

# Bahrain & GCC Tax News



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## Bahrain

### **National Bureau for Revenue (NBR) organizes a series of awareness workshops for 2025**

The NBR has announced that they will conduct several awareness workshops throughout 2025 covering various VAT and Excise Tax related topics.

Click [here](#) to register for upcoming virtual workshops.

### **NBR updates Domestic Minimum Top-Up Tax (DMTT) registration manual**

On 9 March 2025, the NBR issued an updated version of the DMTT registration manual.

Click [here](#) to view the updated manual.

### **Tax treaty update**

On 9 March 2025, the Shura Council approved Bahrain's income tax treaty with Guernsey.

### **DMTT registration update**

Many in-scope MNE groups with Bahrain operations were able to submit their DMTT registration applications successfully within the deadline of 30 January 2025. Their applications are currently being reviewed by the NBR, and applicants must monitor any further information or clarification requests from the NBR in relation to their applications.

MNE groups that have not been able to submit their DMTT registration application within the deadline should do so immediately to minimize the risk of penalties to the extent possible.

For any queries or assistance in relation to the DMTT registrations, please [contact us](#).

## Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

### **Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority (ZATCA) conducts tax and zakat workshops**

- On 16 March 2025, ZATCA will conduct a technical workshop on the ZAKATY platform services.
- On 17 March 2025, ZATCA will conduct a virtual workshop on the customs dispute settlement procedures in customs smuggling cases.
- On 19 March 2025, ZATCA will conduct a virtual workshop on the zakat calculation for financing activities.

Click [here](#) to register for upcoming virtual workshops.

## United Arab Emirates (UAE)

### Federal Tax Authority (FTA) issues a Public Clarification on the amended VAT Executive Regulations

On 14 March 2025, the FTA issued a Public Clarification to cover the recent amendments to the UAE VAT Executive Regulations.

Click [here](#) to view the FTA's Public Clarification 'VATP040'.

### FTA conducts tax related workshops

On 11 and 12 March 2025, FTA conducted virtual workshops on the corporate tax registration process for natural persons.

### Tax treaty updates

On 6 March 2025, the Central African Republic and the UAE signed a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) in Abu Dhabi.

## Qatar

### General Tax Authority (GTA) extends corporate income tax return filing period for FY 2024

The GTA has recently extended the deadline for filing corporate income tax returns for FY 2024. The deadline has been extended from 30 April 2025 to 31 August 2025. The extension applies to all relevant entities and individuals, except for companies in the petroleum and petrochemical sector.

Click [here](#) for more information.

## Kuwait

### Kuwait amends Ultimate Beneficial Ownership (UBO) requirements

The Kuwaiti Ministry of Commerce and Industry has recently amended the UBO disclosure requirements for companies registered in Kuwait. The amendments were introduced by way of Ministerial Decision 16 of 2025, amending Decision 4 of 2023 on UBO disclosures.

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

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