



Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) Press Release on COVID-19

In response to COVID-19, FIRS through message 'Press Release' from the Executive Chairman of the Service, Muhammad Nami, announced the launching of Business Continuity Plan (BCP) stating measures to ensure the safety and well-being of staff, taxpayers, stakeholders and visitors. Some of the measures are:

- (i) Usage of various e-platforms for filing of tax returns, payment of taxes and Tax Clearance Certificate application;
- (ii) Liberty to engage FIRS via electronic mail, in line with the Finance Act, 2020 or call contact centres on 09097444444 or 09097111111.

For those that still like to visit FIRS offices, they remain open only that they have to adhere strictly to globally recommended social distancing rules and general hygiene practices.

In addition to the above, and to compliment the Federal Government and the Central Bank of Nigeria palliatives to cushion the effect of COVID-19, FIRS is offering the following to taxpayers:

- (i) Extension of timeline for filing of VAT, WHT to the last working day of the month following the month of deduction;
- (ii) CIT due date for filing has been extended by one month;
- (iii) For Taxpayers already profiled on e-filing platform, all returns could be made through the platform or alternatively, submit via e-mail;
- (iv) Taxpayers are allowed to file with the FIRS without an audited account, provided that the relevant audited accounts are submitted unflinching within two months after the revised due date of filing.

Click on <https://www.firs.gov.ng/PressRelease/COVID19ECFIRS> for details of the appropriate e-mail for submission of returns as well as for more information on the Press Release.

