

PUBLIC NOTICE

Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) is introducing a new tax management & revenue collection system named **Lekgetho Live** with effect from **1st April 2020**. This system replaces the current Integrated Tax Management System (ITMS).

Implementation of **Lekgetho Live** system has notable changes such as;

- New easy to remember Tax Identification Numbers (TIN)s for all taxpayers.
- The new TINs will be used across all tax types unlike in the current system where each tax type has own TIN.
- The Company and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) number will be adopted as the TIN for companies.
- For individual citizens, the new TIN will be Omang number preceded by letter 'I'. e.g I12345678
- Non-citizens, NGOs, parastatals, partnerships, Trusts, government departments and any legal persons will be issued with system generated TINs.

VAT registered taxpayers will be issued with new VAT numbers.

Payments through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) and Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS):

- Use Online Reference Number (ORN) as illustrated below:

TYPE OF BURS CUSTOMER PAYING	(BURS ONLINE REFERENCE NUMBER)		
	TIN	SEPARATOR	TAX CODE*
1. Individual	I plus Omang Number e.g. I123425678	-	IIT
2. a) Company	CIPA Incorporation number as advised by BURS e.g. (BW11123456712 OR CO023/2019)	-	CIT
b) Company with a Branch (Branch No. 01)	BW12345678910 - 01 OR CO023/2019 - 01	-	VAT
3. Partnership	P00045678910	-	PAYE
4. Trust	T00000000011	-	VAT
5. Estate	E00885431209	-	IIT
6. Government Department/ Parastatal	B00076512911	-	IMS

- All payments will be validated on the BURS database. Payments rejected by the validation process will be returned to originating banks.

It is mandatory to submit monthly PAYE and employee payroll schedules whenever submitting PAYE and Other Withholding Tax (OWT) remittance forms (ITW7A and ITW7B).

BURS will only accept manual submissions for schedules of less than 10 payees/employees ONLY. For more than 10 payees/employees, submission is STRICTLY online.

Tax agents acting on behalf of taxpayers (either filing on their behalf or representing them on any tax-related matters) **MUST** register with BURS from 1st April 2020. This is to link the two parties (Tax agent and taxpayer) in the system.

For more information contact Call Centre:17649