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### PROVINCIAL TREASURY CIRCULAR 1 OF 2013: STANDARD CHART OF ACCOUNT (SCOA) INFORMATION SESSION - CHART CHANGES TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON 01 APRIL 2013.

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  - THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER: VOTE 4: COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE & TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (Mr D. MAHLOBO)
  - THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER: VOTE 5: AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT & LAND ADMINISTRATION (Ms N.L. SITHOLE)
  - THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER: VOTE 6: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM (Dr D.V. DLAMINI)
  - THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER: VOTE 7: EDUCATION: (Mrs M.O.C. MHLABANE)
  - THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER: VOTE 8: PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS & TRANSPORT (Mr K.M. MOHLASEDI)
  - THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER: VOTE 9: SAFETY, SECURITY & LIAISON (Mr S.T. SIBUYI)
  - THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER: VOTE 10: HEALTH (Mr R.. MNISI)
  - THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER: VOTE 11: CULTURE, SPORTS & RECREATION (Ms S.P. MJWARA)
  - THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER: VOTE 12: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (Ms N.L. MLANGENI)
  - THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER: VOTE 13: HUMAN SETTLEMENT (Mr M.S. MTSWENI)
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  - THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: VOTE 3: FINANCE (Ms P. SEMENYA)
  - THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: VOTE 4: COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE & TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (Mr M.D. SHIPALANA)
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  - THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: VOTE 7: EDUCATION (Mr C.B. MNISI)
  - THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (ACTING): VOTE 8: PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS & TRANSPORT (Mr SEB. MATHEBULA)
  - THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: VOTE 9: SAFETY, SECURITY & LIAISON (Mr B.H. NGOMA)
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(SCOA) INFORMATION SESSION - CHART CHANGES TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON  
01 APRIL 2013.

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**1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1. The purpose of this circular is to invite Departments to a Standard chart of Account (SCOA) information session of the changes that will be implemented on the chart on 01 April 2013.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. The National Treasury attempts to continually improve the Standard chart of Accounts (SCOA) with the aim of simplifying transactional procedures and eliminating misclassification of transactions in the Basic Accounting System (BAS). To this end a number of improvements have been made to the SCOA, mainly to address the issue of inconsistencies in classification between the various segments of the chart.
- 2.2. The SCOA team implemented some of these reforms on the 1st of April 2012, as a pilot phase to ensure that all issues raised by Departments are addressed before full re-implementation. This allowed Departments the opportunity to make additional adjustments before re-implementation on the 1st of April 2013.
- 2.3. The chart amendments have now been finalized and released to Departments via BAS.

**3. IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1. The information sessions will provide practitioners with the main changes made on the chart of accounts and should not be viewed as extensive SCOA training sessions, as not all aspects of classification will be discussed.
- 3.2. In order to assist with the roll-out, the SCOA project team and Provincial Treasury will be conducting information sessions and would like to invite all financial practitioners across the spectrum of the function which will be limited to a maximum of seven officials per Department for the Provincial Session for the Head Office (Riverside Government Complex) and two officials per store for the Regional Sessions.
- 3.3. It is envisaged that officials from Budget, Expenditure, Supply Chain, Bookkeeping, Logis Syscon, Bas Syscon and Assistant BAS Syscon should attend the Provincial Workshop (Head Office) session. Over and above the above session budget officials will be provided with an additional information session in preparation of capturing the budget in BAS.

3.4. Outlined below are the dates of the information sessions and all venues will be confirmed:

- 08 March 2013 - Provincial Information Session
- 12 March 2013 - Budget Officials Session (Five per Department)
- 13 March 2013 - Ehlanzeni and Bohlabela Region Session
- 14 March 2013 - Gert Sibande Region Session
- 15 March 2013 - Nkangala Region Session
- 18 March 2013 - 20 March 2013 - Health hospitals and districts.

#### 4. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Departments release relevant officials to attend the SCOA information session as per the schedule from 10H00 to 16H00. Departments are further advised to send officials who will be able to assist other officials in the Department through workshops or one on one session.

Regards,



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