



## Extension of Deadline for Income Tax Return Filing FY 2020



The General Tax Authority (“GTA”) has issued Circular No. (1) for the year 2021 today, announcing that in view of the continuing exceptional circumstances in connection with COVID-19 the deadline for submitting the tax return for the tax year 2020 has been extended for a period of **2 months**. Therefore, the new Tax return submission deadline for Taxpayers with financial year ended 31 December 2020 has been extended to **30 June 2021**. Further, any income tax liability for these Taxpayers shall also be due on or before **30 June 2021**.

Taxpayers whose financial year is different from 31 December 2020 can also submit their Tax returns and pay their tax liability **two months after their original deadlines**, as long as the different year end has been approved by the GTA.

The provisions of this circular **do not apply** to companies operating in the field of **petroleum operations and petrochemical industries**. Furthermore, additional facilitation for exempt entities are currently in discussions and will be communicated soon.

We at KPMG in Qatar are grateful that the GTA has made this thoughtful consideration to extend the deadline in view of the pandemic.

While the extension provides relief to deal with the current situations, we highly recommend to our clients to work towards having the Tax returns submitted well within the deadline, to avoid any inconveniences given these uncertain times.

If you have any questions, please do feel free to contact us.

Kind regards,



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