

TAXPAYERS GET 30-DAY WINDOW TO CLEAR ARREARS

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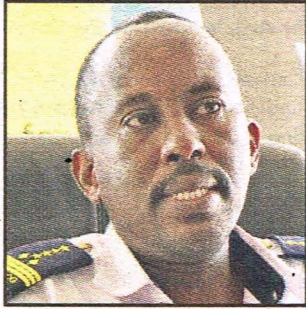
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The Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) has intensified its call for tax compliance, giving taxpayers a 30-day window to clear outstanding obligations, file pending returns and take advantage of the tax waiver before the June 30 deadline.

Speaking ahead of the close of the 2025/2026 financial year, URA commissioner-general John Rujoki Musinguzi said the authority remains confident of meeting its revenue target of sh36.7 trillion if taxpayers comply with their obligations on time.

“Compliance is a shared responsibility. When businesses and individuals pay on time, we can fund the services that drive Uganda’s growth,” Musinguzi said.

He commended compliant taxpayers for their contribution to revenue collection despite prevailing economic challenges, noting that URA is relying on technology and improved service delivery to



URA boss: Musinguzi

ease tax compliance.

“Through our digital strategy, we hope to serve our clients better and faster. This technology will transform the entire tax administration by offering instant services and reducing queues and backlogs. Our goal is to make it simple for you to do the right thing,” Musinguzi said.

He also called on taxpayers to file outstanding returns before the deadline, even where they are unable to settle the full tax liability immediately.

According to URA, filing on time reduces penalties



and demonstrates good faith, which the authority considers when reviewing requests for payment plans.

Musinguzi added that filing returns on time helps taxpayers remain compliant and allows URA to consider requests for manageable payment arrangements.

“Delays only result in additional penalties,” he said.

The tax body boss said URA

is currently offering a waiver on penalties and interest for taxpayers who voluntarily disclose and settle principal tax arrears by June 30.

“Taxpayers with arrears still have a window to save money,” Musinguzi said.

He said the waiver covers outstanding taxes, including value-added tax, Pay As You Earn and income tax, provided the principal tax liability is

paid in full by June 30.

The authority said taxpayers with outstanding arrears stand to benefit from the relief, warning that penalties and interest will apply in full after the deadline.

“Do not wait for the last minute to make payments; systems get congested, banks take time to process payments and late action attracts penalties. Act now and keep

A placard at the Airtel roundabout in Jinja Road in Kampala notifying taxpayers of a 30-day window to clear taxes on Monday. Penalties shall be waived within this period

your business running without interruption,” Musinguzi said.

URA said it continues to prioritise taxpayer education, mediation and stakeholder engagement as part of efforts to improve voluntary compliance.

The URA chief added that the taxman is also intensifying surveillance at porous border points to curb smuggling and protect domestic revenue.

“With the financial year end approaching, check your tax position, file and pay your returns and claim the waiver before June 30. Beat the clock, start the new financial year compliant and keep your business on the right side of the law,” he said.

URA is the principal government agency responsible for assessing, collecting and accounting for all central government taxes and revenues in Uganda. Established by an Act of Parliament in 1991, it operates under the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.