



# GCC Value Added Tax (VAT) Compliance Centre

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) are both introducing Value Added Tax (VAT) on 1 January 2018, but are businesses well equipped to ensure day one compliance?

Deloitte has conducted a pulse survey – Preparing for VAT in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), in order to gauge business' attitudes towards the introduction of VAT throughout this year. Most survey respondents named compliance as the number one priority of their indirect tax dedicated resource. This might be due to the typical design of a VAT regime that incorporates some hefty penalties for getting things wrong. Tax authorities that administer VAT can in fact extend to allowing businesses to be closed down and assets liquidated in cases of persistent non-compliance. Poor compliance will not only lead to penalties but can damage your firm's reputation.

## Consider leveraging adviser relationships

Outsource providers typically have standard methodologies and technologies for consolidation, processing and reporting of VAT information.

Businesses can choose to leverage this approach as an alternative to investing internally in a compliance and reporting solution. Outsourcing is common for many businesses: larger organizations choose to outsource

compliance and advisory matters to utilize specialist knowledge and expertise in a cost-effective way. Smaller organizations often choose outsourcing because there is no business need for having a full-time tax role.

Do not underestimate the overall VAT reporting process, i.e. the time taken to consolidate, test and get comfortable with the figures extracted from finance systems that will be submitted to tax authorities.

## How can Deloitte help?

Deloitte has developed a GCC VAT Compliance Centre under its Business Process Solutions (BPS) service line, dedicated to guide businesses throughout their VAT compliance journey. The GCC VAT Compliance Centre is equipped with a dedicated team of tax specialists responsible solely of your compliance needs who can help you manage the VAT compliance burden.

Our VAT compliance team will work in close cooperation with you to prepare or review your VAT returns. We will emphasize on specific points and margins for improvement as we prepare your VAT returns. Because we perform our work in close collaboration with our Advisory team, we are able to provide your business with customized solutions to maximize your efficiency potential. This also enables us to assist you in the framework of your VAT audits, due diligence, & legal proceedings.

The quality of a multi-awarded Tax Advisor in the GCC region is available to you.

## Our VAT compliance services:

### Registration

- Completion of requirements and forms for registration
- Filing required documents to authorities
- Monitoring thresholds
- De-registration when required

### Filing and submission

- Assist in completing VAT returns
- Regionally centralized VAT compliance support for local VAT filing representation
- Updates on VAT laws and regulations

### Additional VAT review and queries support

- Automated checking and reconciliation exercises of transactions for VAT tax returns
- Assist the client in VAT-related queries, as the need arises
- Complete compliance life cycle management support

### VAT refund and tax audit

- Review and support in VAT reclaims
- Assist in explanatory proceedings
- Provide support during VAT inspections
- Tax Compliance Audit, if necessary

## Meet the team

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