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PROVINCIAL TREASURY CIRCULAR NO. 11 OF 2018

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YEAR END CLOSURE PROCEDURES FOR 2017/18 FINANCIAL YEAR

1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Circular is to advise all Mpumalanga Provincial Departments of the year-end processes for the 2017/18 financial year.

2. PERIOD CLOSURE

The objective of this functional area is to provide the process that is required to close the financial accounts at year-end.

2.1 At year-end 31 March:

- a) The suspense account balances are transferred to the new financial year as opening balances.
- b) The revenue accounts for the current year are closed and the remainder transferred to the new financial year.
- c) All expenditure is cleared for the year by an automatic transaction performed by the Basic Accounting System (BAS).
- d) The Departmental delegated officials will initiate the year-end procedure on the system (BAS).

2.2 1 April 2018 to 20 April 2018:

- a) Departments should process journals through the BAS system to correct misallocations.
- b) All journals should have 30 March as the posting date. Any journal beyond this date will not reduce or increase the ledger account concerned for the financial year 2017/18. The system will only post the journals to the relevant financial year as the posting date is captured.
- c) No payment or receipt at this period will reduce or increase the ledger account concerned.

2.3 Preliminary Closure Date

- a) The Provincial Treasury has set **20 April 2018** as a preliminary day of closure and that date had been communicated and agreed with National Treasury.
- b) **All Departments are urged to close their books on or before 20 April 2018 and failure to do that will result in a Department being forced closed.**
- c) Any opened transactions that are not yet authorised should be cleared by the bookkeeping section through post closure journals.
- d) When the preliminary closure has been initiated, no journal can be posted to the closed year.
- e) The Chief Financial Officer should confirm and sign off the accounts balances.
- f) The Department should start with the preparation of the Annual Financial Statements (AFS) to be submitted to the Auditor-General by 31 May.
- g) Any changes of the figures after preliminary closure require an approval by both the Office of the Provincial Accountant-General and the Auditor-General. The two Offices must agree on the reasonability of the changes before the journals could be effected.
- h) Changes in the system should be performed by an official with post journal user identification.

3. AUDIT FINAL CLOSURE DATE

- a) The Departments must perform the final audit closure on or before 30 September 2018.
- b) Final closure of the year is performed after the Auditor-General has issued the final audit report.
- c) After audit final closure, no changes can be made to any transactions in the BAS system for the financial year under review.

4. GENERAL

The following issues need to be addressed before 20 April 2018:

- a) Exceptions must be cleared. All PMG, Telkom, PERSAL and all other Department-specific interface exceptions must be cleared before closing a year.
- b) All manual cheque payments must be captured into the system.
- c) The Trial Balance, Matching Reports, Detail Reports and Expenditure Control Reports must be checked for incorrect allocations and any unreconciled balances on suspense accounts. The departmental delegated official must:
 - Request Matching/Detail Reports on all suspense accounts to investigate balances on the Trial Balance.
 - Request expenditure Control Reports and Detailed Reports to investigate incorrect allocations.
- d) All transactions with a status of “unauthorised” must be authorised or cancelled.
- e) Ex-gratia payments, theft and losses records must be reconciled with the relevant approvals.
- f) Investment accounts of special funds must be reconciled for final statement purposes.
- g) All claims and invoices received and all expenditure incurred on behalf of other departments and institutions must be paid or claimed as soon as possible, but not later than 31st March of any financial year.

5. 2018 MONTH END CLOSURE

- a) The PMG Account balance must be reconciled with the balance as per the bank statement, on a monthly basis.
- b) Balances on the following must be zero (0) before closing a month. However, should there be a balance on one of these accounts, it must be declared to Provincial Treasury by Departments:
 - BAS EBT Control
 - ACB Debit
 - PMG Adjustment
 - TELKOM Control
 - Debt Suspense
- c) Balances on the following accounts must be zero (0) before closing a month:
 - Exception Account
 - Receipt Pending Control
 - Debt Receipt Control
 - Fund Requisition
 - Salary Interface Control
 - Salary Transfer Control

In addition to monthly procedures the following must be performed:


- a) Opening journals depicting the Statutory and Departmental budget as Appropriated must be captured.
- b) A journal to debit the Revenue Accrual Account and credit the respective income items with the amounts not paid over in the previous financial year must be generated and captured.
- c) If the Exchequer Grant Account has a credit balance as at year-end, the amount must be paid over to the Provincial Exchequer Account (Provincial Treasury).
- d) If the Exchequer Grant Account has a debit balance, the amount must be journalised to the Unauthorised Expenditure Account.
- e) Contingency liability on state guarantees must be quantified and verified with the appropriate financial institutions by the end of December each year.
- f) Financial Year End Mappings (after capturing new segments details):
 - The financial year end mappings are required to drive the automatic process that transfers account balances once the closing of the financial year has been authorised (March month of each year is closed). The System Controller must check and verify that the mappings are correct.
 - The mapping is used to debit /credit accounts that need to be cleared at financial year-end. The following accounts needs to be cleared: General Account of the Vote Available, Exchequer Grant, all Income Funds, all Expenditure Funds, General Accounts of Revenue, Revenue Accrual Account, all Trading Expense Funds, all Trading Income Funds and all Revolving Funds.
- g) The net results of the Financial Year-end transactions are that:
 - All expense accounts have a zero (0) balance
 - All income accounts have a zero (0) balance
 - The General Account of the Vote Available item has a zero (0) balance
 - The General Account of the Revenue item has a zero (0) balance
 - A credit balance on the Exchequer Grant Account indicates the amount to be paid over to the Exchequer Account, while a debit balance indicates unauthorised expenditure.
 - The balance on the Revenue Accrual Account determines whether a Department has paid over all the revenue received during the previous financial period or not. If the account has a debit balance, too much has been paid over and if it has a credit balance, the balance is still to be paid over.
- h) Departments are advised to also follow BAS Notice 1 of 2018 and Logis Financial Year End Procedures action plan as issued by BAS and Logis for further guidance.
- i) FYE March month end down times for Logis
 - Due to the March 2018 month-end run, the LOGIS system will not be available from 20h00 Thursday the 29th of March 2018 till 08h00 on Monday the 9th of April 2018
 - Logis Business Information Systems (LBIS) will be available on Monday the 09th of April 2018 from 08h00 to enable Departments to draw necessary reports

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Note: Close-off procedures are performed at Head Office and Departments must contact Provincial Treasury: Interlinked Financial Systems Unit before they close the financial year-end.

Your co-operation in this regard is appreciated.

Regards


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