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## The People's Portal - PAY.GOV.GD, Celebrates One Year

**St. George's Grenada June 18, 2021**: The Inland Revenue Division (IRD) on Thursday June 17th, 2021 celebrated the first anniversary of the introduction of Government's online payment Portal <u>pay.gov.gd</u>.

This payment portal, developed in response to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, has proven to be very effective in making it easier for Grenadians at home and in the diaspora to do business with Government.

Dubbed 'the People's Portal', <u>pay.gov.gd</u>, enables taxpayers to pay their driver's and motor vehicle licences online with their credit/debit cards in the comfort of their homes, offices or anywhere there is available internet access. Over the past twelve (12) months <u>pay.gov.gd</u> has grown in popularity with more than 200 users on a daily basis. The portal has since expanded to accommodate the payment of other government fees including:

- Property/Land Tax
- Property Transfer Tax
- Estate Duty (Inheritance)
- Vehicle Annual Licence and Inspection
- o Driver's Licence
- Driver's Exam Fees
- Learner's Permit
- Highway Code Book
- Police Record
- Work Permit
- Marriage Licences
- Covid-19 Related Fees
- Air Transport Permit Fees

It is also anticipated that with the upcoming deadlines: such as the 5% rebate for early payment of property tax (June 30, 2021) and the last leg for Motor Vehicle Licences renewal (Vehicles registered 751-999 with plural letters and 7051-9999 with singular letters) traffic on the site will increase significantly, especially, since users of the portal are able to receive an authentic Government receipt via text or email and can collect their decal/sticker at any inspection sites.

Pay.gov.gd is safe, fast and secure, and is available anytime and anywhere with internet access from a mobile phone and/or any electronic device.