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VAT - the poor to be buffered

GOVERNMENT IS ensuring that it protects the country's most vulnerable during these tough economic times.

The effect of an increase in VAT to 15 percent from 14 percent is going to be buffered by South Africa's high level of social services. That's according to Finance Minister Malusi Gigaba who says the increase, which takes effect on 1 April, will also see South Africans enjoy greater relief from below inflation increases in personal income tax rebates and brackets, and steps government is taking towards free higher education.

From 1 April 2018 old-age disability grants will increase from R1 600 to R1 690 and to R1 700 in October. Child support grants will increase from R380 to R400 in April, and to R410 in October.

This is a 6.6 percent annual increase. Since October 2017's Medium-Term Budget an additional R2.6 billion has been added to social grants to enable these increases.

"As highlighted by the President in the State of the Nation Address, government will ensure that social grants will continue to be paid without disruption," said Minister Gigaba.

In its budget review, National Treasury said expenditure on social protection provides social security and a safety net for low-income South Africans.

It also improves social welfare service delivery to vulnerable individuals through policy and legis-



Finance Minister Malusi Gigaba is delivering his maiden 2018 Budget speech in the National Assembly.

lative reform, growing the number of social workers, improving access to Early Childhood Development

and facilitating food and nutrition initiatives.

"Spending on social protection is set to rise from R193.4 billion in 2018/19 to R223.9 billion by 2020/21, growing by an average of 7.9 percent. The number of social grant beneficiaries is expected to reach 18.1 million by the end of 2020/21."

An estimated 12.8 million people will receive the child support grant and 3.7 million people will receive the old-age grant.

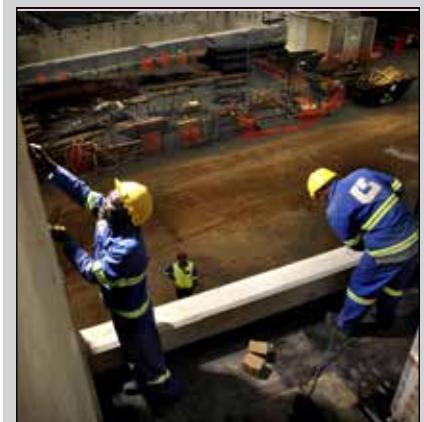
2018 Tax proposals

- An increase in value-added tax (VAT) from 14 to 15 percent, effective 1 April 2018.
- A below inflation increase in personal income tax rebates and brackets, with greater relief for those in

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Vhudiniwalisi ha vhakhethi hu thoma nga Thafamuhwe 2018

KHOMISHINI YA Khetho yo Diimisaho (IEC) i khou vhona uri vhathu vhanzhi vha Afrika Tshipembe vho dñwalisela u khetha kha khetho dza 2019.

Vho More Matshediso



IEC ya Afrika Tshipembe vho dñhadza mafhelo a vhege a vhudiwalisi ha vhakhethi ha khetho dza 2019 ha u thoma, ya humbela vhakhethi vho tendelwaho u mona na shango u dalela tshiitshi tshavho tsha u khethela hu nga vha u khwinisa zwidodombedza zwavho kha mutevhe wa vhakhethi kana u dñwalisela u khetha.

Muofisiri Muhulwane wa Khomishini ya Khetho Vho Sy Mamabolo vho amba uri zwiitshi zweithe zwa 22 612 zwi do vula mafheloni a vhege ya ja 10 na 11 Thafamuhwe 2018, u bva nga 8 ya matsheloni u swika 5 nga mathabama, u itela u leludzela vhakhethi musi vha tshi khwinisa zwidodombedza zwavho zwa vhudiwalisi kana

u dñwalisa. Arali vho pfulutshe-la fhethu huswa u bva tshe vha guma u dñwalisela u khetha, vha tea u dñwalisa hafhu kha tshiitiki tshiswa tsha u khethela.

Vhadzulapo vha Afrika Tshipembe vha miñwaha ya 16 na u fhira nahone vha na khadi kana lñwalo ja vhuñe ja tshiofisi vha nga dñwalisela u khetha. Arali vha saathu dñwalisa, a vha nga tendelwi u khetha nga 2019.

Vhakhethi vho dñwalisaho, vhane zwidodombedza zwa dñresi zwavho zwa si vhe kha mutevhe wa vhakhethi, vha nga netshedza zwithu zweithe zwi no khou todeka kha tshiitshi tsha vhukhethelo tshavho nga tshifhinga tsha u dñwalisa.

Vho Mamabolo vho amba uri: "ri khou toda vhakhethi vha tshi dñhonadza vha shumise tshikala itsi."

Vho dadzisa nga uri: "IEC u swika zwino a i athu vha na dñresi dza vhakhethi vha henehfa kha 2.8 milioni. Ri na dziñwe dñresi dza 3.5 milioni dzine dza dzhiwa sa 'dzi songo khunyelelaho' kana dzo angaredzaho zweithe'. Khethekanyo heyi i toda u

thañuvhiwa hafhu u khawhisedza arali hu na zwiñwe zwidodombedza zwi re hone."

Khomishini yo wana dñresi nga u shumisa vhurangeli ho fhambanaho, zwi tshi katela u sedzulusa hafhu dzirekhodo, dzifa la na dziakhaivi u ñola na u dzhia dñresi dzo netshedzwaho nga vhakhethi kha miñwaha ya 12 (1)(d) ya Mulayo wa Khetho.

dñresi nga tshifhinga tsha khetho dza masipala dza 2016; na u ita mushumo wa u shumela nnñda phanða ha mafhelo a vhege dza u dñwalisa kha zwa khethokati.

Ho teaho, vhakhethi vho wanalaho vho dñwalisa kha zwiitiki zwa vhukhethelo zwo khakheaho vho pfuluswa, sa zwe zwa netshedza nga Khethekanyo

Vho amba uri: "ro tanganedza na u shumisa, ho teaho, datha dza dñresi dici bvaho kha zwiñwe zwiko zwa muvhuso zwi ngaho sa Tshumelo ya Tshitatistiki ya Afrika Tshipembe, Zhendedzi la Tsireledzo ya Matshilisano Afrika Tshipembe, Telkom, Ofisi ya Poswo ya Afrika Tshipembe na Muhasho wa zwa Munno." □

Kha vha dñwalise hu saathu swika Thafamuhwe 2018

Nga Tshimedzi 2017 Khomishini ya Khetho yo rwela ñari webusaithi ya (www.elections.org.za) ya vhakhethi vho dñwalisaho vhane vha swikela inthanethe u sedzulusa na/kana u netshedza dñresi dzavho.

Vhakhethi vha nga founela Senthara ya Vhukwamani kha (0800 11 8000), u bva nga Musumbuluwo u swika Lavhuñanu nga tshifhinga tsha awara dza ofisi, u thuswa malugana na fhethu ha tshiitshi tsha vhukhethelo tshavho na mbudziso dziñwe na dziñwe.

Vhakhethi vho dñwalisaho vha nga rumela (SMS) nomboro dza vhuñe kha 32810 u itela u tanganedza SMS i re na dñresi ya tshiitshi tsha vhukhethelo tshavho (SMS i ñura (R1).

Vha ña na mini

Musi vha tshi dalela tshiitshi tsha vhukhethelo tshavho vha ña na lñwalo ja vhuñe, khadi ya vhuñe ya smart kana ñanziela ya lñwalo ja vhuñe ya tshifhinganya.

Vha ño thuswa u qadza fomo ya u dñwalisa ine ya dodombedza dñresi yavho ya vhudzulo. Hezwi zwi ño konisa khomishini u vha vhea kha tshiitiki tsha vhukhethelo tsho teaho. Ñanziela ya vhudzulo A I todei.

Vho Mamabolo vho ita khuwelelo kha muthu nga muthu, mahoro a zwa poloiki, madzangano a vhadzulapo, madzangano a si a muvhuso, vhagwalabi, nyandazamafhungo, vharangaphanða vha zwa sialala na madzangano o sedzaho kha zwa lutendo u vhona u bvelaphanða ha mafhelo a vhege a u dñwalisa.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Isuzu Motors invest in SA

The South African economy has received a major boost with the Isuzu Motors purchase of the Struandale plant in Port Elizabeth.

Department of Trade and Industry Minister Rob Davies said the investment will save jobs.

"We know that this investment will mean that 1 000 jobs in the facility will be saved and there are 3 000 jobs in the direct supply chain and many thousands more in the supply companies. Jobs will continue to be guaranteed in the future."

CSIR brings technology to improve water safety, delivery

Low-cost technologies to improve the quality of water and service delivery in municipalities were displayed at the 12th National Municipal Managers Forum which took place in Mpumalanga in February.

The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) displayed these technologies at the forum. □

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the lower income tax brackets.

- A 52 cent per litre increase in the levies on fuel, made up of 22 cents per litre for the general fuel levy and 30 cents in the Road Accident Fund levy.
- Increases in alcohol and tobacco excise duties of between 6 and 10 percent.

A move towards fee-free education

Minister Gigaba said government will spend about R57 billion on fee-free higher education and training colleges in 2018 will be funded for the full cost of their studies.

"The largest reallocation of resources towards government's priorities was on higher educa-

tion and training, amounting to additional funding of R57 billion over the medium term. As a result, this is the fastest-growing spending category, with an annual average growth of 13.7 percent," he said.

Government will phase in fee-free higher education and training to students from poor and working-class families.

This means that all new first-year students, with a family income below R350 000 per annum, at universities and technical vocational education and training colleges in 2018 will be funded for the full cost of their studies.

Returning National Student Financial Aid Scheme stu-

dents at universities will also have their loans, for 2018 and going forward, converted to bursaries. □

DID YOU KNOW?

The National Treasury has launched Vulekamali, an online budget data portal that will make budget information more accessible and user-friendly. Visit: www.vulekamali.gov.za for more information.



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