Your compliance calendar

October 2026 - September 2027 | Checked 21 October 2026

Selected South African deadlines for planning. Match these dates to your registrations, VAT category and financial year-end. This is a snapshot; check SARS notices and any extensions before submitting.

Due in	EMP201 return & payment	VAT eFiling (if applicable)
October 2026	07 Oct	30 Oct
November 2026	06 Nov	30 Nov
December 2026	07 Dec	31 Dec
January 2027	07 Jan	29 Jan
February 2027	05 Feb	26 Feb
March 2027	05 Mar	31 Mar
April 2027	07 Apr	30 Apr
May 2027	07 May	31 May
June 2027	07 Jun	30 Jun
July 2027	07 Jul	30 Jul
August 2027	06 Aug	31 Aug
September 2027	07 Sep	30 Sep

EMP201: due on the 7th of the following month, brought forward to the preceding business day if it falls on a weekend or public holiday.

VAT: these dates cover electronic filing and payment only. They apply when your assigned tax period ended in the previous month. They are not monthly obligations for every vendor. Manual submission rules differ.

Payments: allow for your bank's processing cut-off. Submit records early enough for review.

Filing dates & personal reminders

23 October 2026 | 2026 individual filing: non-provisional
If required to submit a return; check auto-assessment status.

31 October 2026 | 2026 interim EMP501 reconciliation
Employers: reconciliation for 1 March to 31 August 2026. Published date retained, including Saturday.

22 January 2027 | 2026 filing: provisional individuals and trusts
For the relevant 2026 return, where required.

26 February 2027 | IRP6 second period: February year-end
For provisional taxpayers with a February 2027 year-end.

31 August 2027 | IRP6 first period: February year-end
For provisional taxpayers with a February 2028 year-end.

30 September 2027 | Voluntary provisional tax top-up
For February 2027 year-end. Review any shortfall and interest with your adviser.

Add your own dates: CIPC annual returns and associated beneficial-ownership filings depend on the company anniversary (within 30 business days). Company tax, Compensation Fund and other obligations depend on your circumstances. Ask us to confirm your full schedule.

Calendar import: import the companion ICS into a separate calendar. It includes 7-day reminders; app settings may affect notifications. Remove events that do not apply. Imported dates do not update automatically.

Official sources (click to open)

SARS filing season 2026

SARS employer reconciliation

SARS returns and payments

SARS VAT obligations

SARS provisional tax

South African public holidays

CIPC annual returns