

# Supporting your migration to SARS' New Diesel Refund Platform

## Expert guidance for a seamless transition

SARS is implementing its most significant overhaul of the Diesel Refund System since its introduction in 2001. A new standalone digital diesel refund platform—separate from VAT—is being rolled out, with mandatory registration for qualifying users and diesel sellers.

This transformation aims to streamline compliance, strengthen supply chain oversight, reduce administrative burdens, and introduce real time claim visibility and automated validations. As your trusted advisors, Forvis Mazars offers a full suite of services to help you prepare for and transition smoothly to the new platform.

### Why the New Diesel Refund Platform matters

- SARS is decoupling diesel refunds from the VAT system, addressing long standing bottlenecks and compliance challenges.
- Real time tracking, automated checks, and improved risk verification will significantly change how claims are processed.
- The overhaul introduces simplified diesel logbooks tailored to different types of claimants, reducing the administrative burden that previously resulted in many rejected claims.
- The new system includes mandatory registration of both sellers and users, improving traceability and reducing fraud.

These changes will impact your operations, record keeping, cash flow planning, and compliance processes.

### Why Partner with Forvis Mazars?

- Deep technical expertise in Customs & Excise, indirect tax, and regulatory reform.
- Proven experience supporting clients through major SARS system transitions.
- A proactive, solutions driven approach to ensure your organisation is fully compliant, efficient, and future ready.

### Get ready for the New Diesel Refund Era

Don't wait until the platform goes live. Let Forvis Mazars help you position your business for full compliance, operational efficiency, and successful navigation of the new refund landscape.

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## How Forvis Mazars can support you

Our multi disciplinary team provides end to end assistance throughout the transition:



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### Migration Readiness Assessment

- Evaluate your current diesel refund processes and VAT-linked practices.
- Identify gaps against the requirements of the new standalone SARS platform.
- Review your eligibility and fuel use classification under the updated framework.



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### Registration Support on the New SARS Platform

- Assistance with registering qualifying users and diesel sellers on the new digital system.
- Ensuring correct entity information, supply chain declarations, and supporting documentation are aligned with SARS requirements.



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### Diesel logbook optimisation

- Design and implement simplified, SARS compliant logbooks tailored to your operations.
- Standardise internal controls for diesel usage, storage, and record keeping.
- Close historical compliance gaps that commonly led to rejected claims under the old system.



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### Claim preparation & submission support

- Assistance with preparing diesel refund claims under the new platform's automated checks and validations.
- Reconciliation of diesel purchases, allocations, and levy exempt usage categories.
- Establishing audit ready documentation aligned with SARS' enhanced verification protocols.



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### Advisory on legislative & sector changes

- Interpretive guidance on the updated Customs & Excise Schedule 6 rules governing diesel refunds.
- Updates on expanded sector eligibility (e.g., forestry, coastal patrols, fibre optic services, rail freight, large electricity plants).
- Insights into policy developments affecting fuel levy refunds and future environmental tax considerations.



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### Training for your teams

- Tailored training sessions for financial teams, operations, fuel management units, and site personnel.
- Practical walkthroughs of the new SARS platform, registration workflows, and logbook expectations.
- Scenario based guidance to manage risk profiling under the new system.

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