



TAX UPDATES

Highlights of the Tax Amnesty Scheme applicable from 1st July 2021

1. Waiver available for **Penalty and interest** charged on VAT, Corporate Income Tax, Withholding tax, Other withholding tax and Individual Income Tax. Take note that there is **no waiver of principal** Tax/VAT amount.
2. **Validity** period of this scheme: 1st July 2021 to 31st December 2021.
3. **Eligibility** to get this benefit:
 - i) Principal tax is fully paid up as appearing in the tax statement.
 - ii) Income Tax returns eligible: Tax year 2021 or prior
 - iii) VAT returns eligible: May/June 2021 or prior
 - iv) New registrants during validity period are also eligible while submitting old pending tax returns.
 - v) Old registrants with old pending returns can submit them during validity period and get waiver of consequent penalty and interest.
 - vi) Taxpayers under audit also qualify to get waiver of penalty and interests.
4. **Exclusions:**
 - i) Penalty & Interest charged on non-submission of transfer pricing documentation.
 - ii) Tax period after June 2021 will not be covered.
 - iii) Tax amount deferred under the COVID-19 SAT deferral scheme.
 - iv) Any interest or penalties already paid before 1st July 2021 is not refundable.
 - v) Persons who have been convicted of financial crime.
5. **Procedure** in brief at BURS :
 - i) Pay the full amount of Principal tax/vat due. If paying by installments- pay before 31st Dec' 21.
 - ii) Notify the Commissioner General within seven days of payment.
 - iii) Upon receipt of the notification, the Commissioner General will confirm waiver of the penalties and/or interest within 21 days of receiving notification of payment.

For further assistance please contact our Tax Division

Best wishes from Team PASS

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