



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
MINISTRY OF FINANCE

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MEDIA RELEASE

**THE OFFICES OF THE INLAND REVENUE DIVISION, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE
DIVISION AND NATIONAL INSURANCE BOARD
WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD OF RESTRICTIONS
IMPOSED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH NOVEL CORONAVIRUS REGULATIONS
FROM MARCH 31, 2020 TO APRIL 15, 2020 AND THEREAFTER**

The Minister of Finance, Hon. Colm Imbert, wishes to advise that consistent with Public Health Regulation 3(2)(aa) and Public Health Regulation 3(2)(v)(i) of the Public Health [2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)] (No. 5) Regulations 2020, the offices of the Inland Revenue Division, the Customs and Excise Division and the National Insurance Board will be open for business from tomorrow March 31, 2020 to April 15, 2020, i.e. throughout the period of restrictions imposed by the most recent Public Health Coronavirus Regulations, and thereafter.

This will permit the payment of Corporation Tax, Income Tax, Value Added Tax, Business Levy, Green Fund, Health Surcharge and other Taxes and Levies to, and collection of same by, the Inland Revenue Division and the payment of Customs Duty, Excise Duty and other Levies, Fees and Charges to, and collection of same by, the Customs Division, and allow for the payment of National Insurance Contributions to, and Benefits by, the National Insurance Board.

In addition, Public Health Regulation 3(2)(v)(iv) permits persons to be at a workplace associated with the processing and maintenance of systems for processing insurance and financial transactions and services, such as payment of Taxes, Customs Duty and National Insurance Contributions. However, it must be noted that this applies only to persons ESSENTIAL for the carrying out, or provision of, such services. In the furtherance of the above, all persons are reminded that all other aspects of the Public Health [2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)] (No. 5) Regulations 2020 will



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apply and it is expected that in paying their taxes and NIS contributions, individuals and companies will act accordingly. - END -

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