

## VAT in Bahrain

### Are you ready for the implementation?

#### VAT in Bahrain is expected soon

After the UAE and KSA, Bahrain is expected to implement VAT. Although the exact date of the implementation is yet to be set, recent updates from the Ministry of Finance show that Bahrain is closer towards the implementation and things are definitely moving.

Introduction of VAT will be a big challenge for the local market. Businesses from a largely non-tax environment will be required to meet significant obligations critical to the operation of the new VAT system. And, from our recent experience, in a very short time and with very little margin of error.

#### Not sure how to do it or even where to start?

Deloitte is here to help you.

We have developed an approach and methodology to support you in the implementation of VAT but, at the same time, keeping the cost manageable. You will leverage on our VAT technical know-how to build your in-house VAT expertise to not only implement VAT but to continuously manage the process and risks over the longer term. Actions that should be undertaken already include:

#### Transaction mapping

Analysis of the business transactions to determine the likely VAT treatment.

#### IT review

Development of IT system requirements to assure the readiness of the system to process the VAT requirements.

#### VAT impact assessment

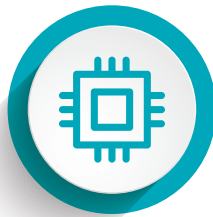
Overview of the VAT position of the business, review of the terms of the crucial contracts, identification of the compliance and documentation requirements.

#### VAT implementation – what needs to change in your business?



#### People and organization

- New roles and responsibilities
- Build VAT expertise within the organization
- Change in thinking and acceptance



#### Technology

- VAT determination in front-end systems
- Accounting for VAT in finance systems
- Changes in existing commercial documents (e.g. invoices)



#### Processes

- Change in finance processes due to VAT
- New GL (General Ledger) accounts and new accounting entries
- New reporting and compliance requirements

And if you need more assistance, we are ready to help as well. We tailor our approach to fit your requirements.

#### The Deloitte VAT team in Bahrain

If you are interested in our support, please contact us. We have carried out many VAT implementation projects for many different types of businesses across the GCC including Bahrain and we are here to continue to help no matter where you are in terms of preparation.

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