

**PRESS STATEMENT!!**

**INTRODUCTION OF COVID-19 PALLIATIVES TO TAXPAYERS AND BUSINESSES**

In order to cushion the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on taxpayers, the Bauchi State Internal Revenue Service, with the compassionate approval of His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Bauchi State, Sen. Bala Abdulkadir Mohammed, *CON* wishes to grant the following tax reliefs and incentives to taxpayers and businesses in the state:

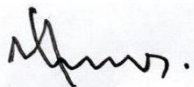
1. The deadline for submission of Return of Income (Form A) by taxable persons and filing of Annual Returns by employers in line with the provisions of Sections 41 and 81 of the Personal Income Tax Act (as amended) has been extended to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020.
2. Waiver of penalty and interest on late remittance of Pay-As-You-Earn (PAYE) deductions that fell due from January 2020 to July 2020 for employers of labour in the following economic sectors:
  - I. Entertainment/ Hospitality (Hotels, Restaurants, etc.)
  - II. Transportation (road transport operators and others)
  - III. Education (private school operators and others)
3. Waiver of penalty on late payment of ground rent for twelve months effective June 1, 2020;
4. Waiver of penalty on late payment of Deed Registration approved from January 2020 to December 2020.
5. The implementation of presumptive tax regime on all informal sector businesses (traders, artisans, market women, and other small-scale businesses) scheduled to commence in June 2020 is now shifted to October 2020.

6. The imposition of consumption tax on hotels, restaurants and allied services scheduled to commence in June 2020 is now shifted to October 2020.

To provide ease of tax compliance to taxpayers, the Bauchi State Internal Revenue Service wishes to inform the general public that it has introduced an electronic revenue collection platform for taxpayers to pay all taxes, levies and fees due to Bauchi state government via our website [www.birs.bu.gov.ng](http://www.birs.bu.gov.ng).

The Bauchi State Internal Revenue Service further wishes to call on our esteemed taxpayers and the general public to leverage on the opportunities given by the above reliefs/incentives and discharge all their tax obligations.

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