



# Legal Counsel

## Interest Rates – Table 3

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*South African Revenue Service*

**TABLE 3**  
**INTEREST RATES**

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

Where a loan is obtained by an employee from his or her employer in terms of which no interest is payable or where the interest payable is less than the “official rate of interest”, the difference between the amount which would have been payable if the loan was granted at the official rate and the amount 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%
01.12.2015	31.01.2016	7.25%

DATE FROM	DATE TO	RATE
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	Until change in Repo rate	7.25%

\* Repurchase rate as announced by the Reserve Bank

**Note:** The “official rate” as defined in section 1(1) of the Act is linked to the repurchase rate plus one per cent. The official rate is adjusted at the beginning of the month following the month during which the Reserve Bank changes the repurchase rate.