 340ml can
Unfortified wine	28c per 750ml bottle
Fortified wine	47c per 750ml bottle
Sparkling wine	89c per 750ml bottle
Ciders and alcoholic fruit beverages	14c per 340ml can
Spirits	R5.53 per 750ml bottle
Cigarettes	97c per packet of 20
Heated tobacco product sticks	73c per packet of 20
Cigarette tobacco	R1.09 per 50g
Pipe tobacco	57c per 25g
Cigars	R9.51 per 23g
Nicotine and non-nicotine solution for electronic delivery systems	14c per ml

PERSONAL INCOME TAX

How do the personal income tax changes affect you?

The 2024 Budget does not change the tax rates that were applicable for the 2023/24 tax year. Therefore, the amount an individual can earn before being required to pay tax for the tax year from 1 March 2024 to 28 February 2025 is as follows:

Tax threshold	Tax year: 2023/24	Tax year: 2024/25
Below age 65	R95 750	R95 750
Age 65 to 74	R148 217	R148 217
Age 75 and over	R165 689	R165 689

The tax rebates for individual taxpayers are as follows:

Tax rebates	Tax year: 2023/24	Tax year: 2024/25
Primary (all individuals)	R17 235	R17 235
Secondary (age 65 and over)	R9 444	R9 444
Tertiary (age 75 and over)	R3 145	R3 145

SOCIAL GRANTS

The Budget will increase the values of permanent grants in line with inflation. The R350 Covid-19 relief of distress (SRD) grant has been extended until March 2025.

	2023/24	2024/25
State old age grant	R2 085	R2 185
State old age grant, over 75	R2 105	R2 205
War veterans grant	R2 105	R2 205
Disability grant	R2 085	R2 185
Foster care grant	R1 125	R1 180
Care dependency grant	R2 085	R2 185
Child support grant	R505	R530