



# Tax Alert

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## The LIRS Extends Deadline for Filing of Annual Tax Returns to 7 February 2024

The Lagos State Internal Revenue Service (LIRS) has extended the deadline for filing employers' annual tax returns to 7 February 2024, providing an additional week beyond the statutory deadline of 31 January 2024. This extension, which is a response to the recent downtime experienced on the online filing platform (e-tax portal), will allow taxpayers more time to file their annual returns.

Employers encountering difficulties with the e-tax portal should contact designated LIRS customer care representatives on 0700 CALL LIRS (0700 2255 5477) or visit the help desks at various LIRS tax stations for assistance.

### Commentaries

The LIRS' decision to extend the filing deadline is commendable, given the identified technical glitch faced by users on the e-tax portal. Tax and regulatory authorities must always respond in a proactive manner to make the compliance with tax laws seamless. With this extension, it is anticipated that the LIRS will have sufficient time to address any reported issues and offer real-time support to those still encountering difficulties with the filing platform. It is important to emphasize that this extension only covers returns due to the LIRS.

Employers facing challenges with the e-tax portal should contact designated LIRS officers promptly to resolve the issues experienced and ensure the submission of their annual tax returns within the extended deadline. We also recommend that those who are yet to initiate the filing process take advantage of the extension period. This will allow them ample time to collate and submit all required documents, thereby avoiding unnecessary penalty for non-compliance.

Please click [here](#) to read the LIRS Public Notice

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