



# KPMG Asia Pacific Tax Weekly

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## Asia Pacific Tax Developments

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### Australia

#### [Australia: Tax legislation yet to pass parliament](#)

As Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Treasurer Josh Frydenberg get their feet under their respective desks, it's timely to reflect on what tax legislation we saw passed in the last sittings of parliament, and what is still outstanding. Parliament resumes on September 10.

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### China

#### [China: Changes to Work/Residence Permit Requirements for Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau Residents in Mainland China](#)

Authorities in China over the summer updated the “work permit” requirements for residents of Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan to work in mainland China. Beginning 1 September 2018, residents of Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan residing in mainland China for a minimum of six months and that satisfy certain requirements can apply for a “residence permit.”

[More details](#)

## China: The Amendments to the PRC IIT Law Were Passed

On 31 August 2018, the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress passed the amendment to reform PRC IIT Law ("the Amendment"). The Amendment was promulgated through the Presidential Decree No. 9, and will take full effect from 1 January 2019. The revised standard personal deduction and tax rates table will apply from 1 October 2018. Key amendments are as follow:

- Expenditures on supporting the elderly allowable for personal tax deduction
- Deemed expense deduction allowable for income from provision of independent personal services, author's remuneration and royalties at 20% of gross income
- Charitable donations allowable for tax deductions
- Withholding agents shall furnish tax withholding statement to individual taxpayers

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## Korea

### Korea: United States-Korea free trade agreement negotiation "outcomes"

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) announced the "agreed outcomes" of negotiations to amend and modify the United States-Korea free trade agreement.

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## India

### India: Form 61B and user manuals under FATCA, CRS

The tax department in India issued updated versions of Form 61B and user manuals under the FATCA and common reporting standard (CRS) regimes. The user manuals provide information related to Form 61B and the "reporting portal."

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## Japan

### Japan: Inheritance Tax/Gift Tax - Amendments to Scope of Tax Payment Obligations of Foreign Nationals

Under the 2018 tax reform, the scope of tax payment obligations of inheritance tax/gift tax for foreign nationals was amended. Properties located outside Japan will be treated in principle as non-taxable properties for inheritance tax/gift tax purposes where a decedent/donor is a foreign national who has already left Japan.

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## Philippines

### Philippines: Special InTAX: Let's Get on the TRAIN (Tax Alert 22)

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) has issued Revenue Regulation (RR) No. 20–2018 implementing Rules and Guidelines on the Imposition of Excise Tax on Sweetened Beverages Pursuant to Section 47 of Republic Act No. 10963, otherwise known as the “Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Law. Salient features of the RR provides:

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## Singapore

### Singapore: Reporting CRS, accessing AEOI electronic services

The Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore (IRAS) announced beginning 1 September 2018, “CorpPass” (the corporate digital identity for businesses) will be the only login method for certain online corporate transactions and specifically concerning common reporting standard (CRS) returns.

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## Thailand

### Thailand: Revision of Work Permit Law

On the 24th of March 2018, the Thai cabinet approved the Emergency Decree on Managing the Work of Aliens. Key revisions are:

- Broadening activities for exemption from work permit requirements
- Revision in the definition of work
- Extension period for urgent work permit
- No longer require to register multiple working locations
- Registration deadline
- Reduction penalties

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## Significant International Tax Developments



### OECD: BEPS Action 14 peer review reports, tax dispute resolution

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) announced the publication of the fourth round of stage one peer review reports under the base erosion and profit shifting (BEPS) project.

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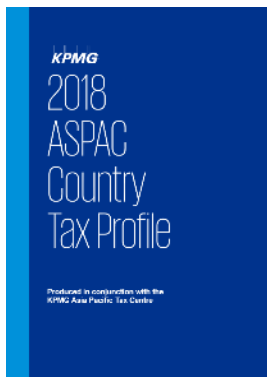
### OECD: Report on tax reforms reflects lower corporate tax rates

The OECD released a report describing recent tax reform efforts in various countries.

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## Thought Leadership



### 2018 Asia Pacific Country Tax Profiles

The 2018 edition of Country Tax Profiles – Indonesia and Sri Lanka have been made available at KPMG Asia Pacific Tax Centre's portal.

These guides are useful to understand the respective country's tax system, including information on Corporate Tax, International Tax, Transfer Pricing, Indirect Tax, Personal Tax, Trade & Customs and Tax Authorities.

In relation to other countries in Asia-Pacific region, their Tax Profiles will be uploaded in the following weeks.

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## Calendar of Events

| Date              | Event   | Location   |
|-------------------|---|--|
| 18 September 2018 | Corporate Treasury Management<br>Contacts: <a href="#">Sharon Ting</a><br><a href="#">More details</a>  | Mandarin Oriental Singapore, 5 Raffles Ave, Marina Square, Singapore 039797            |
| 8 November 2018   | Malaysia - Tax and Business Summit 2018<br>Contacts: <a href="#">Ms. Sharon Leong Peck Sim</a> / <a href="#">Ms. Fah Siew Peng</a> / <a href="#">Ms. Esther Teh Mei Sum</a><br><a href="#">More details</a> | One World Hotel First Avenue, Bandar Utama City Centre, 47800 Petaling Jaya, Malaysia. |

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## Beyond Asia Pacific

### [France: VAT collection updated guidelines, software and cash desk systems](#)

“Proof of conformity”—that is, evidence that businesses are complying with value added tax (VAT) collection and reporting rules—has been requested by French tax inspectors during recent tax audits. The French tax authorities are still considering 2018 to be a “test year” for the new anti-fraud legislation regarding the tax conformity of software and cash desk systems. With initial findings and reports from the first months of 2018 now being available, the tax authorities have refined their position on the matter.

[More details](#)

### [Ireland: Ireland announces Corporation Tax Roadmap](#)

On 5 September 2018, Ireland’s Department of Finance released Ireland’s Corporation Tax Roadmap setting out the future of Ireland’s corporation tax regime. The Roadmap reflects feedback to a consultation on recommendations for consideration which were made by independent expert Seamus Coffey in his Review of Ireland’s Corporation Tax Code.

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### [TaxNewsFlash by Region](#)

For the latest tax developments from other regions see the following links:

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[United States](#)

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