



Update on the process of filing and paying the Withholding Tax through the new Dhareeba portal

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Background

The General Tax Authority (“GTA”) launched the new tax administration system – Dhareeba effective from 1 October 2020. As of 1 October 2020 submissions on the old Tax Administration System (“TAS”) were ceased. As a result of the launch of the new system, the GTA’s banking details have changed and the old bank details are no longer to be used for purpose of withholding tax (“WHT”) payments.

Key aspects:

- New WHT format according to Dhareeba portal’s specifications
- New payment methods available as listed below:
 - Credit or Debit Card (QAR 50,000 limit)

The new Dhareeba portal allows the taxpayer to select Debit and Credit Card payment options, which would then take the taxpayer to a digital gateway where the card details are filled.
 - Bank Transfer

The Bank Transfer method requires a Payment Reference Number (“PRN”) to be included at the time of initiating the payment of tax/penalty. Please note that

the PRN is only generated once the WHT statement has been uploaded and saved in the portal. Please see new bank details below:

Beneficiary: General Tax Authority
Bank Name: Qatar National Bank
Account Number: 0013-293246-061
IBAN: QA53 QNBA 0000 0000 0013 2932 4606 1
SWIFT: QNBAQAQAXX
Currency: QAR

- Direct Payment

When selecting this payment method the taxpayer is required to access its Bank portal to initiate the payment. Please note that only QNB, CBQ and Doha Bank are listed in Dhareeba portal as the banks allowing direct transfer.

- The portal only allows for the WHT statement to be submitted once the payment is reflected/recorded on Dhareeba portal
- We would advise the taxpayers to start the WHT submission process earlier than usual to provide sufficient time for the payment to reflect in the taxpayer's account before the deadline as the above listed payment methods may take time to reflect in the taxpayers profile on Dhareeba portal.
- We would like to highlight that in case a payment **is not credited to the GTA's account** on or before 15th of the month, a penalty for late payment **may apply**. To avoid any interpretation risk from the GTA, we advise taxpayers to proceed, preferably, with the WHT payment at least 3-4 days before the deadline of 15th of the month.

How KPMG can help you?

We as KPMG were able to test the WHT submission process using the payment methods listed above. KPMG in Qatar can assist you with the WHT submission and any queries regarding the payment process in Dhareeba portal.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact us

We welcome the opportunity to discuss the process of filing the Withholding Tax Statements and paying taxes through the new Dhareeba portal.

Yours truly,



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