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**CLARITY ON INCREASE OF TAKE HOME PAY FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES**

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**The News Flash serves to give clarity on the National Treasury circular (Attached-herewith), addressed to the CEO of the Association for Savings and Investments of South Africa (ASISA). The circular, currently doing rounds in social media, has been unfortunately misconstrued as something that has to do with the impending payments of salary increase and gratuity due public servants, by gullible members of the public, including some of our members.**

The real fact of the matter is that the circular addresses the new minimum take home pay for employees, to obviate situations wherein some take home a meagre salary, after over-deductions from stop orders.

Consequent to the above, the Accounting General has met with both ASISA and the South African Insurance Association (SAIA), to increase the minimum take home pay, based on the current economic status of the country.

Thus, with effect from 01 October 2021, the minimum take home pay for government employees will be increased to R3000-00 per month. Stop order application to PERSAL that exceeds the minimum permissible amount of the employee 's home take salary will be rejected, to allow the employee to receive the R3000-00 threshold, as determined by Accounting General.

**Any deduction other deduction that should come from the salary will be allowed as debit order from employee 's bank account.**

*It is against this background that PEU members are advised to request stop order deductions that will not be over the threshold.*

**We further wish to implore you MaPEU-Amahle, to always steer clear of misinformation campaigns doing rounds in social media. Always touch base with your nearest Leadership structures to get clarity on issues you do not understand.**

**May you always stay well-informed**

***For and on behalf of the Professional Educators' Union!***

*Yours truly*

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