Zero-rated and exempt supplies

The following goods and services are zero-rated:

- Exports
- 19 basic food items
- Illuminating paraffin
- Goods which are subject to the fuel levy (petrol and diesel)
- International transport services
- Farming inputs
- Sales of going concerns, and
- Certain grants by government.

Goods and services exempted from VAT are:

- Non-fee related financial services
- Educational services provided by an approved educational institution
- Residential rental accommodation, and
- Public road and rail transport.
Basic foodstuffs zero-rated in South Africa

- Brown bread.
- Maize meal.
- Samp.
- Mealie rice.
- Dried mealies.
- Dried beans.
- Lentils.
- Pilchards/sardinella in tins.
- Milk powder.
- Dairy powder blend.

- Rice.
- Vegetables.
- Fruit.
- Vegetable oil.
- Milk.
- Cultured milk.
- Brown wheaten meal.
- Eggs.
- Edible legumes and pulses of leguminous plants.