
GOVERNMENT NOTICE

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FIXING OF RATE PER KILOMETRE IN RESPECT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 8(1)(b)(ii) AND (iii) OF THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1962

Under section 8(1)(b)(ii) and (iii) of the Income Tax Act, 1962 (Act No. 58 of 1962), I, Pravin Jamnadas Gordhan, Minister of Finance, hereby determine that the rate per kilometre referred to in that section must be an amount determined in accordance with the Schedule hereto.



P.J. GORDHAN
Minister of Finance

SCHEDULE

1. Definition

In this Schedule, “**value**” in relation to a motor vehicle used by the recipient of an allowance as contemplated in section 8(1)(b)(ii) and (iii) of the Income Tax Act, 1962, means—

- (a) where that motor vehicle (not being a motor vehicle in respect of which paragraph (b)(ii) of this definition applies) was acquired by that recipient under a *bona fide* agreement of sale or exchange concluded by parties dealing at arm’s length, the original cost thereof to him/her, including any sales tax or value-added tax but excluding any finance charge or interest payable by him/her in respect of the acquisition thereof;
- (b) where that motor vehicle—
 - (i) is held by that recipient under a lease contemplated in paragraph (b) of the definition of “instalment credit agreement” in section 1 of the Value-Added Tax Act, 1991; or
 - (ii) was held by him/her under such a lease and the ownership thereof was acquired by him/her on the termination of the lease,the cash value thereof as contemplated in the definition of “cash value” in section 1 of the Value-Added Tax Act; or
- (c) in any other case, the market value of that motor vehicle at the time when that recipient first obtained the vehicle or the right of use thereof, plus an amount equal to the sales tax or value added tax which would have been payable in respect of the purchase of the vehicle had it been purchased by the recipient at that time at a price equal to that market value.

2. Determination of rate per kilometre

The rate per kilometre referred to in section 8(1)(b)(ii) and (iii) must, subject to the provisions of paragraph 4, be determined in accordance with the cost scale set out in paragraph 3, and must be the sum of—

- (a) the fixed cost divided by the total distance in kilometres (for both private and business purposes) shown to have been travelled in the vehicle during the year of assessment: Provided that where the vehicle has been used for business purposes during a period in that year which is less than the full period of that year, the fixed cost must be an amount which bears to the fixed cost the same ratio as the period of use for business purposes bears to 365 days;
- (b) where the recipient of the allowance has borne the full cost of the fuel used in the vehicle, the fuel cost; and
- (c) where that recipient has borne the full cost of maintaining the vehicle (including the cost of repairs, servicing, lubrication and tyres), the maintenance cost.

3. Cost scale

Where the value of the vehicle—	Fixed Cost R	Fuel Cost c/km	Mainte- nance Cost c/km
does not exceed R60 000	19 492	73.7	25.7
exceeds R60 000 but does not exceed R120 000	38 726	77.6	29.0
exceeds R120 000 but does not exceed R180 000	52 594	81.5	32.3
exceeds R180 000 but does not exceed R240 000	66 440	89.6	36.9
exceeds R240 000 but does not exceed R300 000	79 185	102.7	45.2
exceeds R300 000 but does not exceed R360 000	91 873	117.1	53.7
exceeds R360 000 but does not exceed R420 000	105 809	119.3	65.2
exceeds R420 000 but does not exceed R480 000	119 683	133.6	68.3
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4. Simplified method for distances less than 8 000 kilometres

Where—

- (a) the provisions of section 8(1)(b)(iii) are applicable in respect of the recipient of an allowance or advance;
 - (b) the distance travelled in the vehicle for business purposes during the year of assessment does not exceed 8 000 kilometres, or where more than one vehicle has been used during the year of assessment the total distance travelled in those vehicles for business purposes does not exceed 8 000 kilometres; and
 - (c) no other compensation in the form of a further allowance or reimbursement is payable by the employer to that recipient,
- that rate per kilometre is, at the option of the recipient, equal to 316 cents per kilometre.

5. Effective date

The rate per kilometre determined in terms of this Schedule applies in respect of years of assessment commencing on or after 1 March 2012.