



CIPC NOTICE – 25 OCTOBER 2023

SARS NON-COMPLIANCE NOTICES

Dear CIPC customer,

The Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) wishes to clarify the confusion with the non-compliance notices issued by SARS to companies and close corporations, who have not filed their tax returns. **The notice issued by SARS is based on tax compliance, and not the same compliance required by CIPC, for the filing of Annual Returns.** Although compliance with the two institutions are necessary and are co-related to some extent, they are however independent in that:

1. Annual Returns and the required AFS or FAS and Compliance Checklist **MUST** be filed with the **CIPC** before or by the companies or close corporation anniversary date.
2. Tax filing must be filed with **SARS** at the stipulated date, for specific tax compliance obligations.

To confirm the status of your enterprise on the CIPC register, go to <https://bizportal.gov.za> / login / select Services / BizProfile / follow prompts.

If outstanding with Annual Returns with the CIPC, and your business is conducting business or will be conducting business in the near future, then kindly comply. Link for how to video below:
https://www.cipc.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/CIPC-AR-Filing-drive_Mobile-480P.mp4

If outstanding with Annual Returns with the CIPC, and you wish to deregister your business, it may be finally deregistered shortly by the CIPC due to non-compliance with Annual Returns.

Compliance with SARS tax requirements can be confirmed or verified through the SARS EFiling website, or by contacting the SARS contact center on 0800 00 7277. Compliance with income tax matters is dealt with by SARS.

Customer query contacts:

Call centre: 086 100 2472

QRS: <https://enquiries.cipc.co.za>