



# KPMG Asia Pacific Tax Weekly

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## Asia Pacific Tax Developments

### Australia

#### [Board of Taxation releases its recommendations on individual tax residency](#)

The Board has concluded that the tax legislation requires improvement and simplification in order to adequately address twenty-first century social and employment circumstances

### Hong Kong (SAR), China

#### [The Financial Secretary announces further relief measures to support enterprises and employment](#)

The Financial Secretary announced certain tax relief measures, including provisions for making tax payments in instalments and subsidies for small- and medium-sized enterprises. These measures will also help to safeguard employment in the rapidly evolving economic situation in Hong Kong.

#### [Hong Kong and Macau signed a comprehensive double taxation arrangement](#)

Representatives of the governments of Hong Kong and Macau on 25 November 2019 signed a new income tax treaty to address double taxation. The treaty or "arrangement" will enter into force once the formal ratification procedures are completed by both parties.



## Indonesia

### [Proposal for reduced corporate tax rate, territorial tax system](#)

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The government reportedly is finalizing a draft of a tax omnibus bill, with the intention that the legislation would be presented to the Parliament for consideration in January 2020.

## India

### [Electronic invoicing required for certain business-to-business supplies](#)

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The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs issued notices that require certain registered persons to provide electronic invoices with regard to business-to-business supplies if a certain turnover threshold (INR 100 crore) is satisfied.

### [Tax relief included in tax legislation](#)

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Amendments to the Income-tax Act 1961 and the Finance (No. 2) Act 2019 were passed by Lok Sabha on 2 December 2019, and have now been published.

## Myanmar

### [New penalty measures, stamp tax imposed on documents](#)

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A law amending the stamp tax (duty) in Myanmar has an effective date of 26 November 2019. In general, the new provisions amend the amount of penalty that may apply with regard to unpaid or underpaid stamp taxes.

## New Zealand

### [Aligning tax with accounting for leases](#)

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The Government is proposing a law change in early 2020 to allow lessees to follow the treatment in a new lease accounting standard (NZ IFRS 16) for tax. This will apply for tax years commencing on or after 1 January 2019, to mirror the application of NZ IFRS 16.

# Taiwan

## [Reduced business tax rate, banks' NCD transactions; refund opportunities](#)

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The Ministry of Finance issued a tax ruling that concludes a reduced rate applies with regard to the business tax imposed on revenue derived by banks from transactions of negotiable certificates of deposit (NCDs), issued by Taiwan's central bank. According to the tax ruling, this revenue is subject to business tax of 2% (instead of the business tax rate of 5%).



## Beyond Asia Pacific

### [EU: VAT quick fixes; uniform rules to simplify chain transactions](#)

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One of four areas under the EU's value added tax (VAT) "quick fixes" concerns uniform rules to simplify chain transactions.

### [Nigeria: Tax enforcement program, focused on tax collection](#)

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The Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) on 17 December 2019 issued a notice announcing the start of a nationwide tax enforcement exercise.



## TaxNewsFlash by region

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

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