

Public Notice: Submission of Vat and Digital Services Tax Returns –Due Dates May 2026.

The Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (ZIMRA) hereby advises all VAT registered operators in Categories A and B and appointed withholding agents for Digital Services Tax (DST) that tax returns for the period ended 30 April 2026 are due on or before 10 May 2026 in terms of statutory instrument 81 of 2025 and the Finance Act 7 of 2025 while payments for the period are due on /or before 15 May 2026.

Submission of VAT Returns

Registered operators are urged to take note of the following:

- VAT returns should be completed in full and submitted online in the Tax and Revenue Management System (TaRMS) through the Self-Service Portal (SSP) at mytaxselfservice.zimra.co.zw
- Value Added Withholding Tax Certificates Schedules should be attached to VAT Returns in support of the credit for VAT withheld by appointed Agents.

Claiming of Input Tax

The Authority wishes to further advise taxpayers of the following:

- No more manual Input Tax Schedules for VAT Tax Returns for tax periods effective 1 January 2026 and beyond, unless approved by the Commissioner
- Fiscal Tax Invoices for claiming Input Tax shall auto populate from the ZIMRA Fiscalisation Management System (FDMS) and available for claiming under Invoice Management Module in TaRMS
- Only invoices which show ‘Valid’ on FDMS Validation Portal, with correct buyer details transmitted to the FDMS, shall be considered for claiming input tax under TaRMS as promulgated by the Finance Act 7 of 2025, definition of a Fiscal Tax Invoice
- Therefore, Fiscal tax Invoices must comply with the requirements of Section 20(4) of the VAT Act and have accurate details transmitted to the ZIMRA Fiscalisation Data Management System (FDMS) including the captured details of the buyer

There are Self Service Centers (Kiosks) throughout the Regions for use in submitting returns.

NB: All taxpayers must submit their returns and make payments in full on or before the due dates. Failure to comply will result in penalties and/or prosecution

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Please Note

The VAT rate is 15.5% and all VAT registered operators should ensure that all Points of Sale operated by the Registered Operator are installed and use compliant Fiscal Devices which are compatible and interfaced with the ZIMRA Fiscalisation Data Management System (FDMS) in recording every sales transaction. These Fiscal devices can be hardware fiscal machines of virtual applications, system or software approved by the Commissioner, for the purposes of recording sales transactions & transmitting to the FDMS.

Submission of Digital Services Tax (DST) Returns

- Appointed withholding agents for DST are urged to take note of the following:
- As the return form is not yet configured for online submission in TaRMS, all returns must be submitted manually at the nearest ZIMRA office.
- The prescribed form is available for download on the ZIMRA website via the following link: <https://www.zimra.co.zw/downloads/category/9-domestic-taxes>
- Payments for Digital Services Tax (DST) must continue to be made through the Single Account System.

Outstanding Tax Returns and Payments

- a) All taxpayers with outstanding returns are reminded to submit them without further delay. Late submission of returns and payment of tax attracts penalties, interest and prosecutions.
- b) Returns should be completed in full and submitted on time, through the TaRMS system
- c) Payments for all taxes should be remitted in full, on time and in the currency of trade.