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CIRCULAR TO THE INDUSTRY

RE: 2021 YEAR-END PAY-OUT APPLICATIONS (SICK BONUS, LEAVE PAY & HOLIDAY BONUS 13TH CHEQUE PAYMENT)

This circular serves as a notification to all Industry employers and employees that the 2021 year-end Pay-Out Application Process will be open from 11 October 2021.

Kindly note that it is mandatory for employers to submit applications through the online e-Business System by logging on to www.nbcrfionline.org.za on behalf of employees who are due for leave pay and sick bonuses.

Employers who do not shut down during the December period must apply for employee's annual leave using the individual leave application process on the Online System.

Please also take note of the following important information:

1. Please ensure that all relevant employee information is accurate, including individual banking details and FICA compliance for Paycard holders.
2. Employers and employees need to be mindful that only banking details submitted on the application will be used for payment. The NBCRFLI will not be held liable for incorrect/non-payment where banking details are changed once applications are calculated. Banking details loaded by the employer after applications are calculated will not be utilised for year-end pay-outs.

3. Applications are to be submitted from 11 October 2021 to 26 November 2021. No applications will be considered after this date.
4. No payments will be made until the October 2021 monthly returns have been received and processed by Council.
5. Sick Leave Bonus Payments
 - a) Bonus payments will only be made on completion of the three (3) year sick leave cycle from the date of commencing employment, or from the date that the previous sick leave cycle expires. An employee's commencement date will thus determine the month and year during which he/she may expect a bonus payment.
 - b) Council will pay a sick leave bonus, subject to the above, based on contributions received during the preceding three (3) years less sick leave days paid to that employee.
 - c) An employee who has utilised all his sick leave benefits will not qualify for any sick leave bonus payments at the end of the sick leave cycle.
6. You are further advised that no employer reimbursement payments in respect of sick bonus and leave pay will be accepted. Sick bonus and leave pay applications must be lodged in the prescribed manner during the course of the year.
7. As it was the case last year, employers will only be required to provide Council with a payment release date for the December Holiday Bonus 13th cheque payments.
8. The names of employees who are no longer employed are to be removed from the applications and pro-rata leave vouchers (Annexure F) must be submitted.
9. Once calculations have been finalised by Council, a notification will be sent to employers to query or confirm calculations online, within **72 Hours**. If no feedback is received from the employer within the stipulated **72 hours** after the notification has been sent, calculations will automatically be confirmed and processed for payment. Employers must ensure that their correct contact information (email address) is updated on the online system.

10. Payments will only be released on the expected pay date selected as per employer's instruction. Once the expected pay date is submitted no changes will be allowed.
11. Employers need to be mindful that in order for the year-end pay-outs to be paid on the expected pay date, all monthly returns up to and including October 2021 must be paid timeously and outstanding banking details submitted by the due date.

Should you require any assistance please do not hesitate to contact your regional Funds Administration Office or Designated Agent. Your co-operation with the above procedure is highly appreciated as it will ensure the smooth processing of applications and payments.

Yours Faithfully

National Secretary

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