Bahrain & GCC Tax News



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Bahrain

FY 2025 Economic Substance Return (ESR) deadline extended to 26 November 2026

The Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MoIC) has opened the filing window for ESR for the financial year ended 2025. Entities in scope of Bahrain's ESR requirements can file from 26 October 2026 to 26 November 2026 through the International Tax Information Exchange System (ITIES).

For more information on how our ESR specialists can assist, please contact us.

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

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

- On 16 November 2026, ZATCA will conduct a virtual workshop on Excise Tax.
- On 17 November 2026, ZATCA will conduct a virtual workshop on the VAT taxpayer journey.
- On 18 November 2026, ZATCA will conduct a virtual workshop on Real Estate Transaction Tax.
- On 19 November 2026, ZATCA will conduct a virtual workshop on the entities or persons subject to and exempt from zakat.

Click here to register for upcoming virtual workshops.

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Federal Tax Authority (FTA) issues VAT Public Clarification and Corporate Tax (CT) Guide

- On 11 November 2026, FTA published VAT public clarification 'VATP048' on verification of supplies before deduction of input tax.
- On 11 November 2026, FTA published the updated CT guide 'CTGTGR1' on tax groups for CT purposes.

FTA conducts tax workshops

- On 10 November 2026, the FTA conducted a virtual awareness session focusing on the key regulatory aspects of the UAE's Qualified Domestic Minimum Top-up Tax (QDMTT) legislation.
- On 11 November 2026, the FTA conducted a virtual workshop on the VAT challenges in the UAE.

On 12 November 2026, the FTA conducted a virtual session to explore the EmaraTax platform.

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

Best regards,

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