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To stimulate the economy and support the private sector

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(From 18 March 2020 to 30 June 2020)



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(From 18 March 2020 to 30 June 2020)



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(From 18 March 2020 to 30 June 2020)



Late payment penalties for failing to pay installments within due date



Penalty for amendment of declaration



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GAZT will be:

(From 18 March 2020 to 30 June 2020)



Granting Zakat certificates without restrictions for the period of fiscal year 2019



Accepting installment plans without insisting for a down payment



Accelerating payment towards refund requests





Suspensions of services and seizure of funds

(From 18 March 2020 to 30 June 2020)



Procedures relating to suspension of Government services and seizure of funds will not be enforced and suspensions currently in place will be revoked until 30 June 2020 to allow the taxpayers to continue their economic activity

Amnesty

(Until 30 June 2020)

Registered Taxpayers will be exempted from:



Late Payment Penalty



Late Filing Penalty



Penalty for amendment of declaration

In case of voluntary disclosure or filing non-filed declarations

The tax due should be paid or an installment plan request should be submitted by 30 June 2020

Unregistered taxpayers will be exempted from:



Penalty for failure to register



Late Payment Penalty



Late Filing Penalty

Taxpayer has to register and submit all declarations before 30 June 2020

The tax due should be paid or an installment plan request should be submitted before 30 June 2020



Illustration for submission and payment of VAT monthly returns

Monthly VAT returns to be submitted via GAZT portal gazt.gov.sa as follows:

Return Period	Original Due Date	Extended Due Date
February Return	31 March 2020	30 June 2020
March Return	30 April 2020	31 July 2020
April Return	31 May 2020	31 August 2020
May Return	30 June 2020	30 September 2020

Monthly VAT returns for the Return Period after May 2020 will not be postponed, and should be submitted and paid on or before their original due dates as follows

June Return	31 July 2020
July Return	31 August 2020
August Return	30 September 2020
September Return	31 October 2020



Illustration for submission and payment of VAT quarterly returns

Quarterly VAT returns to be submitted via GAZT portal gazit.gov.sa as follows:

Registered taxpayers	Original Due Date	Extended Due Date
Return for the First Quarter April - May - June	30 April 2020	31 July 2020

VAT return for the Second Quarter will not be postponed and should be submitted and paid on or before its original due date as follows

Return for the Second Quarter April - May - June	31 July 2020
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Illustration for submission and payment of Excise tax returns

Bimonthly Excise Tax returns to be submitted via GAZT portal gazit.gov.sa as follows:

Return Period	Original Due Date	Extended Due Date
March / April 2020	15 May 2020	15 August 2020

Due dates for Excise Tax returns will not be changed for the following

January / February	15 March 2020
May / June	15 July 2020
July / August	15 September 2020



Income tax and Zakat on commercial entities



Income Tax and Zakat due dates for fiscal year **2019 - 1441 Hijri**

If the due date for Income Tax or Zakat return falls between **18 March 2020** to **30 June 2020** then the due date will be extended by **3 months from the original due date**

Illustration 1:

A Zakat return with original due date on 19 March 2020



The due date will be extended to 19 June 2020

Illustration 2:

An Income Tax return with the original due date on 13 May 2020



The due date will be extended to 13 August 2020

You can submit the returns via GAZT portal **gazt.gov.sa**



Withholding Tax



Illustration for submission and payment due dates for Withholding Tax

Withholding Tax returns to be submitted via GAZT portal gazit.gov.sa as follows:

Return Period	Original Due Date	Extended Due Date
March Return	10 April 2020	10 July 2020
April Return	10 May 2020	10 August 2020
May Return	10 June 2020	10 September 2020

Due date for withholding tax returns due for the Return Period from June 2020 will not be extended

June Return	10 July 2020
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Deferring Excise Tax payment due upon import for registered taxpayers



Payment of Excise Tax deferred up on import

A temporary return has to be submitted via GAZT portal

gazt.gov.sa

Importation period	Original Due Date	Temporary Return Due Date
From 18-03-2020 To 31-03-2020	Importation Date	Maximum 30 June 2020
From 01-04-2020 To 30-04-2020	Importation Date	Maximum 31 July 2020
From 01-05-2020 To 31-05-2020	Importation Date	Maximum 31 August 2020
From 01-06-2020 To 30-06-2020	Importation Date	Maximum 30 September 2020

This facility of deferring the Excise Tax due upon import in general will be withdrawn from 1 July 2020. Therefore, for the imports made on or after 1 July 2020, the Excise Tax due upon such import has to be paid at Saudi Customs based on ordinary procedures.





Deferral

Payment of VAT on import through the Tax return

Note: the goods should be imported for the business of the registered VAT taxpayer



The Taxpayer

VAT deferred upon import should be declared in the tax return for the period in which such import has been done by the registered taxpayer



This facility

of deferring the VAT due upon import in general will be withdrawn from 1 July 2020. Therefore, for the imports made on or after 1 July 2020, the VAT due upon such import has to be paid at Saudi Customs based on ordinary procedures.



Amnesty - Exemption from penalties for registered taxpayers



Registered taxpayers will be exempted from penalties due on:

➤ **Voluntarily disclosing all the tax due by amending previously submitted tax declarations**

➤ **Submitting any outstanding declarations**

Benefits of the Amnesty

Penalties for the declarations submitted or amended during Amnesty period will be waived, such as:



Declaration
Amendment
Penalty



Late Payment
Penalty



Late Filing
Penalty



Amnesty - Exemption from penalties for registered taxpayers



In order to seek waiver of penalties, taxpayers have to submit non-submitted declarations and / or amend previously submitted returns, and pay all tax dues or submit an installment plan request before:

30 June 2020

In order to seek waiver of penalties from the due date on submitted or amended declarations

The amnesty covers all types of taxes

CIT, Withholding Tax, VAT, and Excise tax

Amnesty Period

From 18 March 2020 to 30 June 2020



Amnesty - Exemption from penalties for registered taxpayers



An illustration for waiving following penalties:



Late Payment Penalty



Late Filing Penalty

For registered taxpayers

A taxpayer (Company X) registered for CIT and VAT since 2018 has failed to submit four VAT declarations and two CIT declarations

This company could benefit from this Amnesty by:



Paying all the taxes due or submitting an installment plan request by 30 June 2020



Submitting all non-submitted declarations by 30 June 2020

This company can benefit from the waiver of the following penalties:



Late Filing Penalty

For VAT:
5% of each month or part of month

For CIT:
1% for every 30 days



Late Payment Penalty

For VAT:
From 5% up to 25% of tax due of each declaration

For CIT:
Maximum SAR 20,000 for each return



For more information about waived penalties, values or rates please click here



Amnesty - Exemption from penalties for registered taxpayers



An illustration for waiving following penalties:



Late Payment Penalty



Return Amendment Penalty

For registered taxpayers

A company submits its VAT returns regularly on time
After year end review it is discovered that **4 invoices** with a VAT due amounting to **SAR 40,000** has been excluded from **May 2019** declaration

This company could benefit from this **Amnesty by:**



Amending May 2019 VAT declaration to include the omitted VAT due on or before 30 June 2020



Paying the tax due based on amended declaration or submitting an installment plan request on or before 30 June 2020

This company can benefit from the **waiver of the following penalties:**



Return Amendment Penalty

Up to 50% of tax difference



Late Payment Penalty

5% on each month of delay or partial month



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Amnesty - Exemption from penalties for registered taxpayers



An illustration for waiving following penalties:



Late Payment Penalty

For registered taxpayers

A taxpayer registered as importer in Excise Tax

The taxpayer has imported goods subject to **Excise Tax** and declared a specific retail sales price, later the taxpayer discovered that the declared retail sales price is **less than the actual retail sales price**.

This taxpayer could benefit from **this Amnesty by:**



Voluntarily disclosing the Excise Tax due by submitting an excise tax transitional return to include all underpaid Excise tax by 30 June 2020

This taxpayer can benefit from **the waiver of the following penalties:**



Late Payment Penalty

5% on each month of delay or part thereof



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Amnesty - Exemption from penalties for registered taxpayers



An illustration for waiving following penalties:



Late Payment Penalty



Late Filing Penalty

For registered taxpayers

A company or an entity received services subject to withholding tax from non-resident in 2018

based on the law such services should be subject to withholding tax and the company has to submit **withholding tax** declaration, but the company failed to submit any withholding tax declaration till date

This company could benefit from this **Amnesty** by:



Paying applicable withholding tax due or submitting a request for an installment plan on or before 30 June 2020



Submitting all non-submitted declarations on or before 30 June 2020

This company can benefit from the **waiver of the following penalties:**



Late Filing Penalty

Up to SAR 20,000 for each return



Late Payment Penalty

1% every 30 days



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Amnesty - Exemption from penalties for unregistered taxpayers



Through the Amnesty scheme, GAZT is providing an opportunity for the **unregistered taxpayers** who are liable to register:



To register



To submit all the declarations due and pay the tax due

Benefits of the Amnesty

Waiving of penalties, such as:



Penalty for failure to register



Late Payment Penalty



Late Filing Penalty



Amnesty - Exemption from penalties for unregistered taxpayers



To benefit from the **Amnesty scheme**, taxpayers must register within the amnesty period, and submit all due declarations and pay the tax due or request an installment plan by:

Until **30 June 2020**

To seek waiver of all penalties due from the original due date.

The amnesty covers all types of taxes

CIT, Withholding Tax, VAT, and Excise tax

Amnesty Period

From 18 March 2020 to 30 June 2020

The Amnesty includes all taxpayers such as:

individuals, Companies, government entities, or any other persons until 30 June 2020



Amnesty - Exemption from penalties for unregistered taxpayers



An illustration for waiving:



Late Registration Penalty



Late Payment Penalty



Late Filing Penalty

For unregistered taxpayers

Company X should have been registered for VAT from **1 January 2019** but failed to register

This company could benefit from this Amnesty by:



Registering for VAT before 30 June 2020



Paying all the VAT due on submitted declarations or submit an installment plan request before 30 June 2020



Submitting all the declarations due starting from 1 January 2019 till the actual registration date by 30 June 2020

This company can benefit from the waiver of the following penalties:



Late Registration Penalty

SAR 10,000



Late Filing Penalty

From 5% up to 25% of tax due



Late Payment Penalty

5% on each month of delay or part thereof



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Amnesty - Exemption from penalties for unregistered taxpayers



An illustration for waiving:



Late Registration Penalty



Late Payment Penalty



Late Filing Penalty

For unregistered taxpayers

An individual has conducted real estate sales transactions which are subject to VAT in 2019 and did not register until the announcement of the amnesty

This individual could benefit from this Amnesty by:



Registering for VAT before 30 June 2020



Submitting all the declarations due starting from 1 January 2019 till the actual registration date by 30 June 2020



Paying all VAT due on submitted declarations, or submit an installment plan request before 30 June 2020

This individual can benefit from the waiver of the following penalties:



Late Registration Penalty

SAR 10,000



Late Filing Penalty

From 5% up to 25% of tax due



Late Payment Penalty

5% on each month of delay or part thereof.



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Amnesty - Exemption from penalties for unregistered taxpayers



An illustration for waiving:



Late Registration Penalty



Late Payment Penalty



Late Filing Penalty

For unregistered taxpayers

A non-resident company provided services to end customers in Kingdom and was supposed to register for VAT before **1 January 2018** but failed to register

This company could benefit from this Amnesty by:



Registering for VAT before 30 June 2020



Submitting all declarations due starting from 1 January 2018 till the actual registration date by 30 June 2020



Paying all VAT due on submitted declarations, or submit an installment plan request before 30 June 2020

This company can benefit from the waiver of the following penalties:



Late Registration Penalty

SAR 10,000



Late Filing Penalty

From 5% up to 25% of tax due



Late Payment Penalty

5% on each month of delay or part thereof



For more information about waived penalties, values or rates please click here



Details of Penalties



The below are the penalties that will be waived during the Amnesty period

From **18 March 2020** to **30 June 2020**

VAT Penalties

SAR
10,000



Failure to Register
SAR 10,000 penalty

Up to 50%
of the tax difference



Submitting incorrect declaration
A penalty equal to 50% of the tax difference

From 5-25%
from the tax due



Late Filing Penalty
From 5% up to 25% of tax due

5%
of unpaid tax due



Late Payment Penalty
5% on unpaid tax due on each month of delay or part thereof

Excise Tax Penalties

From 5-25%
from the tax due



Late Filing Penalty
From 5% up to 25% of tax due

5%
of unpaid tax due



Late Payment Penalty
5% on unpaid tax due on each month of delay or partial month



Details of Penalties



The below are the penalties that will be waived during the Amnesty period

From **18 March 2020** to **30 June 2020**

CIT and Withholding tax Penalties

Up to SAR
10,000



Non-registration Penalty

A penalty not less SAR 1,000 and not exceeding SAR 10,000

1%
for each 30 days



Late Payment Penalty

1% every 30 days of unpaid tax due

CIT and Withholding Tax Late Filing Penalty

1%



from revenues with a maximum of SAR 20,000

5%



of unpaid tax due if the delay does not exceeds 30 days

10%



of unpaid tax due if the delay more than 30 days but not exceeding 90 days

20%



of unpaid tax due if the delay more than 90 days but not exceeding 365 days

25%



of unpaid tax due if the delay more than 365 days



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