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KPMG in Namibia's 2026/27 Mid-Year Budget Review Summary

Finance Minister, Ms Ericah B Shafudah, delivered the National Mid-Year Budget Review address on Thursday, 22 October 2026

The Mid-Year Budget Review **prioritises tax compliance** and revenue mobilisation and emphasises fiscal discipline amid slower growth, lower revenues and rising debt costs, while supporting essential services, investment and inclusive growth.

Tax Administration

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Tax Amnesty

The Minister has confirmed that the amnesty program has now achieved its objective and will **not be extended**. Taxpayers have a final opportunity to regularize outstanding tax affairs before the program **ends on 31 October 2026**.

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Tax Court and Professional Regulation Bills

The bills to establish a Tax Court and regulate accountants and auditors have progressed to the National Assembly. No expected implementation dates were announced.

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Previously announced tax reforms

The Minister confirmed that Government remains committed to advancing previously announced tax policy and administrative reforms, although no specific implementation timelines have been provided.

Tax Policy

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Sugar zero-rating is under review

Government is reviewing the VAT zero-rating of sugar, in aid of promoting of healthier lifestyles.

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Agricultural inputs may receive VAT relief

Government is considering zero-rating import VAT on agricultural inputs and equipment to reduce domestic food production costs.

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SACU anti-dumping duties

Namibia is participating in SACU's review of anti-dumping duties on selected products to promote fair competition and protect regional industries.

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Export levies in review

In line with Namibia's value-based natural resources regime, stakeholder consultations regarding the review of export levy levels are ongoing.



“Going forward, all taxpayers will be expected to meet their obligations as Government advances a fair, efficient, and sustainable tax system founded on compliance, accountability, and shared responsibility. We will continue to explore other relief measures for taxpayers.”

– Minister Erica Shafudah

Other Highlights

On 19 June 2026, Namibia was removed from the Financial Action Task Force list of jurisdictions under increased monitoring, following completion of its Action Plan.

Government is strengthening Namibia's investment climate through visa and legislative reforms, an enhanced BIPA One-Stop Centre and efforts to streamline approvals, supporting competitiveness and private sector-led growth.

Key financial regulations that were gazetted include the Financial Institutions and Markets Act, modernising non-bank financial oversight, as well as procurement reforms covering higher thresholds, a special category for high-spending public entities, framework agreements and pooled procurement.

Government reports stronger coordination across financial, revenue and law-enforcement institutions, having recovered NAD45 million to date through these efforts.

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