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Bahrain

Parliament's Financial and Economic Affairs Committee discussing introduction of corporate income tax

Local news has reported that the Parliament's Financial and Economic Affairs Committee (PFEAC) is studying to impose a law for corporate income tax on commercial establishments and companies in Bahrain. Once approved by the PFEAC, this proposal will be put up for vote in the Parliament's next session.

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority (ZATCA) continues to combat smuggling of liquor

On 3 September 2021, ZATCA reported that it was able to successfully stop an attempt to smuggle illegal liquor amounting to 66,312 bottles. The contraband was found hidden in consignments arriving in KSA through the port. Click [here](#) to read more (in Arabic).

ZATCA announces that KSA Government will bear VAT due on private education services for citizens

On 4 September 2021, ZATCA announced that the KSA Government will bear the VAT due on private education services provided to citizens. We have summarized in the table below which type of institution the exemption of VAT will apply to.

SN	Type of institution	Scope of exemption
1	Private and international schools accredited by the Ministry of Education (MoE)	– Tuition fees; and – Textbooks sold directly by private and international schools and approved by the MoE
2	Private universities (for bachelors) that fall under the supervision of the MoE	– Tuition fees; and – Textbooks sold directly by the university
3	More than 2 years educational and training programs supervised by the Technical & Vocational Training Corporation	– Tuition fees; and – Textbooks sold by accredited educational authorities as part of the educational program

Click [here](#) to read more (in Arabic).

ZATCA reminds taxpayers subject to withholding tax to submit their returns

On 5 September 2021, ZATCA reminded taxpayers in KSA subject to withholding tax to submit their returns latest by 10 September 2021. Click [here](#) to read more (in Arabic).

ZATCA urges taxpayers subject to e-invoicing to prepare for the first phase of e-invoicing (FATOORAH)

On 5 September 2021, ZATCA urged taxpayers in KSA subject to e-invoicing regulations to undertake the necessary preparation and ground work for the first phase of e-invoicing. Click [here](#) to read more (in Arabic).

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

UAE announces the best and most underperforming government bodies in terms of digital services

HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Rashed Al Maktoum announced the five best and five most underperforming government entities in terms of digital services. The Federal Tax Authority (FTA) has been included in the underperforming government entities list. The underperforming government bodies have been granted grace period of 90 days to improve their performance in digital services.

Click [here](#) to access the post on HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Rashed Al Maktoum's official twitter account.

Qatar

General Tax Authority (GTA) further extends the deadline for filing income tax return for tax exempt entities

GTA announced the extension of the deadline for submitting the income tax return in relation to the tax year ended 31 December 2020 for tax exempt entities under the income tax law. The extended deadline is now 31 December 2021 instead of 31 August 2021.

The above is for general information only and is not intended to address the circumstances of any particular scenario. Please seek professional advice in relation to your particular circumstances.

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

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