





GUIDE TO BULK AND ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS ON EFILING

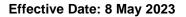




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SUMMARY 1

a) This document serves as a guide to assist eFiling users to use the Bulk and Additional Payment function on eFiling. The following is described in this document:

- How to create and file a Comma Separated Values (CSV) file;
- How to structure and validate your file rules;
- How to upload multiple payments using the bulk payment functionality; and
- How to create and capture additional payments.
- In order to use this function, you need to be registered for eFiling and to register: b)
 - Go to www.sars.gov.za
 - Click on 'Register' and follow the easy steps.
- c) Please note: The bulk payments function is only available during off-peak periods (16:00 – 10:00 daily). The reason for this is that these bulk payments require high processing and internet bandwidth that negatively affect the user experience of all eFiling users.

2 REQUIREMENTS TO USE THE BULK AND ADDITIONAL PAYMENT FUNCTION

- a) A user must have the following:
 - A valid eFiling username and password;
 - Comma Separated Values (CSV) file according to the correct format and structure to upload;
 - The 'Additional/Bulk Payment' function to upload and authorise a file.

3 **ACCESS RIGHTS**

WHAT ARE ACCESS RIGHTS? 3.1

- For new registrations, the registered tax user is the default administrative user for the organisation a) registered. By default, this administrative user is linked to a 'System Default' group with full authorisation level and is able to:
 - Setup new groups and register other tax users for his/her organisation;
 - Assign specific authorisation levels and user roles to these new tax users; and
 - Register new taxpayers and assign them to the groups, which have been setup.
- b) Authorisation and access rights refer to your ability to access the 'Bulk and Additional Payment' function on your eFiling profile. To be able to activate the eFiling profile, refer to the external guide - How to register for eFiling and manage your user profile, which is available on the SARS website www.sars.gov.za.

4 **COMMA SEPERATED VALUES (CSV) FILES**

- The file format CSV means this is a common text file format that contains comma-delimited values. Any a) spreadsheet or text editor can open the text file.
- Note: When saving the text file in an Excel format you should check the file to ensure that Excel has not b) changed the format (for example removing the leading zeros).
- A CSV file can be created in many ways. Excel is a good example of a program used to create such a c) CSV. Please keep in mind that every tool used to create a CSV will be different. However, the outcome (structure, layout, and validation rules) must be in accordance with SARS's requirements as stipulated below.

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4.1 CREATION OF CSV FILE

- a) Below are requirements when creating a CSV file:
- b) A 'comma separated values' file format must be used.
 - All information for the specific fields will be validated according to the rules prescribed by SARS.
 - All validation rules as well as rules applicable to the specific transaction must be complied with when creating electronic files.
 - The file must consist of the following record types:
 - Header Record Demographic information of the organisation making the payment;
 - Details Record Details of the payment transactions for multiple organisations; or individuals;
 - Trailer Record Summary of the detail records.
 - A comma to identify the field must separate each field on all of the abovementioned record types.
 - All numeric fields with decimal values (i.e., rand and cents) must have the decimal point specified as a point and not a comma.
 - A comma must not precede the first field of each record.
 - A comma must not follow the last field of each record.
 - Each record must start in a new line.
 - The file name must be structured according to the validation rules.
 - The information required to identify the organisation must be carried in the Header Record.
 - The information required to create the payment transactions must be in the Detail Record.

4.2 REJECTION OF CSV FILES WILL OCCUR IF:

- a) Below are requirements to reject the CSV file:
 - File test indicator does not match system test indicator: N.
 - Trailer record count check failed. Trailer count not equal to actual count.
 - Trailer file total check failed. Trailer amount not equal to actual amount.
 - Bank branch code field in incorrect format. Expected format: 174000,
 - Bank account number field in incorrect format. Expected format: 1740000000,
 - File creation date/time is invalid: 2.01011E+13. Expected format: CCYYMMDDhhmmss.
 - Tax reference number field in incorrect format. Expected format, 0309180164.
 - Banking information CDV validation failed. Message: Please check that you have entered the correct branch code.
 - Only one payment method allowed per payment group. CP/DP.
 - Taxpayer status is invalid.
 - PRN that come through for admin penalty via the bulk payment will be rejected because it is processed incorrectly -
 - When using zeros or just a 9 for Admin Penalty (the ITPEN), Note that it will be rejected, and zeros can only be used for PAYE and Assessed tax.

4.3 EXAMPLE OF A CSV LAYOUT ACCORDING TO SPECIFICATIONS

a) The data in the file should look as follows when viewed:

H,BULKPAY,N,TestCompany XYZ,1,20101103120000,NEDB

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4.4 FILE LAYOUT EXPLANATION

4.4.1 Header record

- a) This record must start with record ID type "H";
- b) This record must contain all the demographic information of the organisation (e.g., file name, data, type, organisation name, file transmission number, date and time created, bank name, etc..);
- c) This record is used to identify the organisation making the payment.

4.4.2 Layout of the header record

H,BULKPAY,N,TestCompany XYZ,1,20101103120000,NEDB

4.4.3 Details Record

- a) This record must start with record ID type "R";
- b) This record must contain all the details of the payment transactions for the multiple organisations or individuals (e.g., tax type, tax reference number, taxpayer name, entity type, entity ID number, period, tax amount, payment method, bank code, bank account number, bank account type, payment grouping no., payment reference number);
- c) Each record must start in a new line.

4.4.4 Layout of the detail record

R,ITPEN,0123456789,TestTaxpayer,01,5007155763089,,00000000000005.00,CP,174000,1740000000,01,1,0309180164Al0000041

4.4.5 Trailer Record

- a) This record must start with record ID type "T";
- b) This record must contain the number of detail records;
- c) This record must contain the total value of the records in the file.

4.4.6 Layout of the trailer record

4.5 CSV FILE STRUCTURE AND VALIDATION RULES

4.5.1 Header Record Bulk Payment

Field Name	Description	Validation/Indicator	Remarks
SEC-ID	Section identifier. Identifies	"H"	Demographic
	the type of record (Header		information of
	record)		organisation

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Field Name	Description	Validation/Indicator	Remarks
INFO-TYPE	Information type	"BULKPAY"	Identifies the
			information in the
			record
TEST-DATA	Test data indicator	"Y" or "N"	File indicator,
			where:
			Y-Test file
			N-Production file.
INFO-	The details of the file	Alphanumeric	Uniquely
SOURCE	orgination (Organisation		identifies a file
	Name)		
TRANSMIT-	File transmission number	Numeric	Sequence
NO	created by the orgaisation.		number to the
	(This field is not mandatory)		files submitted.
GEN-TIME	Date and time of file creation	CCYYMMDDhhmmss	Uniquely
			identifies a file
BANK	Bank through which the	Alphanumeric	Bank name:e.g.
	payment will be processed		"ABSA"

4.5.2 Detail Record Bulk Payment File

Field Name	Description	Format	Remarks
REC-ID	Data record identifier. Identifies	R	Details of the payment
	the type of record (Detail record)		transactions for
			multiple organisation or
			individuals
TAX-TYPE	Tax Type (see list below for	Alphanumeric	The code at the
	allowed entries)		beginning of the
	a) "PAYE" – Employees Tax		descriptors must be
	b) "EMP" – Normal payment		included in the field.
	assigned to a specific		
	PRN number. c) "VAT" – Value-Added Tax		
	c) "VAT" – Value-Added Tax d) "PTAX" – Provisional Tax		
	e) "ITA" – Individual		
	Assessed income tax		
	(this can be used towards		
	payment of Third Party		
	appointments for		
	assessed tax by		
	individuals including Third		
	Party appointment debt)		
	f) "STC" – Secondary Taxes		
	on Companies		
	g) "CUS" – Customs		
	payments		
	h) "RFT" – Retirement Fund		
	Taxes		
	i) "ITPEN" – Payments		
	towards Third Party		
	Appointments for Admin		
	penalty (AA88 notices by		
	employers)		
	Note: IT88 is not a valid Tax		DDN F
	Type and will be rejected.		PRN Format:



Field Name	Description	Format	Remarks
When the client is using the type "ITPEN" then the 12th character must always be a "I"(as an alphabet),and then the characters between 13-19 must be numeric and it cannot be all zeros(000). The 19-digit modules should apply. If none of the above is met (for example, I0000000) the 'ITPEN' will be rejected.			Characters 1-10 = Tax Number. Characters 11 = Tax Type. Characters 12-18 =Unique Identifier per Tax reference number Type,and Channel. Characters 19 = Check digit
TAX-REF	Tax reference number differ for each tax type.	Numeric	The standard 10 digit reference number.
TAXPAYER- NAME	Name of the taxpayer.	Alpha numeric	The name of the Organisation, company or fund, for an Individual please provided Initial and surname e.g. J Smith
ENT-TYPE	Entity Type (see below) a) "00" – Unknown b) "01" - South African ID Number c) "02" - Company/CC Registration Number i) "03" - Trust Deed Number ii) "04" - Passport Number iii) "05"- Fund Number	Alpha numeric	Validation of the ID number provided
ENTITY-ID-NO	Entity ID number depends on the entity type and will be validated for completeness.	Alpha numeric	Entity ID number a) South African ID Number - 13 digit SA ID b) Company/CC Registration Number - 9999/999999/99 c) Trust Deed Number - number registered with SARS d) Passport Number - number registered with SARS e) Fund Number -
PERIOD	The period depends on the tax	Alpha	18204999999 Period code will be
	type (see notes)	numeric	validated based on the Tax Type.



Field Name	Description	Format	Remarks
	a) PAYE: CCYYMM (C =		
	century, Y = year, M =		
month, e.g: 200102).			
b) ITPEN: No period			
	required. Field should be		
	empty (e.g: ,,)		
	c) VAT: CCYYMM (e.g.		
	, ,		
	200102).		
	d) PTAX : CCYYNN (C =		
	century, Y = year, N =		
	period [01, 02 or 03], e.g.		
	200402).		
	e) ITA: No period required.		
	Field should be empty		
	(e.g:)		
	f) STC: CCYYMMDD (e.g.		
	20010203).		
	g) CUS: CCYYMMDD (e.g.		
	20010203).		
	h) RFT: NMCCYY (N =		
	period [1, 2 or 3], M =		
	month [2 or 8], C =		
	century, Y = year, eg:		
	282003).		
	i) EMP: CCYYMM		
	(e.g200102).		
TAX-AMOUNT	Tax amount	Numeric	Amounts should be
TAX-AWOUNT	Tax amount	Numeric	zero padded and
			include a decimal point
			as in the example
			provided:
			000000000001000.25
PAY-	Payment Method:	Alpha	The payment method
METHOD	a) "CP" – Credit Push		Credit Push needs to
			be identified in order to
			determine the bank
			account details needed.
BANK-	Bank Code:	Numeric	The standard
BRANCH -	a) "CP" – Blank detail can be	Numerio	validation for branch
CODE	placed in the branch code.		and bank account will
	placed in the Station code.		apply.
BANK – ACC	Bank Account Number:	Numeric	The standard
DAIN - ACC	a) "CP" – The Account	MULLELIC	validation for branch
	Number must contain the		and bank account will
	Account Access Number.		apply.
	Account Access Number.		
BANK - ACC-	Bank Account Type:	Numeric	Identyfies the type of
TYPE	a) "01"- Cheque or Current		account.
	Account		
	b) "02"- Savings Account		
	c) "03"- Transmission		
	Account		
PAY-GRP	Payment grouping no.:	Numeric	Payment grouping will
		I Total	consist of a numeric



Field Name	Description	Format	Remarks
 a) If a single payment sequence number = 1 b) If the payments are to be split into 3 groups sequence number = 1,2,3 c) If each entry is required to generate a separate payment sequence = Start with 1 onwards. 			number that will allow the linking of payments for consolidation.
PRN	Payment Reference No PRN Format: Characters 1 – 10 = tax reference number Characters 11 = tax type Characters 12 – 18 = unique identifier per tax reference number, type, and channel Characters 19 = check digit	Alpha numeric	The Payment Reference Number (PRN is a new 19 digit reference number issued by SARS. Mandatory for EMP, AA88, ITPEN, EMPPEN, VATPEN, WDT and Third Party appointment debt payment types.)

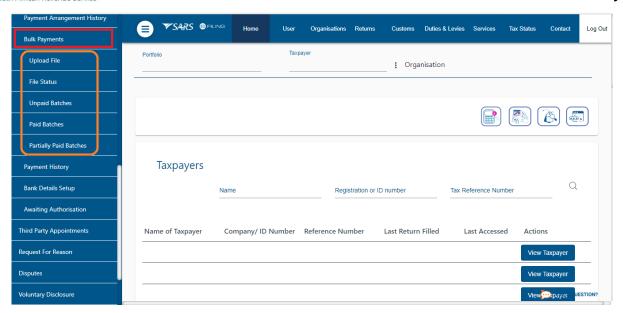
4.5.3 Trailer Record Bulk Payment File

Name	Description	Validation	Remarks		
SEC-ID	Section identifier. Identifies the type	"T"	Summary of the detail		
	of record (Trailer record)		record		
REC-NO	The number of data records	Numeric	The number of records in		
	contained in this file		the file		
TAX-AMOUNT-	The total value of tax amounts	Numeric	The total value of bulk		
SUM	contained in the data file		payment file.		

5 PROCESS TO UPLOAD A BULK PAYMENT FILE

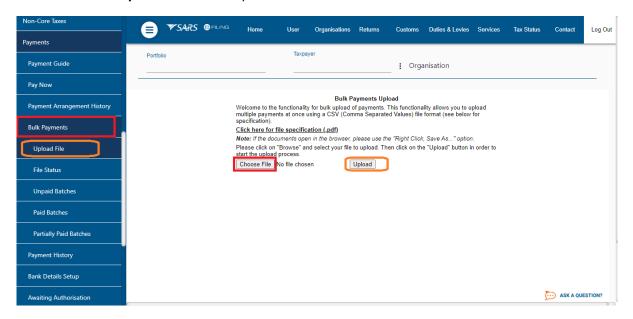
- a) Once the CSV file has been created, it can be uploaded to eFiling, refer to section 5.1 for the creation of CSV file. The process to upload a bulk payment file involves the following:
- b) When the user selects "Bulk Payments", the below menu items will appear as submenus:
 - Upload File;
 - File Status;
 - Unpaid Batches;
 - Paid Batches; and
 - Partially Paid Batches.





c) Step 1 – How to upload a file

- Select <Returns> from the menu on the top;
- Select <Bulk Payments> from menu on the left;
- Click < Upload File>;
- Click <Choose File> and select your file to upload; and
- Click **<Upload>** to start the process.



d) Please note -

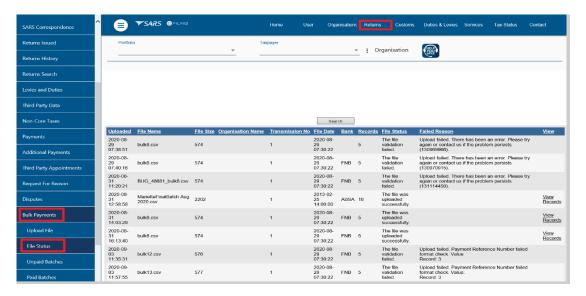
- Currently a CSV is limited to 500 records per file. If the records exceed 500, the additional records must be uploaded in another file;
- The file format will be verified for accuracy, which will include the validation of reference numbers
 etc. Should the file fail the format or content verification, the process will be terminated, and the
 error indicated next to the file. You will receive a notification once the file has been successfully
 uploaded.

e) Step 2 - How to view the uploaded file

- Select <Returns> from the top menu;
- Click on <Bulk Payments> from the menu on the left;

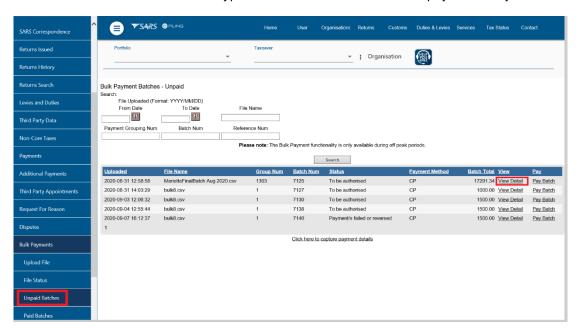


- Select <File Status> to view the upload status;
- The status will be displayed as 'Successful' or 'The file validation failed' with a failed reason error indicated next to each file on the right-hand side of the screen.



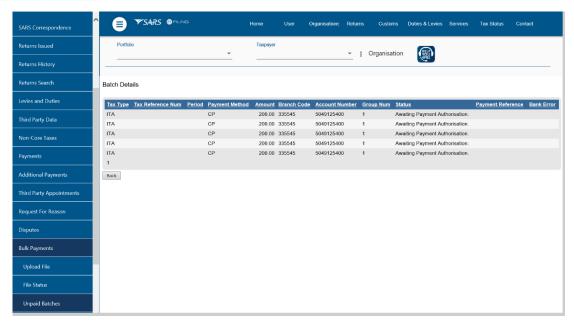
f) Step 3 – To view unpaid batches

- Select <Unpaid Batches >to see the files that were successfully uploaded for payment entries created under bulk payments.
- Click on <View Detail> hyperlink to view the status of each payment entry.



g) The status will be displayed as indicated below after clicking on view detail.



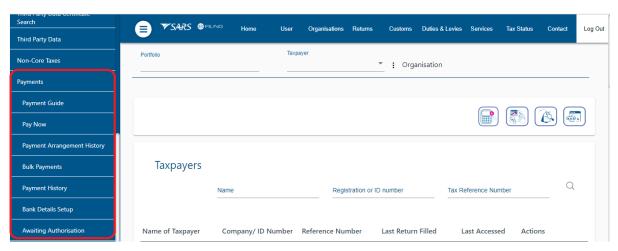


6 GROUPING FUNCTIONALITY FOR PAYMENTS SUB-MENU ITEMS

a) All the payment options as sub-menu items will be grouped together under the Payments Menu item, so that the user/taxpayer can easily navigate through the different payment options.

6.1 PAYMENT SUB-MENU

- a) Logon to eFiling:
 - Navigate to Payments menu item;
 - Select the Payments menu item to view the sub-menu items;
- b) The menu items below will be displayed as sub-menus within the Payments menu item:
 - Payment Guide;
 - Pay Now;
 - Payment Arrangement History;
 - Bulk Payments;
 - · Payment History;
 - Bank Details Setup;
 - Awaiting Authorisation.



6.1.1 Payment Guide

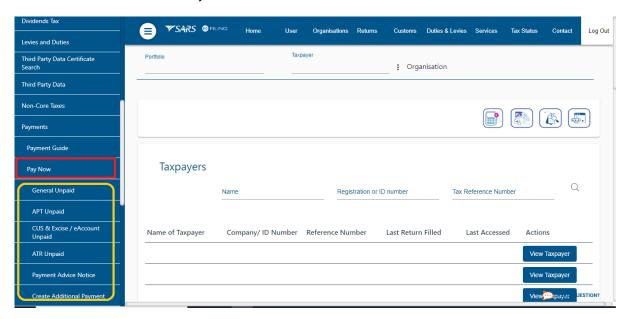




a) When the user/Taxpayer selects "**Payment Guide**," user/taxpayer will be redirected to the SARS website to read the information in terms of eFiling Payments.

6.1.2 Pay Now

- a) When the user selects "Pay Now," the below menu items will appear as submenus:
 - General Unpaid;
 - APT Unpaid;
 - CUS & Excise / e-Account Unpaid;
 - ATR Unpaid;
 - Payment Advice Notice; and
 - Create Additional Payments.

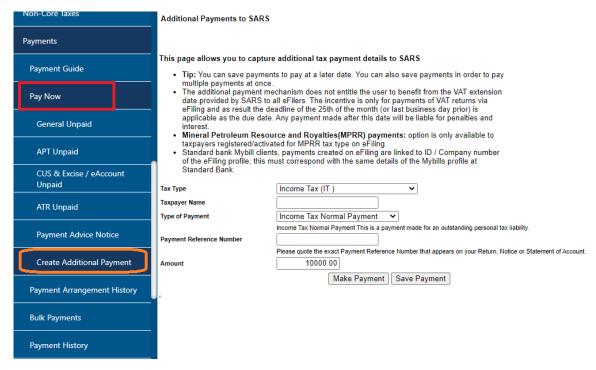


6.1.3 Create Additional Payment - How to make a payment

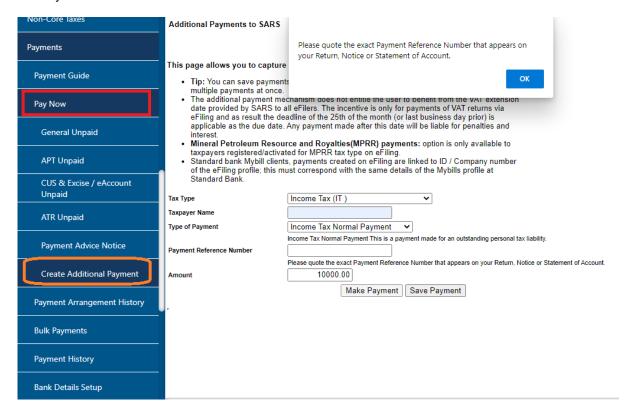
- Select <Returns> on the top menu;
- Click on <Pay Now> on the left menu;
- Click on <Create Additional Payment>;
- Capture the payment details.







- When you have completed the information above, Select one of the following options:
 - 'Make Payment' to make the payment immediately; or
 - 'Save Payment' to make the payment at a later stage.
- If 'Save Payment" is selected, a message will be displayed indicating that your additional payments have been saved and saved payment can then be viewed under general unpaid.
- If 'Make Payment' is selected above, a pop-up message will be displayed to confirm the payment that you want to make. Click **OK** to continue.



A 'Payment Initiation Result' page will be displayed indicating:

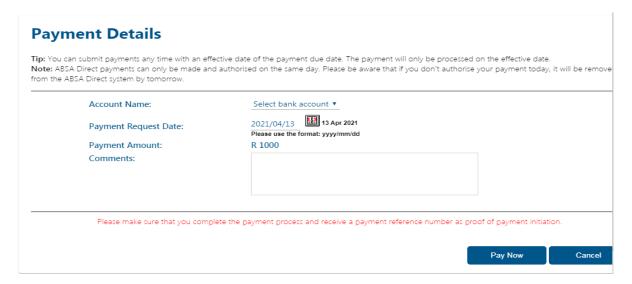


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- That the payment has been sent to the bank for processing, and
- The Payment Reference Number.

• Remember:

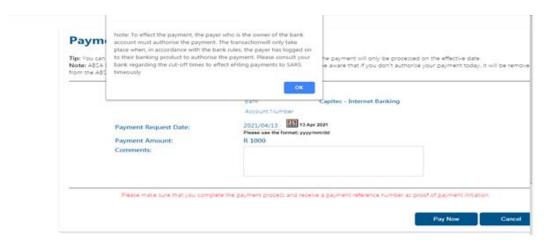
If you selected credit push as your method of payment to SARS, you would still need to login to your banking product to approve or reject the transaction.



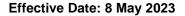
The payment summary will be displayed below:



Click on 'Pay Now' and click "Ok'

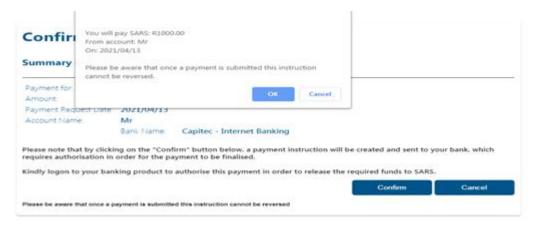


Confirm if the payment details are correct and then click 'Confirm' to continue. Once a payment is submitted the instruction cannot be reversed.

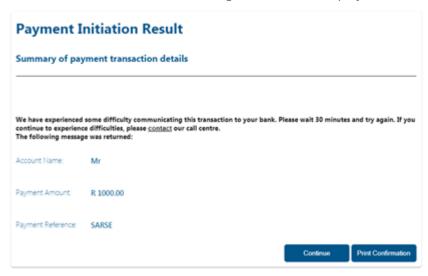




• The "Confirm Payment Initiation" screen will be displayed:



Click "Ok" button and the following screen will be displayed:



When the payment is made and you need the confirmation, click "Print Confirmation" button and the screen will be displayed as follows:



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SARS Payment Transaction Details

Confirmation of a payment request made on 20 Apr 2021

Payment Information Initiated By: Mrs	Payment Reference:
Bank: Capitec - Internet Banking	Request Date: 20 Apr 2021
Payment instruction status:	Total Amount:

Payments Breakdown (1 Return):

Capitec Communication Failed

Name	Tax Reference Number	Type of Payment	Period	Amount
		IT - Income Tax Advanced Payment	N/A	R 1000.00

R 1000.00

This payment was made using SARS eFiling. If there are any questions regarding this payment or eFiling in general please contact our help desk on:

Tel: 0800 00 7277



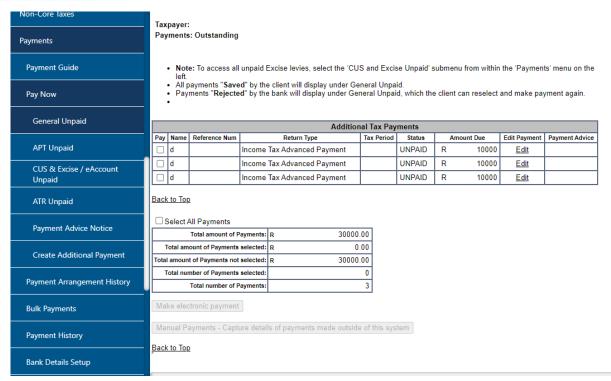
• When you click the "Continue" button, you will be redirected to Payment history refer to section 8.

6.1.4 Additional tax payments saved

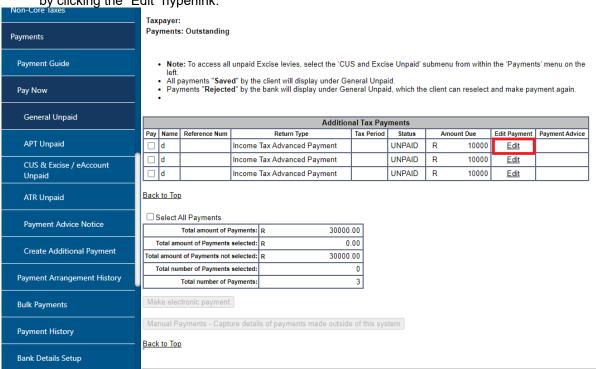
- a) To view a list of additional tax payments captured and saved:
 - Select <Returns> from the top menu;
 - Select <Payments> from the menu on the left;
 - Click <General / APT / CUS & Excise /eAccount / ATR Unpaid>.
- b) To finalise the payments, you can either:
 - Select the required items and make payment or
 - Click on 'Select All Payments' to make one payment for all the items listed.





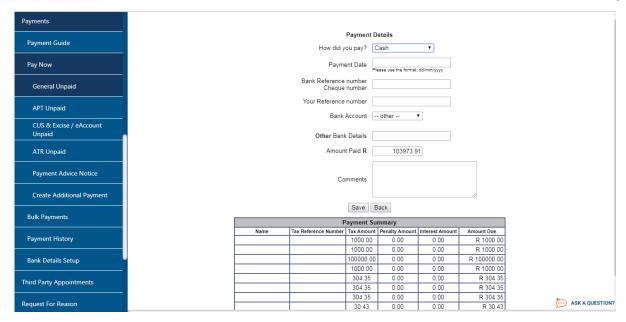


c) You will be redirected to the following screen where you will be able to amend the amount or reference by clicking the "Edit" hyperlink.



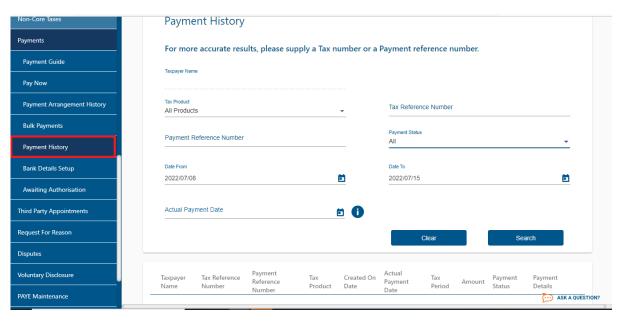
- d) The following screen will display, select the bank account from which the payment should be made and the date you wish to make the payment:
 - If you select "Make electronic payment," follow section 6.1.3 process.
 - If you selected "Manual Payments" you will be required to complete the following screen:





7 PAYMENT HISTORY

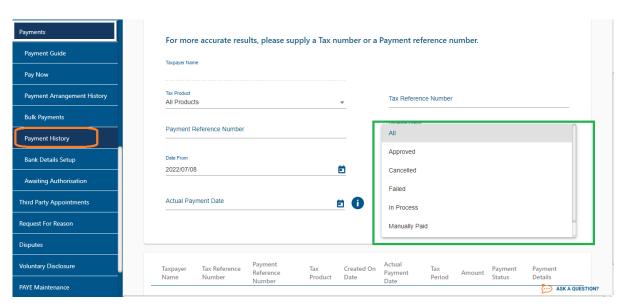
- a) When the user selects "**Payments History**," The Payment History page will allow the user to search or filter for the payments according to following fields:
 - Taxpayer Name;
 - Tax Product;
 - Tax Reference Number;
 - Payment Reference Number;
 - Payment Status;
 - Date From, will be defaulted to last 7 days, this field will be mandatory;
 - **Date To**, will be defaulted to today's date, this field will be mandatory;
 - Actual Payment Date (Note: The payment date is the date that the payment was approved on your bank product as per your bank account).
- b) Payment History only displays the payments already approved on the client's banking product and other status but not awaiting authorisation.
- c) The payment history screen below will be displayed and will indicate all payment statuses been cancelled/failed/approved/reversed and rejected.





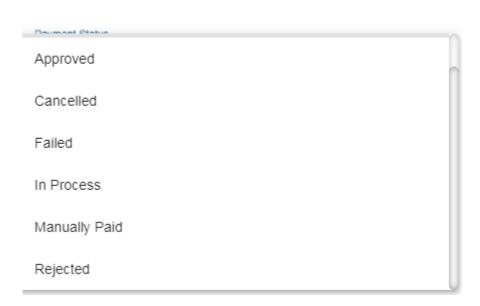
d) After the payment(s) has been submitted on eFiling, navigate to 'Payments' under 'Payment History "menu to view details of payments made to SARS.





e) Select on "Payment Statuses" and click "Search" button, the different statuses will be displayed select "the status" you need to view, see below:

Tax Reference Number

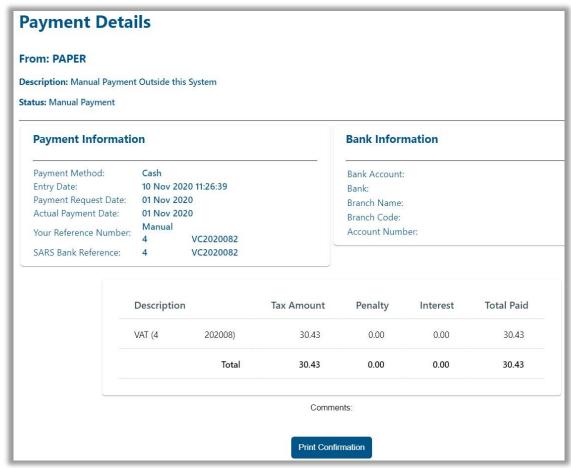


f) Details of the transactions will be displayed as follows:





g) Click the 'View' link to see the payment details of each transaction.

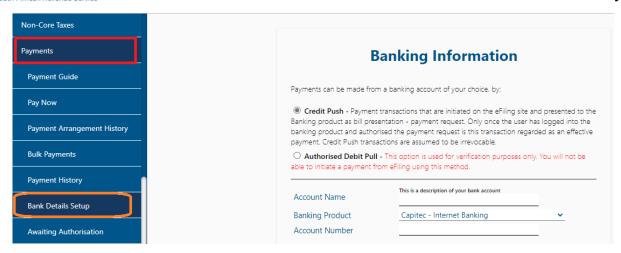


- h) Click the "Print Confirmation" button to view and print the payment confirmation.
- i) **NOTE:** You will only be able to cancel a payment initiated request on eFiling if you have NOT authorised your payment at your bank.

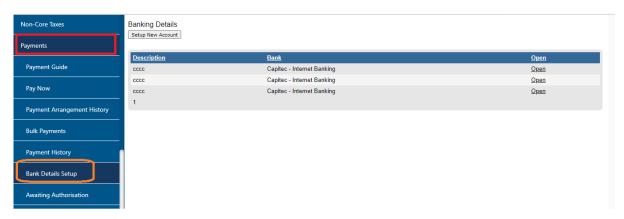
8 HOW TO MAKE A BANK SET-UP VIA EFILING

- a) Before you can make a payment, ensure that your banking details are set up.
- b) Step 1 How to set up banking details
 - Select < Returns > from the menu on top;
 - Select <Payments> from menu bar on the left;
 - Select <Bank Details Setup>;
 - Complete the bank details.





c) When the bank details are set up/created the following screen will be created:

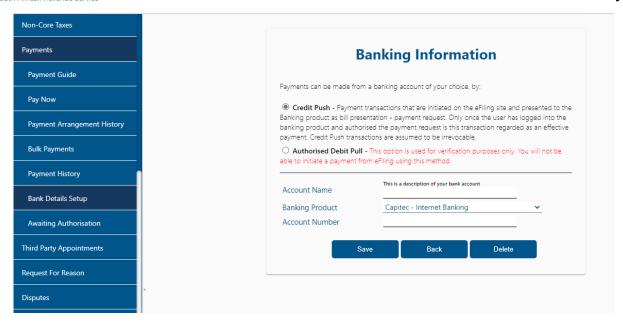


- In order to use the facility, you need to be registered at the relevant bank before use;
- As of the end of October 2013 Debit Pull transactions has been discontinued. Taxpayers are advised
 to set-up a Credit Push payment option or use one of our alternative methods of payment. Refer to
 www.sars.gov.za for more information on the credit push set-up and payment rules.
- d) When you have captured the bank details, go to "**Open**" button to see that you have captured the details correctly.

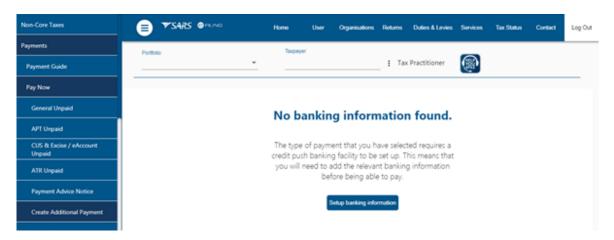


- e) The following screen will be displayed:
 - If the details are not captured correctly, you have an option either to go "Back" to recapture the
 details or "Delete" to remove the details;
 - If the details are captured correctly you can click on the "Save" button.





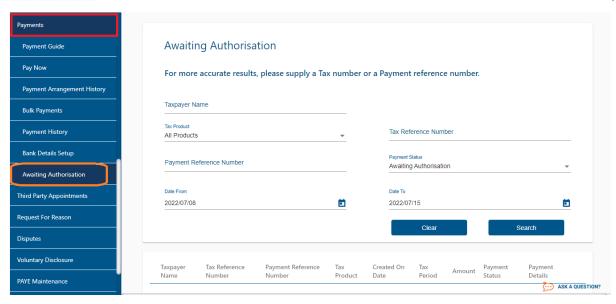
- f) Click "Confirm" button to make payment, and if no banking information is found, an enhanced "No banking information screen" will be displayed as per existing functionality and you will be required to complete "banking information" screen,
 - Click on the "Setup banking information" and follow the section 9, step 1 process to set up banking details.



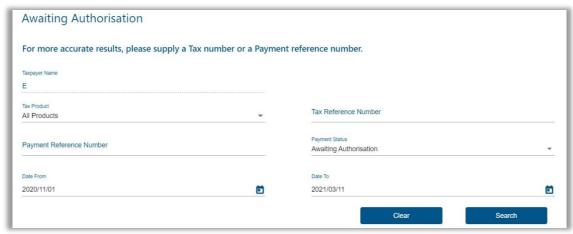
9 AWAITING AUTHORISATION

- a) To view a list of Awaiting Authorisation tax payments captured and saved:
 - Select <Returns> from the top menu;
 - Select <Payments> from the menu on the left;
 - Click < Awaiting Authorisation>.





- b) The 'Awaiting Authorisation' page will allow the user to search or filter for the payments according to following fields:
 - Taxpayer Name;
 - If you enter a specific Taxpayer Name in the "Taxpayer Name" field, the Awaiting Authorisation page will display all payments related to the captured Taxpayer name when "Select All" has been selected from the Taxpayer drop down list;
 - If a specific Taxpayer has been selected from the Taxpayer drop down list, the "Taxpayer Name" field will be disabled and the selected taxpayer name at the top will be populated into this field.
 - Tax Product;
 - If the user selects a specific product from the Tax Product drop down list, Awaiting authorisation page will display all payments for all the taxpayers related to the selected Tax Product that are still waiting to be approved on the banking product.
 - Tax Reference Number;
 - Payment Reference Number;
 - Payment Status;
 - Date From
 - Date To



c) If there are no payments in awaiting authorisation status, the results section on the screen will be blank. A warning message will be displayed to indicate that no records exist for the search criteria. Click 'OK' on the message to proceed.

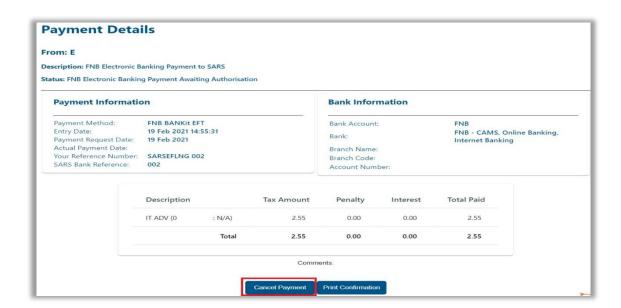




d) If you have made payments, they are still awaiting approval on your bank product, the result section will display the payment (s).



- e) Select the 'View' button and the 'Payment Details' screen will be displayed.
- f) Note: The cancellation of payment functionality has been introduced to enable eFiling users to cancel payment requests **before** it is authorised with their banks. The payment request will be initiated on eFiling as per the current process.



g) To cancel the payment, click the 'Cancel Payment' button. A confirmation message will be displayed. Click 'OK' to confirm the cancellation of the payment.



h) Once the payment has been cancelled, a message will be displayed to indicate that the payment has been cancelled successfully.



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- The cancelled payment will be moved to Payments History and the status will be indicated as 'Cancelled'
- j) Note: If the payment is cancelled on eFiling it is not cancelled on your banking product.



10 DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

a) The definitions, acronyms and abbreviations can be accessed via the following link: <u>Glossary</u> <u>webpage</u>

11 DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT

Detail of Change	Date	Version	<u>Description</u>
	09-10-2020	5	New validation rules for bulk payments.
	23-04-2021	6	Updated with eFiling Refresh screens(Awaiting
		_	Authorisation of Payment)
	29-07-2022	7	Updated with Payment Arrangement History and general navigation updates.
	08-05-2023	8	Updated Template and admin Penalty(ITPEN)
			Rule.

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