



UNREPORTED FOREIGN BANK ACCOUNTS?

We can help.

FOREIGN FUNDS VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE

Automatic Exchange of Information

Financial related information of persons who directly or indirectly own or control foreign bank accounts and other accounts in financial institutions will start being automatically exchanged between countries. This will happen on an annual basis starting in 2017 for information from 1 January 2016.

This global initiative, which is now committed for implementation by almost every country, aims towards fiscal transparency and combating tax evasion. Specifically, this is a globally coordinated approach for disclosure of income earned by individuals and organizations that maintain an account in one country and are tax residents in another country. The resident tax administration receiving the information can then verify whether the taxpayer has accurately reported his or her relevant income.

OECD-Common Reporting Standards

The G20 Countries and the EU are introducing this new legislation to ensure that banks and financial Institutions report to tax authorities the financial Investments of individual and entities which include Trust and Foundations. Their proposal will be changing the world forever and there is now no place to hide for those who have unreported assets which are not reported for tax in the investors' country of resident.

The most amazing part of the proposals is that overseas trust and foundations that always hide beneficial trust ownerships will now be pierced open and reporting done to various tax authorities worldwide.

The common reporting standards will force taxpayers standards to enter into voluntary disclosure programs and tax amnesties, were they are available.

Voluntary Disclosure Programs

For South African tax payers who have not previously formalized their foreign assets, it is necessary to formalize their foreign funds with the Reserve Bank and any for tax due on income received with the South African Revenue Bank.

The South African Reserve Bank Regularization Program

1. The Reserve Bank regulation program works as follows:

UNREPORTED OVERSEAS BANK ACCOUNTS?



The South African Reserve Bank and South African Revenue Services have a voluntary disclosure program in place that can formalize and legalize any undisclosed foreign funds.

LET US HELP YOU

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Depending on various factors a “forfeit to the state” i.e. fee is charged to regulate the Unreported/unauthorized foreign funds.

It is possible for certain situations to be legalized without any “fee” i.e.

1.1 Funds earned overseas

1.2 Funds that were in owned by immigrants to South Africa prior to the arrival in South Africa.

1.3 Funds inherited overseas (for funds inherited overseas from a South African Resident, there will be a fee payable to retain the funds offshore but no fee payable, if funds are returned back to South Africa.)

Taxation VDP (Voluntary Disclosure Program)

In terms of this program a taxpayer would need to disclose and thus regulate their tax situation. This would apply were for example: no interest or dividends income of foreign funds have not been reported. We would be able to submit all these applications.

Our Services

We can assist and undertake to formalize the foreign assets and undertake the necessary Voluntary Disclosure Programs.

Our services will endeavor to give best professional advice and hold your hand through this difficult emotional process.