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➤ **The VAT rate** remains at 15% for the 2026 tax year, with no changes announced, bringing a bit of steadiness to household budgets.

➤ Personal income tax tables and rebates are being adjusted in order to accommodate inflation.

➤ **Use our income tax calculator to work out your monthly take home pay.**

➤ **Capital gains tax (CGT) relief is increasing.**

The yearly exclusion for individuals and special trusts increases from R40,000 to R50,000.

Primary Residence: The exclusion on capital gains from the sale of a primary residence increases from R2 million to R3 million.

Small Business Owners (Age 55+): The exclusion for the disposal of a small business increases from R1.8 million to R2.7 million.

➤ The yearly contribution limit for **Tax Free Savings Accounts** increases from R36 000 to R46 000 per tax year. This is a tax-efficient vehicle for families to save towards their financial goals.

➤ The maximum annual **tax-deductible contribution to retirement funds** increases from R350,000 to R430,000. **Up to 27.5% of an individual's taxable income** qualifies as a deductible contribution, limited to R430,000 annually.

➤ **For full details, visit the Budget Speech App page on <https://oldmutualbudget.profmarkapp.co.za/> or speak to your financial adviser.**

➤ **The VAT registration threshold** is increasing from R1 million to R2.3 million - giving small business owners much-needed breathing room.

➤ With the rise in Sin Taxes, it's time to take a closer look at your monthly expenses.

➤ **Setting limits to what you spend on your pleasures will help you limit the impact on your household budget and ensure you can stick to your saving goals.**

Fortified Wine Per 750 ml bottle	R0.26	Cigarettes per pack of 20	R0.77
Beers & Ciders per 340ml	R0.08	Cigars 23g	R4.56
Spirits per 750ml bottle	R3.20	Pipe Tobacco 25g (piped)	R0.28

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