

Bahrain & GCC Tax News



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Bahrain

National Bureau of Revenue (NBR) refers tax evasion cases to Public Prosecution

In line with its commitment towards enforcing the provisions of the VAT Law, the NBR has recently referred two cases of VAT evasion to the Public Prosecution for further legal action. The reported cases are in relation to failure to pay VAT dues exceeding BHD 120,000.

NBR announces second interactive session to support Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Bahrain

The NBR will host its second interactive engagement session on 8 December 2025, continuing its commitment to supporting SMEs in Bahrain. The session aims to provide direct guidance to SMEs, particularly in enhancing their understanding of the practical application of the VAT legislation and ensuring they are well-equipped to meet their compliance obligations effectively.

Click [here](#) to view the related published press release.

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority (ZATCA) to conduct tax and zakat workshops

- On 1 December 2025, ZATCA will conduct a virtual workshop on transfer pricing.
- On 2 December 2025, ZATCA will conduct a virtual workshop on the cancellation of fines and exemption of penalties initiative.
- On 3 December 2025, ZATCA will conduct a virtual workshop on the rights and obligations of zakat payers.

Click [here](#) to register for upcoming workshops.

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Ministry of Finance (MoF) issues Federal Decree Law No. 16 and 17 of 2025

On 25 November 2025, the MoF issued Federal Decree-Law No. 16 of 2025, introducing amendments to certain provisions of Federal Decree-Law No. 8 of 2017 ('UAE VAT Law'). In parallel, the MoF also issued Federal Decree-Law No. 17 of 2025, amending certain provisions of Federal Decree-Law No. 28 of 2022 ('Tax Procedures Law').

The updated UAE VAT Law and the amended Tax Procedures Law will take effect from 1 January 2026.

Click [here](#) to view the Tax Flash prepared by KPMG UAE on the matter.

Federal Tax Authority (FTA) conducts tax workshops

- On 25 November 2025, the FTA organized the 'Tax Agents Forum 2025', which addressed key updates on UAE corporate tax (CT), VAT, excise tax, and tax residency rules.
- On 26 November 2025, the FTA conducted a virtual workshop on how to submit a CT return.

For a detailed discussion on how the above updates may impact your business, [contact us](#).

Best regards,

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