



BUDGET SPEECH INSIGHTS

➤ **The VAT rate** remains at 15% for the 2026 tax year, with no changes announced, bringing a bit of steadiness to household budgets.

➤ Personal income tax tables and rebates are being adjusted in order to accommodate inflation.

Use our income tax calculator to work out your monthly take home pay.

➤ **Capital gains tax (CGT) relief is increasing.** The yearly exclusion for individuals and special trusts increases from R40,000 to R50,000.

Primary Residence: The exclusion on capital gains from the sale of a primary residence increases from R2 million to R3 million.

Small Business Owners (Age 55+): The exclusion for the disposal of a small business increases from R1.8 million to R2.7 million.







➤ The yearly contribution limit for **Tax Free Savings Accounts** increases from R36 000 to R46 000 per tax year. This is a tax-efficient vehicle for families to save towards their financial goals.

➤ The maximum annual **tax-deductible contribution to retirement funds** increases from R350,000 to R430,000. **Up to 27.5% of an individual's taxable income** qualifies as a deductible contribution, limited to R430,000 annually.

➤ **The VAT registration threshold** is increasing from R1 million to R2.3 million - giving small business owners much-needed breathing room.

➤ With the rise in Sin Taxes, it's time to take a closer look at your monthly expenses.

Setting limits to what you spend on your pleasures will help you limit the impact on your household budget and ensure you can stick to your saving goals.

 Fortified Wine Per 750 ml bottle	R0.26	 Cigarettes per pack of 20	R0.77
 Beers & Ciders per 340ml	R0.08	 Cigars 23g	R4.56
 Spirits per 750ml bottle	R3.20	 Pipe Tobacco 25g (piped)	R0.28

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