

Newsletter – May 2026

Newsletter for the month of May 2026 from the pen of Jaco Fouché, CEO in Midnight Moon Accounting – your partner to your company's financial success.

Tax Tip: Are Your Contractors Correctly Classified?

Many businesses engage individuals as independent contractors, but SARS requires employers to carefully assess whether these individuals are truly independent. The key consideration is whether the contractor operates independently or is effectively working like an employee. If the individual performs their duties mainly at your premises and is subject to your control or supervision, they may be classified as an employee for tax purposes — meaning PAYE should be deducted. Misclassification can result in penalties, interest, and additional tax liabilities for the employer. To reduce risk, ensure that contracts reflect the true nature of the working relationship and review these arrangements regularly to remain compliant.

Additional Tax & SARS Updates

- **SARS Compliance Focus:** SARS continues to increase its use of data matching and audits, particularly around payroll and contractor classification. Ensuring your PAYE and IRP5 reporting is correct is more important than ever.
- **Supporting Documentation:** SARS is placing greater emphasis on proper record-keeping. Make sure all expenses, invoices, and supporting documents are well organised and easily accessible in case of verification or audit.

Client Success Story

- **All About You – Award-Winning Excellence in Johannesburg**
- We are incredibly proud to celebrate our client, **All About You**, on being recognised as the **Best Salon in Johannesburg** — a remarkable achievement that follows their recent full studio renovation.
- What began as a vision to create a calm, beautiful space where every client feels valued and cared for has grown into a leading name in the beauty and wellness industry. This award reflects their commitment to combining **clinical excellence with a luxury client experience**, setting them apart in a competitive market.
- In addition, they were honoured with a **Highest Purchase Certificate**, highlighting their dedication to using only premium, industry-leading products in every treatment.
- To the team at All About You — your passion and professionalism continue to inspire. We are proud to be part of your journey and look forward to seeing your continued success.
- **Contact details:** Cordelia – 079 516 5575

Important Deadlines & Reminders

Deadline	Tax Type	Notes
Deadline	Description	Deadline
7 May 2026	PAYE, UIF, SDL payments due	7 May 2026
25 May 2026	VAT submission & payment (manual)	25 May 2026
31 May 2026	VAT submission & payment (eFiling)	31 May 2026
31 May 2026	EMP501 Reconciliation	31 May 2026
Ongoing	Maintain accurate records for SARS compliance	Ongoing

Financial Year-End Planning Reminder

As we move further into the financial year, it's a good time to start thinking ahead. Reviewing your tax position, managing costs effectively, and preparing for upcoming obligations can make a significant difference to your financial outcomes.

We encourage you to **schedule a planning session with Jaco** to review your business performance, optimise your tax position, and explore opportunities for the months ahead.

Thank You

Thank you for being part of our journey. For more updates and support, visit us at www.midnightmoon.co.za, call us at **011 568 8346**, or connect with us on Facebook at **Midnight Moon Accounting**.

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Quote of the Month

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out."
