

Bahrain & GCC Tax News



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Bahrain

National Bureau for Revenue (NBR) updates Domestic Minimum Top-Up Tax (DMTT) guides

On 12 August 2025, the NBR published an updated version of the following guides:

- [Entities in Scope of DMTT Guide](#)
- [DMTT advance payment manual](#)

NBR to conduct VAT workshop for Small and Medium Enterprises (SME)

As part of its ongoing efforts towards supporting SMEs on their VAT compliance journey under the Musanada initiative, the NBR will be conducting an interactive session on 26 August 2025 at the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF).

Click [here](#) to register for the workshop.

Treaty update

On 18 June 2025, the 'Bahrain - Russia Mutual Assistance Agreement' (2025) was signed in Saint Petersburg.

First DMTT advance payment due by 31 August 2025

For in-scope Multinational Enterprise (MNE) groups with a 31 December year end, the deadline for the first advance payment to be made by the filing Constituent Entity (CE) is 31 August 2025.

In the latest [Tax Alert](#) prepared by the KPMG Bahrain tax team, we have discussed various key aspects from the recent NBR guidance on DMTT advance payment procedure.

With less than 14 days until the deadline for the first DMTT advance payment, MNE groups with 31 December year end should finalize their advance payment computation with supporting documentation to ensure compliance.

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

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority (ZATCA) to conduct tax and zakat workshops

- On 18 August 2025, ZATCA will conduct virtual workshops on the Duty-Free markets, the integration phase of e-invoicing, and on the foreign companies' income tax and withholding tax obligations.
- On 19 August 2025, ZATCA will conduct virtual workshops on the "Cancellation of Fines and Exemption of Penalties" initiative, and on the integration phase of e-invoicing.
- On 20 August 2025, ZATCA will conduct virtual workshops on the VAT refund procedure for eligible persons, the VAT registration process, and on the zakat-payers' rights and obligations.

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

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Treaty updates

- On 7 August 2025, Russia and the UAE signed a trade agreement on services and investments, in Moscow.
- According to a recent press release, a fourth round of negotiations for a comprehensive economic partnership agreement between Japan and the UAE took place from 4 to 8 August 2025.

Federal Tax Authority (FTA) conducts tax workshops

- On 13 August 2025, the FTA conducted a virtual workshop on how to submit the UAE Corporate Tax (CT) return.
- On 14 August 2025, the FTA conducted a virtual workshop on the general principles of taxation of Free Zone Persons under UAE CT.

Qatar

Treaty update

On 1 August 2025, the economic partnership agreement between Qatar and Türkiye, originally signed on 26 November 2018, entered into force.

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

Best regards,

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