

Less tax. More savings - making the most of your tax benefits!

Our Alexforbes Member Watch™ show that the current retirement savings environment is characterised by low contributions, a culture of low preservation rates and a significant proportion of the working population not making provision for retirement.

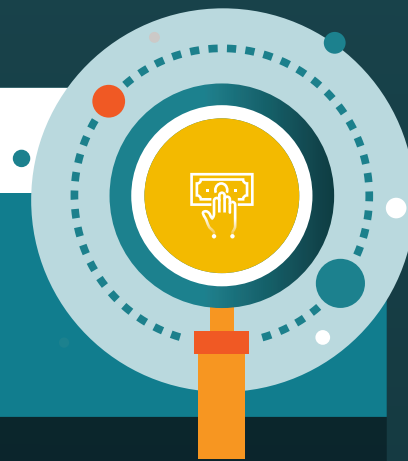


Remember:

SARS offers generous tax deductions when you make contributions to your retirement annuity (RA), pension or provident fund. You are able to make tax-deductible contributions of up to 27.5% of your taxable income (subject to a R430 000 limit per year). This simply means that you can save more for retirement and pay less tax!

Additional voluntary contributions (AVC)

You can add extra contributions to your retirement fund whenever you want by making an Additional Voluntary Contribution. (AVC). It does not have to be a regular contribution and can happen whenever you have extra money. There are generally no administration fees charged for putting extra money into your fund, so the full amount is invested for your retirement.



➤ To do so, you need to complete this **form** and give it to your human resources or payroll department.



You can contact the **My Money Matters Contact Centre** on **0860 000 381** or at **mymoneymatters@alexforbes.com** if you have any questions about putting extra money in the fund.

Increase your contribution rate

If your employer offers different contribution rates this is a great way to boost your ongoing retirement **savings**.

- Your contributions to your fund are deducted from your salary before tax.

5% If you contribute an additional 5%, your take-home pay will not decrease by the full 5%. Your taxable income would have reduced with 5% and your tax is then also less.

- When you contribute more to your retirement fund, more money is invested in your retirement savings and less goes to the tax man.



Please speak to **your HR or Payroll department** about increasing your contribution rates to the fund.

Sign up for a new retirement annuity

You can top up your retirement savings with a private retirement annuity, which has a number of benefits including tax incentives, flexible contribution rates, and they are separate from employment-related savings. Most annuities have a minimum investment amount to get started. You may need to save up, or wait until you receive a bonus.

AFRIS Retirement Annuity Fund

Alexforbes offers the AFRIS Retirement Annuity Fund - this is a secure, tax-efficient investment vehicle that has access to a variety of investment portfolios priced similar to pricing levels paid by employer funds.



You can invest a minimum of R500 each month and/or R30 000 as a lump sum. There are no taxes on the growth in an RA, similar to the benefit in a pension and provident fund.



[Click here](#) for more information

Open up a Tax-free savings account

It is a simple, flexible, and affordable way to invest and save. You can contribute R46 000 per tax year and R500 000 over your lifetime tax-free.

That means you save more, because there's no tax on growth, no administration fee and no performance-based fee.

Note: Any amount withdrawn from a tax-free savings account cannot be replaced and any contributions made above the R46 000 a year will be taxed at your applicable tax rate.



[Click here](#) to access the Alexforbes information guide or download the **TFSA form**.



You can also find out more from our call centre: **0860 66 4444** or email: investadmin@alexforbes.com

It is important to check what options you have in your retirement fund. If you need help choosing or understanding your options, please contact the **My Money Matters Centre** on **0860 000 381** or at mymoneymatters@alexforbes.com.