

Bahrain & GCC Tax News



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Bahrain

Bahrain Corporate Income Tax (CIT) – How to calculate ‘taxable income’?

On 23 May 2023, the Bahrain Minister of Finance and National Economy confirmed the introduction of CIT in Bahrain during the weekly parliamentary session. Bahrain is expected to implement a standard CIT regime similar to other jurisdictions. With the UAE implementing CIT from 1 June 2023, we have entered a new era for tax in the region with Bahrain currently being the only GCC country without a broad-based CIT. Given the Bahrain CIT is likely to apply to all commercial activities with limited exclusions, this will be a paradigm shift for Bahrain businesses.

In our latest publication, we have discussed what CIT is, what Bahrain CIT regime may look like and how ‘taxable income’ is calculated based on general principles and CIT laws of some of the other GCC countries.

Click [here](#) to read our latest Tax Insights on Bahrain CIT and calculation of ‘taxable income’.

National Bureau for Revenue (NBR) extends June 2023 & Q2 2023 VAT return filing and payment deadline

The NBR has recently announced they have extended the VAT return submission and payment deadline for the June and Q2 2023 tax periods to 1 August 2023.

Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and Japan to resume Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations

According to a recent press release published by the General Secretariat of the GCC, the GCC and Japan have signed a joint statement announcing the resumption of negotiations for an FTA.

Kingdom Saudi Arabia (KSA)

Zakat Tax & Customs Authority (ZATCA) announces extension of tax amnesty scheme

According to a recent press release, ZATCA has announced the extension of their cancellation of fines and exemption of penalties initiative until 31 December 2023.

Click [here](#) to view the press release.

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Federal Tax Authority (FTA) conducts webinar for CIT registration

The FTA has recently conducted a webinar in English for providing guidance to businesses on how to register for UAE CIT through the EmaraTax portal.

MoF announces procedure to request for eDirham balance

The MoF has recently announced they have implemented a new process for individuals and businesses to redeem the remaining balance from their discontinued eDirham cards.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Qatar

Egyptian House of Representatives approves tax treaty with Qatar

On 11 July 2023, the Egyptian House of Representatives approved the Presidential Decree No. 254 of 2023 for ratification of the income tax treaty with Qatar, signed on 27 February 2023.

Oman

Oman signs double tax treaty (DTT) with Cyprus

On 19 July 2023, during a cabinet meeting, official approval was granted for a DTT between Oman and Cyprus, aimed at combatting double taxation and addressing tax evasion pertaining to income taxes.

For a detailed discussion on how the above updates may impact your business, [contact us](#).

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