

EKITI STATE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

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PRESS STATEMENT

In addition to the efforts of the present administration in Ekiti State under the leadership of Dr. John Kayode Fayemi in cushioning the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the good people of State, the Ekiti State Internal Revenue Service (EKIRS) wishes to announce the provision of Personal Protective Equipment to the taxpayers and tax compliant business entities across the State.

In the same vein, the EKIRS has also secured necessary approval to implement the following tax reliefs purposely for this period of pandemic: INTRODUCTION OF TAX RELIEFS AND INCENTIVES FOR TAXPAYERS AND BUSINESSES TO CUSHION THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

- The Land Use Charge Law was passed in 2013 resulting in 6 years arrears payable in 2020. Full amnesty is hereby granted to all Land Owners in respect of the arrears of Land Use Charge from year 2013 to 2019.
- 2. The introduction of waiver on Penalty and Interest on Land Use Charge for year 2020.
- 3. The minimum tax payable under the Presumptive Tax Regime (Market Men & Women, Artisans, etc.) in the State has been reduced by 50% for the year 2020 only.
- 4. The deadline for submission of **returns** for individuals or self-employed taxpayers in accordance with section 41 (3) of the Personal Income Tax Act (PITA) 2011 (as amended) in Ekiti State is extended to September 30, 2020.

- 5. A 5% tax rebate on 2019 tax liability for taxpayers who have filed and paid their taxes on or before July 31, 2020. This will be treated as deduction from the current tax due rather than cash refund.
- 6. The penalty hitherto being charged on late remittance of Pay As You Earn (PAYE) deductions is waived for the period of March to September, 2020 for all sectors.
- 7. Our primary payment gateways are: INTERSWITCH i.e PAYDIRECT, REMITA AND E-TRANZACT platforms which are available at any of the commercial banks. All taxpayers are at liberty to make online payment through REMITA platform.
- 8. Taxpayers are also enjoined to access our **Ekiti Revenue Automation System (ERAS)** platform to register for Ekiti TIN from the comfort of their homes and offices. Simply log on to **irs.ekitistate.gov.ng to** register and proceed to pay your tax[es].
- 9. The Management and staff of EKIRS implore our esteemed taxpayers to stay safe and follow the COVID-19 safety guidelines as issued by the Governor of Ekiti State, Dr. John Kayode Fayemi and the Federal Government.
- 10. For further enquiries, kindly contact us through any of the following channels: Email-<u>info@ekitistaterevenue.com</u> or call 07045555137, 07045555139 and likewise visit our website at <u>www.ekitistaterevenue.com</u>

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