

A breakdown of the **S.A. NATIONAL BUDGET SPEECH** 2015

Our new Minister of Finance, Nhlanhla Nene, has put forward quite a conservative annual budget for the country. **Government plans to tighten its belt:** this means that wealthier South Africans will have to pay more tax, but not a great deal more.

The only real surprise in the budget is the 80,5c per litre rise in the fuel levy.

The minister also spoke of the great need for South Africans to save more. He confirmed that new tax-free savings accounts would be made available as of March this year (more on this in future articles). These accounts allow you to save up to R30 000 per year tax free. Government also aims to reduce the costs of retirement funding and streamline the entire industry.

INCOME TAX



HOWEVER, tax brackets, rebates and medical scheme contribution credits will be adjusted for inflation, which means that there will be tax RELIEF for those who earn below R450 000 a year.

SIN TAX



+ CAN OF BEER (340ML)
R1,24



+ BOTTLE OF WINE
R0,15



+ BOTTLE OF SPIRITS
R3,77



+ PACK OF 20 CIGARETTES
R0,82



TRANSFER DUTIES: PROPERTY SALES

No transfer duties for property transactions under **R750 000**

Decrease in transfer duties for property transactions between **R750 000** and **R2 300 000**

Increase in transfer duties on property transactions above **R2 300 000**



ELECTRICITY LEVIES

Proposed increase of the electricity levy from 3,5c/kWh to 5,5c/kWh (64% increase)
Energy-efficiency savings tax incentive to increase from 45c/kWh to 95c/kWh

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