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2026 BUDGET REVIEW
SUMMARY OF THE
BUDGET



national treasury

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National Treasury
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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	2025/26		2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
	Budget estimate	Revised estimate	Budget estimate	Medium-term estimates	
R million					
REVENUE					
Main budget revenue before tax proposals			2 082 003	2 190 835	2 320 601
Budget 2026/27: Net impact of tax proposals			-	-	-
Direct taxes			-	-	-
Personal income tax					
Inflationary adjustment to tax brackets and rebates			-	-	-
Inflationary adjustment to medical tax credits			-	-	-
Indirect taxes			-	-	-
Fuel levy					
Below inflation adjustment to general fuel levy			-1 000	-1 052	-1 109
Above inflation adjustment to carbon fuel levy			1 000	1 052	1 109
Specific excise duties					
Inflationary increase in excise duties on alcohol and tobacco			-	-	-
Main budget revenue after tax proposals	1 949 409	1 978 232	2 082 003	2 190 835	2 320 601
<i>Percentage change from previous year</i>			5.2%	5.2%	5.9%
EXPENDITURE					
Direct charges against the National Revenue Fund	1 114 811	1 131 868	1 162 835	1 212 166	1 254 616
Debt-service costs	426 346	420 610	432 449	451 450	469 321
Provincial equitable share	633 166	649 339	670 323	698 626	720 409
General fuel levy sharing with metropolitan municipalities	16 849	16 849	17 530	18 230	18 796
Public-sector-related pension, post-retirement medical and other benefits in terms of statutory and collective agreement obligations	7 901	8 049	8 541	9 389	9 680
Skills levy and sector education and training authorities	26 006	25 979	27 657	29 406	31 183
Other ¹⁾	4 543	11 042	6 334	5 067	5 226
Appropriated by vote	1 172 207	1 195 273	1 214 088	1 214 388	1 270 297
Current payments	298 664	301 836	309 468	322 272	332 375
Transfers and subsidies	846 693	863 270	884 643	872 999	916 856
Payments for capital assets	17 064	19 986	15 674	15 042	15 469
Payments for financial assets	9 787	10 182	4 303	4 075	5 597
Provisional allocations	18 712	-	1 322	38 207	39 199
Provisional allocations not appropriated	18 712	-	1 322	38 207	39 199
Total	2 305 730	2 327 141	2 378 245	2 464 761	2 564 112
Plus:					
Contingency reserve	5 000	-	5 008	10 603	16 957
Estimate of national expenditure	2 310 730	2 327 141	2 383 253	2 475 364	2 581 069
<i>Percentage change from previous year</i>			2.4%	3.9%	4.3%
2025 Budget estimate of expenditure		2 310 730	2 403 033	2 515 626	
<i>Increase / decrease (-)</i>		16 411	-19 781	-40 261	
Gross domestic product	7 872 157	7 756 746	8 188 090	8 615 136	9 077 256

1) Includes direct appropriations in respect of the salaries of the President, Deputy President, judges, magistrates, members of Parliament, Auditor-General of South Africa, National Revenue Fund payments (previously classified as extraordinary payments), the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds, payment of guarantees, indemnities and securities to the Land and Agricultural Development Bank of South Africa, Denel and the South African Reserve Bank and allocations made in the 2026 Special Appropriation (2025/26 financial year) Bill.

Source: National Treasury

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Summary of the consolidated budget					
	2025/26		2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
	Budget estimate	Revised estimate	Budget estimate	Medium-term estimates	
R million					
National budget revenue ¹⁾	1 949 409	1 978 232	2 082 003	2 190 835	2 320 601
Revenue of provinces, social security funds and public entities	251 420	253 443	263 424	276 466	292 137
Consolidated budget revenue ²⁾	2 200 828	2 231 675	2 345 427	2 467 301	2 612 738
National budget expenditure ¹⁾	2 310 730	2 327 141	2 383 253	2 475 364	2 581 069
Expenditure of provinces, social security funds and public entities	267 952	251 716	286 426	292 766	312 355
Consolidated budget expenditure ²⁾	2 578 682	2 578 857	2 669 679	2 768 130	2 893 424
Consolidated budget balance	-377 854	-347 182	-324 251	-300 829	-280 686
<i>Percentage of GDP</i>	<i>-4.8%</i>	<i>-4.5%</i>	<i>-4.0%</i>	<i>-3.5%</i>	<i>-3.1%</i>
Redemptions	-171 705	-159 520	-134 753	-284 151	-194 575
Domestic long-term loans	-111 357	-102 905	-98 590	-260 250	-147 724
Foreign loans	-60 349	-56 616	-36 163	-23 901	-46 850
Eskom debt-relief arrangement	-80 223	-80 000	-	-	-10 000
GFECRA settlement	25 000	25 000	56 000	-	-
Gross borrowing requirement	-604 782	-561 702	-403 005	-584 981	-485 261
Financing					
Domestic loans	378 168	427 483	269 400	452 000	359 100
Foreign loans	98 949	110 572	53 735	85 768	87 409
Change in cash and other balances	127 665	23 647	79 870	47 212	38 751
Total financing	604 782	561 702	403 005	584 981	485 261

1) Transfers to provinces, social security funds and public entities presented as part of the national budget.

2) Flows between national and provincial government, social security funds and public entities are netted out.

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