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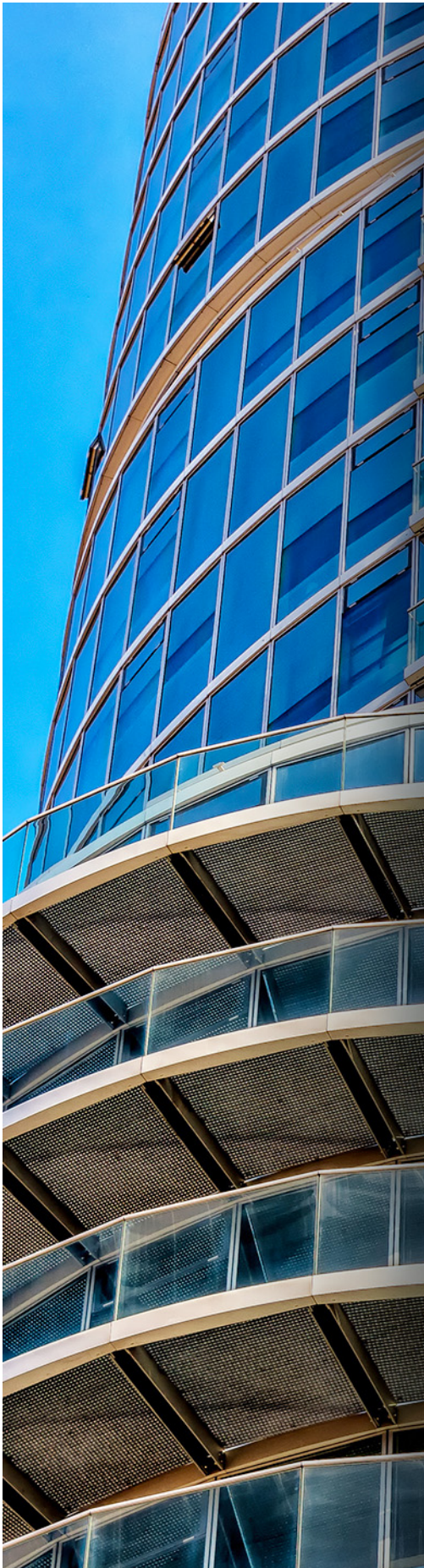


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Income Tax



Income Tax

The relevant authorities have issued the following:

Extension of Income Tax Exemption

Income Tax Exemption on Income Derived from Managing Syariah-Compliant Funds

To effect the proposals announced in the 2020 Budget, the following Exemption Orders have been gazetted.

The income tax exemption for licensed resident fund management companies on statutory income derived from providing fund management services in Malaysia in accordance with Shariah principles has been extended for another 3 years until YA 2023 as follows:

Exemption Orders	Fund Management Services Provided to
Income Tax (Exemption) (No. 6) Order 2021	Business trust or real estate investment trust
Income Tax (Exemption) (No. 7) Order 2021	Local investors
Income Tax (Exemption) (No. 8) Order 2021	Foreign investors

Additional conditions have been imposed on the fund management companies to enjoy the said income tax exemption as follows:

- (1) Have at least 2 full-time employees in Malaysia of which one of the employees holds a Capital Markets Services Representative's Licence under the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007;
- (2) Incur annual operating expenditure of at least RM250,000 in Malaysia; and
- (3) Obtain annual certification from the Securities Commission Malaysia that the conditions of providing fund management services in accordance with Shariah principles as well as those stated in Items (1) and (2) above have been fulfilled.

Income Tax Exemption on Income Derived from Providing Domestic Tour Package for Travel Within Malaysia

Following the proposal announced under the PEMERKASA package, the [Income Tax \(Exemption\) \(No. 9\) Order 2021](#) has been gazetted to extend the income tax exemption period for another 2 YAs until YA 2022. A full exemption is given on statutory income derived by a resident licensed tour operator for providing domestic tour package for travel within Malaysia. The package includes transportation by air, land or sea and accommodation and can be utilised by both local and foreign tourists.

The total number of local tourists participated in the domestic tour package shall not be less than 200 persons in the basis period for a YA in order to qualify for the said exemption.

Source for the Orders: [Federal Legislation Portal of Malaysia](#)

Accelerated Capital Allowance for Excursion Bus

Further to the 2020 Budget Proposal, the [Income Tax \(Accelerated Capital Allowance\) \(Excursion Bus\) Rules 2021](#) have been gazetted on 1 July 2021. The Rules provide an accelerated annual allowance of 40%, together with an initial allowance of 20%, to a resident licensed tour operator who purchased locally assembled or constructed, but not reconditioned excursion bus, exclusively used for the conveyance of tourists. In addition, the tour operator must be the first registered owner of the bus.

The Rules have effect for YA 2020 and YA 2021. Any resident licensed tour operator who has filed its tax return for YA 2020 may submit a revised tax return in order to claim a higher capital allowance rate on the qualifying capital expenditure incurred. The revision must be made within five years after the end of the year the Rules are gazetted, i.e. by 31 December 2026.

Source for the Rules: [Federal Legislation Portal of Malaysia](#)

Extension of the MCO Period Referred in the FAQ on International Tax Issues Due to COVID-19 Travel Restrictions

The MIRB had earlier issued / updated the above [FAQ](#) in response to international tax issues that have arisen due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, which provides guidance for issues on individual or corporate tax residence, permanent establishments as well as cross border employment income.

Based on the latest FAQ, the MCO period referred therein is from 18 March 2020 as prescribed and extended by the Ministerial order made under Section 11 of the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988 as gazetted from time to time.

By the gazette of the [Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases \(Declaration of Infected Local Areas\) \(Extension of Operation\) \(No. 2\) Order 2021](#), the government has extended the MCO period to 31 December 2021 (previously until 1 August 2021).

Source for the Order: [Federal Legislation Portal of Malaysia](#)

Extension of Deduction for Expenditure on Industry4WRD Readiness Assessment

The [Income Tax \(Deduction for Expenditure on Industry4WRD Readiness Assessment\) \(Amendment\) Rules 2021](#) have been gazetted to extend the income tax deduction given to a qualifying company in respect of fee expenditure incurred on the Industry4WRD Readiness Assessment program for another 5 years until YA 2026. The total amount of tax deduction allowed is capped at RM27,000.

The fee expenditure shall be incurred not later than 31 December 2025 and an application for deduction shall be made to the MOF through the Malaysia Productivity Corporation not later than 31 December 2026.

Source for the Rules: [Federal Legislation Portal of Malaysia](#)

Special Deduction to Landlord for Offering Rental Reduction to SME and Non-SME Tenants

Further to the proposal in several special announcements and packages since year 2020, the long awaited Income Tax Rules below have finally been gazetted on 8 September 2021:

Income Tax Rules	Effective Period	Qualifying Person	Period of Rental Reduction Offered
Income Tax (Special Deduction for Reduction of Rental to a Small and Medium Enterprise) Rules 2021	Deemed to have effect from YA 2020	A landlord who rents out a business premise to resident SMEs	1 April 2020 to 31 December 2021 subject to a monthly rental reduction of at least 30%
Income Tax (Special Deduction for Reduction of Rental to a Tenant Other Than a Small and Medium Enterprise) Rules 2021	From YA 2021	A landlord who rents out a business premise to resident non-SMEs	1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 subject to a monthly rental reduction of at least 30%

A taxpayer which has filed its tax return for YA 2020 and/or YA 2021 may submit a revised tax return in

order to claim the above incentive. The revision must be made within five years after the end of the year the Income Tax Rules are gazetted, i.e. by 31 December 2026.

The MIRB has also updated its [FAQ](#) in relation to the above incentive with the following notable changes:

- (1) The SME status certificate is not mandatory for the rental period commencing from 1 January 2021; and
- (2) The working paper for the special deduction claim has been finalised.

The above FAQ is only available in Malay language only.

Source for the Rules: [Federal Legislation Portal of Malaysia](#)

Income Tax Exemption for Manufacturing Companies in Electrical and Electronic Sector

Further to the Budget 2020 proposal, the [Income Tax \(Exemption\) \(No. 10\) Order 2021](#) has been gazetted to provide income tax exemption to resident companies that undertake an approved project in expanding, modernizing, automating or diversifying their business of carrying on manufacturing activity in electrical and electronic sector. The tax exemption is given up to 50% of the statutory income for a YA which is equivalent to 50% of qualifying capital expenditure incurred within the 5 years qualifying period. The said income tax exemption is only applicable to companies which had claimed reinvestment allowance or any incentive under the Promotion of Investment Act 1986 for which the period of the incentive has expired or ended in YA 2019 or prior YAs in respect of the same qualifying project.

The Exemption Order is deemed to have come into operation on 1 January 2020. An application for the tax incentive shall be made through MIDA between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2021 and the tax exemption granted is subject to conditions imposed by the MOF.

Source for the Order: [Federal Legislation Portal of Malaysia](#)

Guideline on Application for Approval under Subsection 44(11C) of the ITA for COVID-19 Relief Fund

Further to the earlier [Guideline](#) released by the MIRB on 5 May 2020, the MOF has issued an [Updated Guideline](#) with the following notable changes:

- (1) An additional qualifying condition has been included that a company registered under the Companies Commission of Malaysia is allowed to make the said application, on the basis that separate accounts need to be kept and the objective of the establishment of the relief fund is non-profit in nature; and
- (2) Income tax deduction given to donors who donate/contribute to the approved COVID-19 Relief Fund pursuant to Section 44(11C) of the ITA is applicable for any relevant YAs instead of YA 2020 only.

Source for the Guideline: Official portal of [MOF](#)

MIRB's Public Rulings

Public Ruling No. 2/2021 – Tax Deduction for Sponsoring Arts, Cultural and Heritage Activities

Pursuant to Subsection 34(6)(k) of the ITA, a special tax deduction is given to any person in respect of the expenditure incurred for sponsoring local or foreign arts, cultural or heritage activity as approved by the MOF. The total amount of deduction allowed for a YA is capped at RM1 million (RM700,000 prior to YA 2020) of which the amount of deduction in respect of expenditure incurred in sponsoring foreign arts, cultural and heritage activity is capped at RM300,000.

The MIRB has now issued the above [Public Ruling No. 2/2021](#) to provide guidance on the tax treatment, which is in line with the current legislation.

Public Ruling No. 3/2021 – Special Allowances for Small Value Assets

The MIRB has released the [Public Ruling No. 3/2021](#) to replace the earlier [Public Ruling No. 10/2014](#) to incorporate the legislative changes since the issuance of Public Ruling No. 10/2014. The legislative changes include the following, which are all effective from YA 2020:

- (1) The value of each small value asset to qualify for the special allowance has been increased from RM1,300 to RM2,000.
- (2) The maximum claim by a non-SME for special allowance has been increased from RM13,000 to RM20,000 for a YA. An SME is eligible for special allowance claim on small value assets without any limit since YA 2009.
- (3) The definition of SME for the purpose of special allowance claim has been tightened. An additional condition under Paragraph 19A(3) of Schedule 3 of the ITA has been imposed from YA 2020 that the gross income from a source or sources consisting of business of an SME should not exceed RM50 million for the basis period for the relevant YA.

Public Ruling No. 4/2021 – Taxation of Income Arising from Settlements

A person, i.e. settlor, may create a settlement for the benefit of another person, i.e. the beneficiary. Section 65 of the ITA addresses the circumstances where the income arising under the settlement is deemed to be the income of the settlor and assessable on him.

The MIRB has now issued the above [Public Ruling No. 4/2021](#) to provide explanation and guidance on the taxation of such income.

Source for the Public Rulings: Official portal of [MIRB](#)

Operational Guideline 3/2021 – Application for TCL for Companies, LLPs and Labuan Entities

The MIRB had previously released the [Operational Guideline 2/2019](#) to provide guidance on the procedure and list of documents required to be submitted in getting TCL for companies, LLPs and Labuan entities. The said Guideline is subsequently replaced by the [Operational Guideline 3/2021](#), with the following notable changes:

- (1) The MIRB has indicated that the TCL will be issued within 14 working days from the date the application is received, provided that the information and documents furnished are complete.
- (2) The application for TCL for Labuan entities is to be submitted to Labuan International Unit, Labuan Branch (previously Labuan Branch) of the MIRB.
- (3) TCL will only be issued after the completion of tax audit up to the current YA.
- (4) The application form (Appendices 1A to 1C) and the list of supporting documents (Appendices A to C) required for obtaining TCL have been updated.

Source for the Operational Guidelines: Official portal of [MIRB](#)

Technical Guideline on Application for Deduction under Section 34(6)(h) of the ITA for the Income Tax Computation

Over the years, the legislation has been amended to expand the scope of expenditure qualifies for deduction under Section 34(6)(h) of the ITA. At present, it covers expenditure incurred on the provision of services, public amenities and contributions to a charity or community project pertaining to education, health, housing, conservation or preservation of environment, enhancement of income of the poor, infrastructure, information and communication technology or maintenance of a building designated as a heritage site by the Commissioner of Heritage under the National Heritage Act 2005, approved by the MOF.

The MIRB has released the above updated [Technical Guideline](#), which is available in Malay language only, to reflect the same scope to be in line with the current legislation.

Source for the Technical Guideline: Official portal of [MIRB](#)

Practice Note on the Income Tax Deduction for Expenditure and Additional Expenses on Issuance of Sukuk and Retail Sukuk Structured Pursuant to the Principle of Wakalah

Further to the gazette of the [Income Tax \(Deduction for Expenditure on Issuance of Sukuk and Retail Sukuk Structured Pursuant to the Principle of Wakalah\) Rules 2021](#) early this year, the MIRB has released [Practice Note 2/2021](#) to provide further explanation on the tax treatment. The said Practice Note is in line with the Rules and no notable points can be seen.

Source for the Practice Note: Official portal of [MIRB](#)

Deferment of Tax Instalment Payments for Affected Businesses

The MIRB has further updated its FAQ on deferment of tax instalment payments from 1 April 2021 to 31 December 2021, which was announced under the PEMERKASA package. In the [updated FAQ](#), taxpayers with business codes falling outside Item 3 of the FAQ whose businesses are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, may appeal for deferment of tax instalment payments to the MIRB, with the relevant supporting documents. Applications will be considered by the MIRB on the merits of the case.

Source for the FAQ: Official portal of [MIRB](#)

TPD Flowchart and Self-Test

The MIRB has recently issued the following to help taxpayers to self determine whether they are required to prepare a TPD and under what circumstances they have to prepare a minimum or full TPD:

- (1) [TPD flowchart](#); and
- (2) [TPD self-test](#).

Source for the flowchart and self-test: Official portal of [MIRB](#)

Audit Framework for Employer

The MIRB has recently issued the above [Audit Framework](#), which comes into effect on 1 October 2021, to ensure that the tax audits on employers are conducted in a fair, transparent and equitable manner. The Audit Framework outlines the scope of audit which may be carried out on employers as well as the rights and responsibilities of the MIRB's audit officers, employers and tax agents.

The Audit Framework is available in Malay language only.

Source for the Audit Framework: Official portal of [MIRB](#)

Matters Concerning MSC Malaysia Status Companies

Extension of Deadline for Application for Transition Under Services Incentive for MSC Malaysia Status Companies

As part of the effort in implementing the international taxation standards under the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's Base Erosion and Profit Shifting Action 5, MSC tax incentives have been reviewed and revised.

MDEC had in year 2019 released the [Guidelines on MSC Malaysia Financial Incentives \(Grandfathering and Transition under Services Incentive\)](#) for existing MSC Malaysia Status companies which are impacted by the said exercise. Existing MSC Malaysia Status companies could only enjoy the income tax exemption under the existing tax regime until certain cut-off dates. Nevertheless, companies are

given an option to enjoy the remaining period of income tax exemption in respect of non-intellectual property or services income, subject to meeting the new conditions under the revised tax regime and approval.

MDEC has made an [announcement](#) that the application deadline for the said transition into the revised tax regime is extended to 31 October 2021 (previously by 31 July 2021).

FAQ for Post MSC Matters

MDEC has recently released the above [FAQ](#) to provides clarification on the matters arising after obtaining MSC Malaysia status. Apart from the operational matters, MDEC has outlined the criteria and application procedure for companies that wish to apply for a change in Tier of MSC Malaysia Status as well as the procedure for a company to activate the MSC income tax exemption.

Source for the Announcement and FAQ: Official portal of [MDEC](#)

MIDA's Guidelines

Further to the proposals announced in the 2021 Budget, MIDA has released the following guidelines:

Guidelines for Incentive for Manufacturers of Pharmaceutical Products Including Vaccines

The above [Guidelines](#) set out the conditions for resident companies that undertake manufacturing of pharmaceutical products including formulation in Malaysia (excluding fill and finish activity) to apply for an income tax rate of 0% to 10% for 10 years, and 10% for another 10 years.

The Guidelines have also outlined the eligible criteria and the application procedure. The application for the above incentive must be received by MIDA from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2022.

Guidelines for the Application of Relocation Tax Incentive for Selected Services Activities

The Relocation Incentive was initially provided to companies in manufacturing industry. In order to attract investment in key sectors and making Malaysia a destination for high-value service activities, the Relocation Incentive is expanded to companies for selected services activities, including companies adapting Industrial Revolution 4.0 and digitalisation technology which would bring benefits to Malaysia's economy. The incentive provided is an income tax rate of 0% to 10% for a period of up to 10 years for new companies and 10% for a period of up to 10 years for existing companies.

MIDA has then released the above [Guidelines](#) to provide the tax incentive mechanism, eligible criteria and application procedure. The application period for the Relocation Incentive for companies is from 7 November 2020 to 31 December 2022.

In addition, an application for a flat income tax rate of 15% for 5 consecutive years is open for non-citizen individuals who are Malaysian tax residents (with a basic monthly salary of not less than RM25,000) holding key position (C-Suite) in a company that has been granted the Relocation Incentive. The application must be made from 7 November 2020 to 31 December 2021.

Guidelines on Incentive for Setting Up a Global Trading Centre

MIDA has released the above [Guidelines](#) on the new tax incentive introduced for the establishment of a Global Trading Centre in Malaysia by companies that carry out qualifying trading activities. An approved company may enjoy a concessionary income tax rate of 10% for 5 years and renewable for a period of another 5 years.

The Guidelines provide the tax incentive mechanism, eligible criteria and application procedure. The application must be made to MIDA from 1 January 2021 and not later than 31 December 2022 in order to be eligible for the said incentive.

Guidelines for Principal Hub Incentive 3.0

MIDA has released the above [Updated Guidelines](#) for Principal Hub incentive. Amongst others, the notable changes are as follows:

- (1) Removal of trading activities from qualifying activities and the corresponding minimum annual sales requirement, as this has been replaced by the Global Trading Centre incentive with effect from 1 January 2021;
- (2) Update on the definition of network companies which need to be served and controlled to include non-related companies which have a contractual agreement of at least 2 years (previously 3 years) with the applicant or applicant's ultimate holding company with regards to the applicant's business or supply chain;
- (3) Update on the eligible criteria for the tax incentive (Appendices of the Updated Guidelines refer).

The application for the said incentive is open from 1 January 2021 until 31 December 2022.

All the incentives above are subject to the gazette of the relevant statutory orders.

Source for the Guidelines: Official portal of [MIDA](#)

Stamp Duty



Stamp Duty

The MIRB has issued the following:

Stamp Duty Exemption for the Purchase of Residential Property under the Home Ownership Campaign 2021

Further to the announcement of PEMERKASA+ Package, the following Exemption Orders have been gazetted:

- (1) [Stamp Duty \(Exemption\) \(No. 4\) Order 2021](#); and
- (2) [Stamp Duty \(Exemption\) \(No. 5\) Order 2021](#).

The above Exemption Orders extend the stamp duty exemption given to Malaysian citizen for the purchase of residential property priced more than RM300,000 but not more than RM2.5 million under the certified Home Ownership Campaign 2021, subject to meeting the prescribed conditions, in respect of the following instruments:

No.	Type of Instruments	Stamp Duty Exemption
(a)	Loan agreement	Full exemption
(b)	Instruments of transfer	Exemption up to the first RM1 million of the house price and 3% stamp duty on the price exceeding RM1 million

The stamp duty exemption is given for sale and purchase agreements which are executed on or after 1 June 2021 but not later than 31 December 2021.

Source for the Orders: [Federal Legislation Portal of Malaysia](#)

Remission of Tax and Stamp Duty on Sukuk Murabahah

[Loans Guarantee \(Bodies Corporate\) \(Remission of Tax and Stamp Duty\) \(No. 2\) Order 2021](#) has been gazetted and came into operation on 31 July 2021.

The Order provides for a full remission of tax payable under the ITA in respect of any money payable under any agreement, note, instrument and document in relation to:

- (1) the Islamic Commercial Papers and Islamic Medium Term Notes issued by Syarikat Prasarana Malaysia Berhad pursuant to the Sukuk Murabahah Programme, with nominal value of up to RM17 billion;
- (2) the Syndicated Revolving Credit-i Facility obtained by Syarikat Prasarana Malaysia Berhad, with the aggregate outstanding principal amount not exceeding RM4 billion; and
- (3) the guarantee given by the Government of Malaysia relating to Items (1) and (2) above.

The combined aggregate of the outstanding nominal value of the Sukuk Murabahah and the outstanding principal amount under the Syndicated Revolving Credit-i Facility shall not exceed RM17 billion.

In addition, the Order also provides for a full remission of any stamp duty payable under the Stamp Act 1949 in respect of any agreement, note, instrument and document relating to the above.

Source for the Order: [Federal Legislation Portal of Malaysia](#)

Stamp Duty Exemption for Various Facilities

The following Exemption Orders have been gazetted to provide stamp duty exemption for various facilities approved under Bank Negara Malaysia's Fund for SMEs:

Exemption Orders	Type of Facilities and the Instruments Being Exempted	Parties to the Instruments Executed	Qualifying Period
Stamp Duty (Exemption) (No. 6) Order 2021	PENJANA Tourism Financing Facility – Instrument of loan or financing agreement executed pursuant to a letter of offer issued by the participating financial institution, stating the approval of the PENJANA Tourism Financing Facility	A participating financial institution with an SME as defined under Section 2 of the Small and Medium Industries Development Corporation Act 1995	Letter of offer issued on or after 30 July 2020 but not later than 31 December 2021
Stamp Duty (Exemption) (No. 7) Order 2021	PENJANA Tourism Financing Facility – Instrument of loan or financing agreement	Bank Negara Malaysia with the participating financial institution	Instrument executed on or after 1 September 2020 but not later than 31 December 2021
Stamp Duty (Exemption) (No. 8) Order 2021	Disaster Relief Facility 2021 – Instrument of loan or financing agreement executed pursuant to a letter of offer issued by the financial institution, stating the approval of the Disaster Relief Facility 2021, on application	A financial institution with an SME as may be determined by the National Small and Medium Enterprises Development Council	Letter of offer issued on or after 2 February 2021 but not later than 31 December 2021

Source for the Orders: [Federal Legislation Portal of Malaysia](#)

Extension of Stamp Duty Exemption for Loans Between SMEs and Financial Institutions

Further to [Stamp Duty \(Exemption\) Order 2020](#), [Stamp Duty \(Exemption\) \(No. 10\) Order 2021](#) was gazetted to extend the stamp duty exemption until 31 December 2021, on instrument of loan or financing agreement relating to the following loan or financing facility approved by Bank Negara Malaysia executed between a SME and a financial institution:

- (1) All Economic Sectors Facility;
- (2) SMEs Automation and Digitalisation Facility; or
- (3) Agrofood Facility.

The stamp duty exemption is given, on application, on instrument of loan or financing agreement executed pursuant to a letter of offer issued by the financial institution, stating the approval of the loan or financing facility.

Source for the Orders: [Federal Legislation Portal of Malaysia](#)

Remission of Tax and Stamp Duty on Islamic Medium Term Notes and Islamic Commercial Papers Programme

[Loans Guarantee \(Bodies Corporate\) \(Remission of Tax and Stamp Duty\) \(No. 3\) Order 2021](#) has been gazetted and came into operation on 15 September 2021.

The Order provides for a full remission of tax payable under the ITA in respect of any money payable under any agreement, note, instrument and document in relation to:

- (1) the Islamic Medium Term Notes and Islamic Commercial Papers issued by DanaInfra Nasional Berhad pursuant to the Islamic Medium Term Notes and Islamic Commercial Papers Programme;
- (2) the Syndicated Revolving Credit Facility obtained by DanaInfra Nasional Berhad; and
- (3) the guarantee given by the Government of Malaysia relating to Items (1) and (2) above.

The combined aggregate of the outstanding nominal value of items (1) and (2) above shall not exceed RM7.6 billion.

In addition, the Order also provides for a full remission of any stamp duty payable under the Stamp Act 1949 in respect of any agreement, note, instrument and document relating to the above.

Source for the Order: [Federal Legislation Portal of Malaysia](#)

Extension of Stamp Duty Exemption for Restructuring and Rescheduling of Loans or Financing

Under the [Stamp Duty \(Exemption\) \(No. 2\) Order 2020](#) and [Stamp Duty \(Exemption\) \(No. 2\) 2020 \(Amendment\) Order 2021](#), an instrument of loan or financing agreement relating to the restructuring or rescheduling of loans or financing between a borrower / customer and a financial institution is, on application, exempted from stamp duty.

The [Stamp Duty \(Exemption\) \(No. 11\) Order 2021](#) has been gazetted to extend the stamp duty exemption period up to 31 December 2021 (previously from 1 March 2020 until 30 June 2021). Similarly, the exemption would only be given to an instrument of loan restructuring or rescheduling agreement which does not contain the element of additional value to the original amount of loan or financing under the existing instrument of loan or financing agreement. For this purpose, any interest or profit accrued from the restructured or rescheduled payments does not constitute element of additional value. The exemption application shall be supported by a relevant document relating to the restructuring or rescheduling of that loan or financing.

Source for the Orders: [Federal Legislation Portal of Malaysia](#)

Indirect Tax



Indirect Tax

Imposition of Sales Tax In Respect of Special Areas

The [Sales Tax \(Imposition of Sales Tax In Respect of Special Areas\) \(Amendment\) Order 2021](#) comes into operation on 3 September 2021. Amongst others, the importation of the following taxable goods into a free zone shall be subject to Sales Tax:

- (1) cigarettes;
- (2) tobacco products;
- (3) smoking pipes (including pipe bowls);
- (4) electronic cigarettes and similar personal electric vaporising devices;
- (5) preparation of a kind used for smoking through electronic cigarettes and electric vaporising device, in form of liquid or gel, not containing nicotine.

Please refer to the Amendment Order for more details.

Source for the Order: [Federal Legislation Portal of Malaysia](#)

New and Revised Guides

The following Guides were issued during the third quarter of 2021:

- Guide on Sales Tax Exemption under Item 5A, Schedule A of the Sales Tax (Persons Exempted from Payment of Tax) Order 2018 (as at 13 July 2021)
- General Guide on Service Tax (revised as at 4 August 2021)
- Guide on Group C: Night Clubs, Dance Halls, Cabarets, Health and Wellness Centres, Massage Parlours, Public Houses and Beer Houses; Group D: Private Club; Group E: Golf Club and Golf Driving Range (revised as at 4 August 2021)
- Guide on Transmission and Distribution of Electricity Services (revised as at 4 August 2021)
- Guide on Management Services (revised as at 4 August 2021)
- Guide on Sales Tax Exemption under Item 58A, Schedule A of the Sales Tax (Persons Exempted from Payment of Tax) Order 2018 (as at 17 August 2021)

The above Guides are available in Malay language only.

Source for the Guides: Official portal of [RMCD – MySST \(SST Guides\)](#)

Insights on Earlier Tax Whiz

Please refer below to our earlier Tax Whiz for more information.

No	Subject Matter	Date of Issue
1	Service Tax Policy 2/2021	30.06.2021
2	Amendment to Excise Duties, Customs Duties and Sales Tax Exemptions	05.07.2021
3	MIRB's Updated FAQs on Taxation Matters During the National Recovery Plan	05.07.2021
4	Extension of Time for the Submission of SST-02 Return for the April to May 2021 Taxable Period	13.07.2021
5	OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework Agreement on BEPS 2.0	19.07.2021
6	Amendment to the Sales Tax Exemption Order and Updated Service Tax Guides	06.08.2021
7	Extension of Time for the Submission of SST-02 Return and Amendment to Service Tax Policy 10/2020	13.08.2021
8	Guide on Tourism Tax for Digital Platform Service Provider and Accommodation Premise Operators	19.08.2021
9	Return Form Filing Programme for the Year 2021 (Amendment 4/2021)	20.08.2021
10	Amendment to Service Tax Policy 2/2021	26.08.2021
11	Study of the Special Voluntary Disclosure Program for Indirect Tax	02.09.2021
12	Updated Guide on Professional Services	24.09.2021

The table below sets out the various abbreviations and references used in this publication.

Abbreviation	Reference
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions
ITA	Income Tax Act 1967
LLP	Limited Liability Partnership
MCO	Movement Control Order
MDEC	Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation Sdn Bhd
MIDA	Malaysian Investment Development Authority
MIRB	Malaysian Inland Revenue Board
MOF	Ministry of Finance
MSC	Multimedia Super Corridor
PEMERKASA	Program Strategik Memperkasa Rakyat dan Ekonomi
PEMERKASA+	Program Strategik Memperkasa Rakyat dan Ekonomi Tambahan
PENJANA	National Economic Recovery Plan
RMCD	Royal Malaysian Customs Department
SME	Small and Medium Enterprise
TCL	Tax Clearance Letter
TPD	Transfer Pricing Documentation
YA	Year of Assessment

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