

# Tax Alert | 17 February 2021

In September 2020, the General Tax Authority ("the GTA") introduced the new online tax portal - "Dhareeba" which enables all registered taxpayers submit their annual corporate income tax returns as well as various other declarations and reports electronically.

# **Tax Filing Deadline**

First of all we would like to draw your attention that no general extension has been granted by the GTA as of today. Therefore, tax filing deadline, for the companies with 31 December 2020 as yearend, will be **30 April 2021.** 

#### Specific request for an extension

We would like to draw your attention to Article 30 of the executive regulations of the Income Tax Law No. 24 of 2018, which states that the General Tax Authority may grant an extension for the deadline to file tax returns for a period of up to **four months**. Extension applications for the returns that have submission deadline on April 30, 2021 must be submitted to the General Tax Authority **before February 28, 2021**.

Taxpayers should be noted here that to obtain an extension of the period for submitting tax returns, the taxpayer must provide proper backups to the General Tax Authority that proves the reasons that made him unable to file income tax return by the deadline set on **April 30, 2021.** And the mentioned request should be submitted **60 days** prior to the original tax return submission deadline. Based on the above, we recommend submitting extension requests with proof of support for the application as soon as possible.

We, KPMG will be pleased to assist your businesses with requests to extend the deadline and ensure that the requests are submitted in the right way and in a timely manner.

## **KPMG** appointment on Dhareeba tax portal

We also ask relevant taxpayers to ensure that **KPMG** is appointed as their tax representative on the Dhareeba tax portal so that we can ensure that there is no technical error that may be the reason for not submitting tax returns on time. This will also assist us in timely submitting of the tax return on Dhareeba portal. In this regard, please find attached the manual explaining the steps which need to be taken to complete the appointment.

# How KPMG can help you?

In this respect, KPMG Qatar can help to be ready to comply with requirements of corporate income tax compliance by reviewing Dhareeba profile of your business and supporting in the following areas:

- Communication with the GTA
- Submission of an extension applications
- Providing required documentation requested by the GTA
- Checking Dhareeba profile of your business for assurance purposes
- Support in submission of corporate income tax return

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

Yours truly,

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