Bahrain & GCC Tax News



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Bahrain

Bahrain's Evolving Tax Landscape: Preparing for E-Invoicing and Corporate Income Tax (CIT) Seminar

As e-invoicing frameworks continue to develop across the GCC, businesses in Bahrain have an opportunity to learn from regional implementation experience and consider the potential implications for their operations, systems, and data.

In December 2025, a draft CIT law was referred to the Bahraini legislative authorities imposing 10% broad-based CIT on local businesses. Subsequently, 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 and also shared an Arabic copy of the draft CIT law as part of a closed consultation.

Against this backdrop of accelerated Tax and Regulatory change, it is critical for Tax and Finance leaders in Bahrain to stay informed and prepare their organizations for both recent and upcoming tax developments.

We are pleased to invite you to our complimentary e-invoicing and CIT Seminar where our specialists will share practical insights from regional e-invoicing implementations and discuss the key points of the draft CIT law, including what both developments could mean for your business.

Click here to register for the seminar.

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 workshop

- On 19 October 2026, ZATCA will conduct a virtual workshop on duty-free markets.
- On 20 October 2026, ZATCA will conduct a virtual workshop focusing on the VAT refund mechanism for real estate developers.
- On 21 October 2026, ZATCA will conduct a virtual workshop on the zakat procedures contained in the implementing regulations for zakat collection.

Click here to register for upcoming virtual workshops.

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Federal Tax Authority (FTA) conducts tax workshops

- On 13 October 2026, the FTA conducted a virtual workshop on UAE's e-invoicing system, and another workshop on the CT return filing and de-registration steps.
- On 22 October 2026, the FTA will conduct a virtual workshop focusing on Pillar Two Top-up Tax and the key regulatory aspects of the UAE's Qualified Domestic Minimum Top-up Tax (QDMTT) legislation.

Qatar

Tax treaty update

On 14 October 2026, the Austrian National Council approved the amending protocol, originally signed on 3 May 2026, to the "Austria - Qatar Income and Capital Tax Treaty (2010)".

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

Best regards,

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