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**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT ON TAX RELIEF AND INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR TAXPAYERS AND BUSINESS ENTERPRISES IN CROSS RIVER STATE**

1. Following the State Governments desire to cushion the impact of the COVID -19 pandemic on Cross Riverians and all Taxpayers resident in the State, the Cross River Internal Revenue Service (CRIRS) with the kind approval of His Excellency, Senator Prof. (Sir) Benedict B. Ayade, Executive Governor of Cross River State, wishes to announce the following Tax relief for individual Taxpayers and businesses:
  - i. Individuals in the Public Sector (under the Pay-As-you-Earn scheme) earning less than ₦100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Naira) monthly are granted Tax relief from Personal Income Tax, in line with the provisions of the Cross River State Tax Exemption Law 2015 and accompanying regulations.
  - ii. Self-employed persons (Artisans, Hawkers, Okada riders, Tricycle riders (Keke-Napep, Taxi Drivers, Petty Shops, Barbing/Hair Dressing Saloons Owners, Restaurants/Eateries) and others under the presumptive Tax regime are granted Tax relief in line with the provisions of the Cross River State Tax Exemption Law 2015 and accompanying regulations.
  - iii. The deadline for the submission of returns for Personal Income Tax (Form A) by taxable persons in the State for 2019 tax year has been extended from 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.
  - iv. The deadline for the submission of Pay-As-You-Earn (PAYE) Annual Returns by employers of labour in the State for 2019 tax year has been extended from 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.
  - v. Waivers are hereby granted on penalties and interest charged on all late PAYE monthly returns for the months of February to September 2020 for applicable taxpayers on case by case basis.



- vi. Waivers are granted on penalties and interest charged on all outstanding Tax Liabilities for 2018 and 2019 assessments payable in 2020.
  - vii. Taxpayers will be allowed to make instalmental payments in 2020 for outstanding tax liabilities from 2018 to 2019 over a period not exceeding Six (6) months.
2. Taxpayers can use our alternate channels for payment of Taxes and filling of Annual and Monthly Tax Returns. For details visit our website – [www.crirs.ng](http://www.crirs.ng).
  3. In line with Section 3, subsection (1) of the Tax Exemption Law 2015, Taxpayers who are qualified for exemption/relief from Personal Income Tax contained in this announcement shall be required to;
    - a. Obtain Tax Identification Numbers (TIN).
    - b. File Annual Returns in line with section 41(3) of the Personal Income Tax Act 2004 (as amended).
    - c. Fill a Tax Exemption Form (Form H) to be enrolled as beneficiaries. Please note that this form is free.
  4. Further abatement has also been granted on some categories of levies, Taxes and Revenues collectable by the State and Local Governments from 31<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. For details visit our website - [www.crirs.ng](http://www.crirs.ng).

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