Interest Rates – Table 3

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Income Tax

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The term "official rate of interest" is defined in section 1(1) of the Income Tax Act 58 of 1962

A taxable benefit (fringe benefit) arises if an employee incurs a debt in favour of the employer, any other person by arrangement with the employer, or an associated institution in relation to the employer, if no interest is payable or if the interest payable is less than the "official rate of interest". The difference between the amount which would have been payable if the debt had incurred interest at the official rate, and the interest actually paid by the employee, is taxed as a fringe benefit.

DATE FROM	DATE TO	RATE
01.03.1985	30.11.1985	18.00%
01.12.1985	31.12.1987	15.00%
01.01.1987	31.05.1989	13.00%
01.06.1989	30.04.1990	16.00%
01.05.1990	31.07.1992	19.00%
01.08.1992	31.12.1992	17.00%
01.01.1993	31.01.1994	15.00%
01.02.1994	31.08.1995	14.00%
01.09.1995	30.11.1998	16.00%
01.12.1998	30.04.1999	19.00%
01.05.1999	31.08.1999	16.00%
01.09.1999	29.02.2000	14.50%
01.03.2000	30.09.2001	13.00%
01.10.2001	28.02.2002	10.50%
01.03.2002	31.08.2002	11.50%
01.09.2002	28.02.2003	13.50%
01.03.2003	30.06.2003	14.50%
01.07.2003	31.08.2003	13.00%
01.09.2003	30.11.2003	12.00%
01.12.2003	29.02.2004	9.50%
01.03.2004	31.08.2004	9.00%
01.09.2004	31.08.2005	8.50%
01.09.2005	31.08.2006	8.00%
01.09.2006	28.02.2007	9.00%
01.03.2007	31.08.2007	10.00%
01.09.2007	29.02.2008	11.00%
01.03.2008	31.08.2008	12.00%
01.09.2008	28.02.2009	13.00%
01.03.2009	31.05.2009	11.50%
01.06.2009	31.06.2009	9.50%
01.07.2009	31.08.2009	8.50%
01.09.2009	30.09.2010	8.00%
01.10.2010	28.02.2011	7.00%
01.03.2011	31.07.2012	6.50%
01.08.2012	31.01.2014	6.00%
01.02.2014	31.07.2014	6.50%
01.08.2014	31.07.2015	6.75%
01.08.2015	30.11.2015	7.00%

DATE FROM	DATE TO	RATE
01.12.2015	31.01.2016	7.25%
01.02.2016	31.03.2016	7.75%
01.04.2016	31.07.2017	8.00%
01.08.2017	31.03.2018	7.75%
01.04.2018	30.11.2018	7.50%
01.12.2018	31.07.2019	7.75%
01.08.2019	31.01.2020	7.50%
01.02.2020	31.03.2020	7.25%
01.04.2020	30.04.2020	6.25%
01.05.2020	31.05.2020	5.25%
01.06.2020	31.07.2020	4.75%
01.08.2020	30.11.2021	4.50%
01.12.2021	31.01.2022	4.75%
01.02.2022	31.03.2022	5.00%
01.04.2022	31.05.2022	5.25%
01.06.2022	31.07.2022	5.75%
01.08.2022	30.09.2022	6.50%
01.10.2022	30.11.2022	7.25%
01.12.2022	31.01.2023	8.00%
01.02.2023	31.03.2023	8.25%
01.04.2023	31.05.2023	8.75%
01.06.2023	30.09.2024	9.25%
01.10.2024	30.11.2024	9.00%
01.12.2024	31.01.2025	8.75%
01.02.2025	31.05.2025	8.50%
01.06.2025	31.08.2025	8.25%
01.09.2025	30.11.2025	8.00%
01.12.2025	Until change in Repo* rate	7.75%

* Repurchase (Repo) rate as announced by the Reserve Bank

Note: The official rate of interest is linked to the Repo rate plus one per cent. The official rate is applied from the first day of the month following the date on which that new Repo rate comes into operation.