

MEDIA RELEASE

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NamRA Warns Against Use of Fake Tax Good Standing Certificates

The Namibia Revenue Agency (NamRA) alerts the public and all taxpayers to the increased circulation of counterfeit Tax Good Standing Certificates, which have been submitted in various processes requiring proof of good tax standing, including public procurement. NamRA has detected multiple cases of fraudulent certificates, and to date, 42 such cases have been identified. Out of these, 13 have escalated to criminal investigations by the Namibian Police, resulting in nine arrests since March 2023.

NamRA emphasizes that the use or presentation of falsified Tax Good Standing Certificates is a serious criminal offense. This illegal activity not only erodes public trust and compliance but also disadvantages law-abiding taxpayers who compete fairly in both public and private sectors. We strongly urge all individuals and entities to refrain from engaging in such fraudulent practices. NamRA remains available to assist all taxpayers in maintaining valid tax compliance to ensure access to all entitlements.

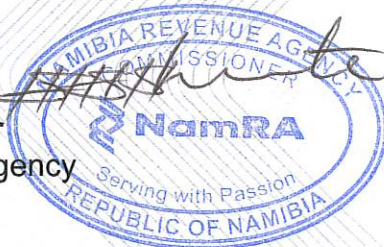
Additionally, NamRA calls on public institutions, businesses, and any entities involved in processes requiring Tax Good Standing Certificates to exercise vigilance by verifying the authenticity of all certificates submitted. Any suspicious documents should be reported immediately via our Whistleblower Hotline at **0800 535 777**.

NamRA is committed to upholding a compliant and fair business environment, protecting the interests of all taxpayers and Namibia's revenue system. Together, let us reinforce integrity and accountability across all sectors.

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