Bahrain & GCC Tax News

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Bahrain

Bahrain-KSA tax treaty published

On 21 June 2026, Bahrain published the “Bahrain – Saudi Arabia Income Tax Treaty (2025)” in the Official Gazette no. 3889, following ratification of the treaty.

Click here to view the Official Gazette (in Arabic).

Customs cooperation agreement with India approved

On 15 June 2026, Bahrain’s Cabinet approved an agreement between Bahrain Customs Affairs and India’s Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs for the mutual recognition of their Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) programme.

Click here to view the official announcement.

Draft Bahrain Corporate Income Tax (CIT) Law

On 29 December 2025, during the weekly Cabinet Meeting, a draft CIT law was referred to the Bahraini legislative authorities imposing 10% tax on local businesses. Subsequently, on 23 February 2026, the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) invited representatives from the Bahrain business community to provide a brief overview of the draft CIT law. The BCCI also shared an Arabic copy of the draft CIT law as part of a closed consultation inviting inputs on the draft CIT law.

In our recent Tax Alert, we have summarized the key provisions under the draft Bahrain CIT law.

Click here to read our latest Tax Alert on the Draft Bahrain CIT Law.

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

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

- On 29 June 2026, ZATCA will conduct a virtual workshop on phase two of e-invoicing (integration phase).
- On 1 July 2026, ZATCA will conduct a virtual workshop on the KSA AEO programme.

Click here to register for upcoming virtual workshops.

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Federal Tax Authority (FTA) conducts tax related workshops

- On 23 June 2026, the FTA conducted a virtual session on the corporate tax registration process for natural persons, and another session on VAT challenges in the UAE.
- On 24 June 2026, the FTA conducted a virtual session on the latest updates in tax procedures, services, and legislation, and another session on tax violations and administrative penalties.
- On 25 June 2026, the FTA conducted a virtual session on tax basics, and a physical workshop on the Muwafaq Package designed to support SMEs.
- On 29 June 2026, the FTA conducted a virtual session on UAE’s e-invoicing system, and another session on excise tax challenges in UAE.
- On 30 June 2026, the FTA will conduct a virtual session on tax invoices / credit notes.

Qatar

General Tax Authority (GTA) conducts workshop on capital gains tax

On 28 June 2026, the GTA held a workshop on the key provisions of the capital gains tax law, with a focus on the applicable tax rates and the methodology for calculating capital gains tax.

Kuwait

Kuwait advances international tax transparency commitments

Kuwait has recently signed the Country-by-Country Reporting Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement (CbCR MCAA) and the Common Reporting Standard (CRS) MCAA 2.0 Addendum, strengthening its commitment towards international tax transparency.

For a detailed discussion on how the above updates may impact your business, contact us.

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