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# Budget Snapshots

## Exchange Control Relaxations for Natural Persons

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## **Cash Balances in South Africa**

Authorised Dealers (i.e. most commercial banks) may remit abroad, on a once-off basis, the remaining cash balances not exceeding R100 000 in total of private individuals who have ceased to be residents for tax purposes, without reference to the South African Revenue Service.

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## **Foreign Investments via Foreign Trusts**

The Financial Surveillance Department will consider applications by private individuals who wish to invest in excess of the R10 million foreign capital allowance limit, in different asset classes. Such investments, if approved, could be facilitated via a foreign domiciled and registered trust. The dispensation would also apply to private individuals who have existing authorised foreign assets, irrespective of the value thereof.

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## **Retention of Foreign Gifts, Donations and Inheritances**

Resident individuals may, effective 23 February 2022, receive and retain abroad monetary and other legitimate gifts and donations received from a non-resident source without having to declare it to an Authorised Dealer.

In addition, resident individuals may without reference to the Financial Surveillance Department retain foreign assets inherited from a South African estate, and residents with authorized foreign assets may also lend and/or dispose of such authorised foreign assets to other South African residents, subject to local tax disclosure and compliance.

These dispensations shall not apply retrospectively and any contravention before 23 February 2022 must still be regularised with the Financial Surveillance Department.



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## Online Forex Trading

Resident individuals may utilise the investment portion of their single discretionary allowance and/or foreign capital allowance to participate in online foreign exchange trading activities.

These online trading activities generally include one or a combination of options, such as trading global currencies against each other, trading a contract for difference, trading in foreign stocks, trading commodities including crypto currencies and trading foreign indices using the online trading platform of the broker concerned.

Residents should note that they may not fund their international trading accounts (including crypto currency trading accounts) at registered brokers using South African credit, debit and virtual cards, but such trading accounts should be funded in terms of the single discretionary and/or foreign capital allowance, i.e. the Authorised Dealer concerned must convert the Rand into foreign currency and transfer such funds via the banking system as an Electronic Funds Transfer to a foreign bank account or the funds can be deposited in a foreign currency account at an Authorised Dealer.



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