

MEDIA RELEASE



**Trinidad and Tobago
Securities and Exchange Commission
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Act #13 of 2019 - Tax Amnesty for the period 15th June, 2019 to 15th September, 2019.

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More information can be found on the Ministry of Finance's website at: <https://www.finance.gov.tt/tax-amnesty-2019/> and in the information below.



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WAIVER OF INTEREST

The Act provides for the waiver of:

- **Interest on any outstanding taxes**, where they are due and payable for the years up to and including the year ending 31st December, 2018 and that **the taxes are paid before or during** the period of the Tax Amnesty.
- **Outstanding interest** charged on any outstanding tax due and payable for the years up to 31st December, 2018, where the outstanding **taxes are paid before or during** the period of the Tax Amnesty.

Additionally, a waiver of penalties is applicable on or to:

- Any tax or outstanding tax or interest for the years up to and including the year ending 31st December, 2018, where the outstanding **taxes are paid before or during** the period of the Tax Amnesty.
- Any outstanding return for the years up to and including the year ending 31st December, 2018, **where the return is filed prior to or during** the period of the Tax Amnesty.

WAIVER OF PENALTIES

PAYMENT CENTRES

Payments can be made in cash or cheque at any of the following offices of the Inland Revenue Division:

REGIONAL OFFICES

Port-of-Spain, San Fernando & Scarborough, Tobago

DISTRICT REVENUE OFFICES

Chaguanas, Couva, Point Fortin, Princes Town, Rio Claro, Sangre Grande, San Fernando, Siparia, St George West, Port - of - Spain & Tunapuna

Please note the following:

- ✓ The waiver **shall not** apply to any interest and penalties **paid prior to 15th June, 2019**;
- ✓ Only Tax returns for the (6) year period (2013 - 2018) are valid for filing in 2019;
- ✓ Taxes and returns that remain outstanding after the amnesty ends, **will be subject to the revived penalties and interest and become payable, as if the waiver was never effected.**

For more information, please visit www.ird.gov.tt or call the hotline at 800-TAXX (8299)

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