

# Bahrain & GCC Tax News



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## Bahrain

### **National Bureau for Revenue (NBR) to host workshop on VAT in the construction sector**

The NBR has announced that they will be hosting a virtual VAT workshop in Arabic on 7 December 2022 to discuss VAT implementation in the construction sector.

Click [here](#) to register.

### **Bahrain Customs Affairs (BCA) signs service level agreement with Bahrain Chamber**

BCA has recently announced on their social media platforms that they have signed a service level agreement with the Bahrain Chamber.

### **NBR organizes focus group sessions for e-invoicing**

The NBR has held focus group sessions on e-invoicing implementation for large taxpayers in various sectors. The sessions were aimed at providing an overview of the potential e-invoicing operating model and to gather inputs from industry.

In our earlier [Tax Alert](#), we have discussed key aspects Bahrain businesses should consider in preparation for e-invoicing implementation in Bahrain based on the KSA e-invoicing model and our experience assisting businesses in KSA.

## Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

### **Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority (ZATCA) extends tax amnesty**

ZATCA has recently announced an extension of 6 months to the amnesty scheme for fines and penalties for tax violations. The new deadline is 31 May 2023 (previously 30 November 2022).

### **ZATCA approves amendments to VAT Implementing Regulations**

ZATCA has recently approved certain amendments to the VAT Implementing Regulations.

Click [here](#) to view the amendments. (in Arabic)

## Ministry of Finance (MoF) issues resolution on Zakat for government owned entities

The KSA MoF has recently issued Ministerial Resolution No. 57732 (Resolution) on the application and exemption of Zakat for government owned entities.

Click [here](#) to view the Resolution. (in Arabic)

## United Arab Emirates (UAE)

### Federal Tax Authority (FTA) to host webinar series on EmaraTax

The FTA has recently announced that they will be hosting multiple webinars to raise awareness about the EmaraTax portal during the month of December 2022.

### FTA releases new Payment Users Guide

The FTA has recently released an updated Payment Users Guide.

Click [here](#) to view the guide.

### FTA releases Private Clarifications Users Guide

The FTA has recently released a Private Clarifications Users Guide to provide guidance on who may apply for a clarification, manner of submission and instances where a clarification application may be rejected.

Click [here](#) to view the guide.

### Kazakhstan lower chamber approves Investment Protection Agreement (IPA) with UAE

On 23 November 2022, Kazakhstan's lower chamber of parliament adopted the resolution for approving the IPA with the UAE which was signed on 24 March 2018. The IPA has been sent to the senate for further approval.

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

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