

The public purse

South Africa's 2025/26 money map

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Economies at a glance
March 2025

Revenue

How will the proposed tax changes hit wallets?

FY2025/26 tax proposals

No inflationary adjustment to tax brackets

R18 billion



No inflationary adjustment to medical aid tax credits

R1.5 billion



0.5pp increase in the value-added tax rate to 15.5%

R13.5 billion



Additional zero-rated items

-R2 billion



No adjustment to fuel levy

-R4 billion



Sin taxes

R1 billion



Sin taxes tighten up



R1.04 per packet of 20 cigarettes



29c per 750ml of unfortified wine



R5.97 per 750ml bottle of spirits



16c per 340ml can of malt beer



16c per 340ml can of cider/alcoholic fruit beverages

Summary

The budget in numbers



R2 221.9 billion



R2 592.3 billion



-R370.4 billion



R6 094.2 billion



R424.9 billion

Expenditure

Where does your tax rand go?

These three eat 60% of the budget

- R822.8 billion keeps government running (wage bill)
- R424.9 billion just pays the debt bill
- R284.8 billion lifts more than 27.6 million people out of poverty

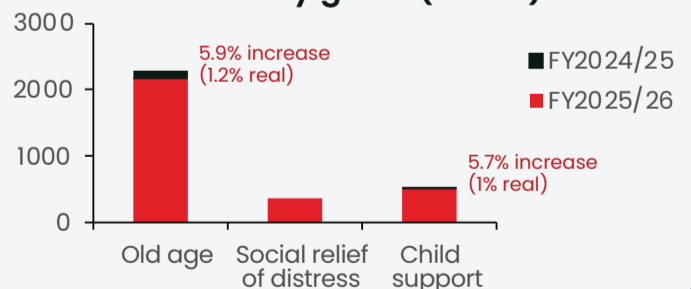
Social grants

Lifeline for the poor amid economic strain

Recipients

- 4.3 million old age
- 8.7 social relief of distress
- 13.3 million child support

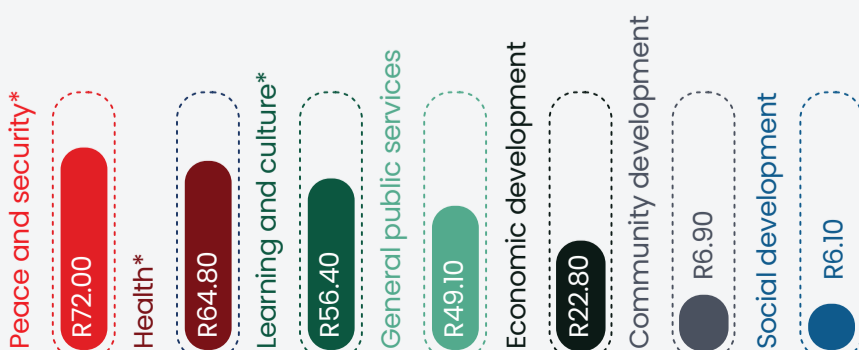
Monthly grant (rands)



Public paycheque

Funding the frontline

Out of every R100 spent per department (non-interest), how much is spent on the wage bill? (FY2025/26)



Government proposes R70.7 billion to be spent over the medium-term framework for additional frontline workers*

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Debt-service costs Interest trap

Equivalent for every R100 spent on debt-service costs (FY2025/26)

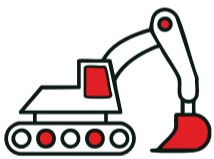


Did you know?

If you spend **R1 billion** rand every day, it will take 16 years and 7 months to spend all of SA's debt

Infrastructure

Rebuilding South Africa

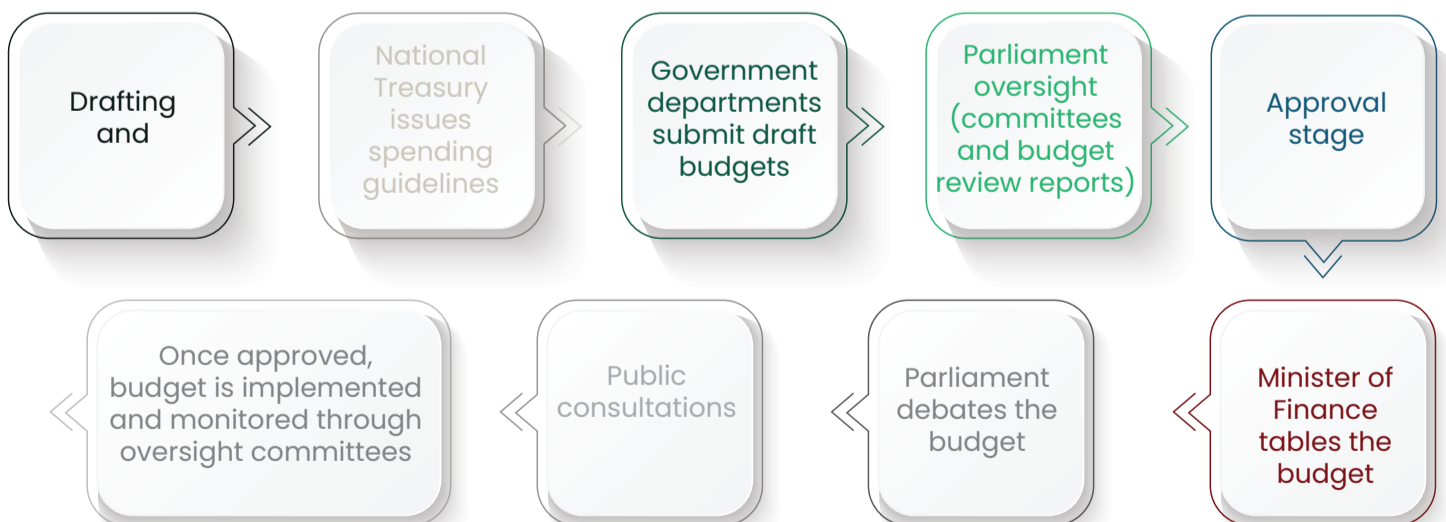


R1.03 trillion public infrastructure spending proposed over the next three years

This includes R402 billion for road infrastructure, R219.2 billion for energy capex and R156.3 billion for water and sanitation projects

Budget process

From plan to parliament



Parliament votes on budget bills and other budget instruments in the following order:

