
NHI and Tax Certificates

In this month's newsletter we'll briefly address concerns about the signing of the NHI Bill into law and, with tax season approaching, how you can retrieve your medical aid tax certificates.



NHI Bill signed into law, now what?

There has been much in the media recently about the NHI Bill, with even more after it was signed into law by President Ramaphosa on the 15th of May. This has left many members concerned about what it means to their medical aid and gap cover.

The bottom line is it'll make very little impact for a number of years and you should not make any rash decisions to cancel your cover. While we all accept the need for universal health coverage, it is widely accepted that in it's current form the NHI is unworkable, unaffordable and is likely to be legally challenged. Irrespective of these potential legal delays, the implementation was always going to be done over two phases - the first phase from 2024 to 2026, and the second mobilisation phase, from 2026 to 2028..

Our message to our clients is that there is no need to panic, and you must continue with your current healthcare arrangements, as the Act is a long way from being fully implemented.



Medical aid tax certificates?

We get regular requests for medical aid tax certificates, so we'll use this opportunity to share a number of different ways you can access yours.

- **Online** - you can access your tax certificates by logging onto the Discovery website and navigating to [this link](#).

- **App** - you can use the Discovery app on your phone (which you can get from [Google Play Store](#) or [Apple App Store](#)) and navigating as follows:
 - Log in using the same log in details as online
 - Scroll down and click on the "Medical aid" section
 - Scroll down and click on "Manage your plan and find documents"
 - Click on "Documents"
 - Click on "Tax certificate"
 - Choose the year you wish to download and the email address to send it to.

- **WhatsApp** - you can use this service as follows:
 - Save the number 0860 756 756 on your phone
 - Send a message: "Please send me my tax certificate"
 - Select the tax year
 - Your certificate will be sent to you immediately

If you have any queries regarding either of these topics, please feel free to contact your broker or our office.

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