



Single Discretionary Allowance (“SDA”)

South African Residents (natural persons) who are 18 years and older may be permitted to avail themselves of a Single Discretionary Allowance (SDA) within an overall limit of R1 million per individual per calendar year, which may be used for any legal purpose abroad, without the requirement to obtain an Approval for International Transfer (AIT) in terms of the requirements of SARS.

Individuals who can avail themselves of the SDA include South African Residents Temporarily Abroad (i.e. any resident who has departed from the Republic to any Country outside the Common Monetary Area (CMA), meaning South Africa, Namibia, Lesotho and eSwatini, with no intention of taking up permanent residency in another country.

Calendar year means a period from 1st January to 31st December.

What makes up your SDA limit?

- Transfers of funds to a destination outside of the CMA, across different banks for the following purposes:
 - Monetary gifts and loans
 - Donations to missionaries
 - Maintenance transfers
 - Travel allowance
 - Study allowance
 - Investment purposes (excluding gold and jewellery)
 - Any other legal payment made in terms of the SDA dispensation.
- Card expenditure whilst offshore (outside the CMA).
- Purchase of foreign currency on our SHYFT application.
- Purchase of Foreign Currency Notes.
- Travelling expenses in or to a destination outside of the CMA (accommodation, uber, etc.)
- Investments made in terms of the SDA dispensation into foreign currency accounts in local banks.

Important to note

- If Residents wish to utilise their travel allowance in a preceding calendar year in respect of a journey commencing in the next calendar year, the amounts availed of must be deducted from the single discretionary allowance of the following calendar year.
- Children under the age of 18 may be accorded R200 000 travel allowance (including purchase of foreign currency notes) but may not avail themselves of the SDA Limit.
- The SDA Limit may not be carried forward to the following calendar year.
- Unutilised foreign currency accorded for travel purposes must be offered for resale to Authorised Dealers within 30 days following the return of the traveller to South Africa.
- You may not purchase forex (foreign currency) more than 60 days prior to departure.
- Foreign nationals may be granted travel allowance within the SDA limit of R1 million per calendar year.
- Individuals ceasing to be South African residents for tax purposes qualify for an allowance of up to R1 million during the calendar year that they ceased to be South African residents for tax purposes.

What are your responsibilities?

- You are responsible for ensuring that you remain within the R1 million per annum limit across different channels and products that impact the SDA Limit, including travel expenditure.
- You are responsible for ensuring that you remain within the R1 million per annum SDA Limit across different Authorised Dealers (Banks).
- You are responsible for acquainting yourself with the declaration contained in the integrated form (BoP Form) and/or on the mobile banking application and/or SHYFT.

In circumstances where the Resident contravenes the limits and/or transacts outside of the parameters outlined above, the Financial Surveillance Department of the SA Reserve Bank may institute administrative actions against the Resident in terms of the provisions of Exchange Control Regulations.

Additional information and guidance is available in the **Currency and Exchanges Manual for Individuals**, which can be viewed at www.resbank.co.za.

Should you have any further questions in this regard, please reach out to your Relationship Management team, or contact WlonCall on 0861 001 052.