Common Errors, Mistakes and Malpractices in the Interpretation & Application of the UAE VAT Law



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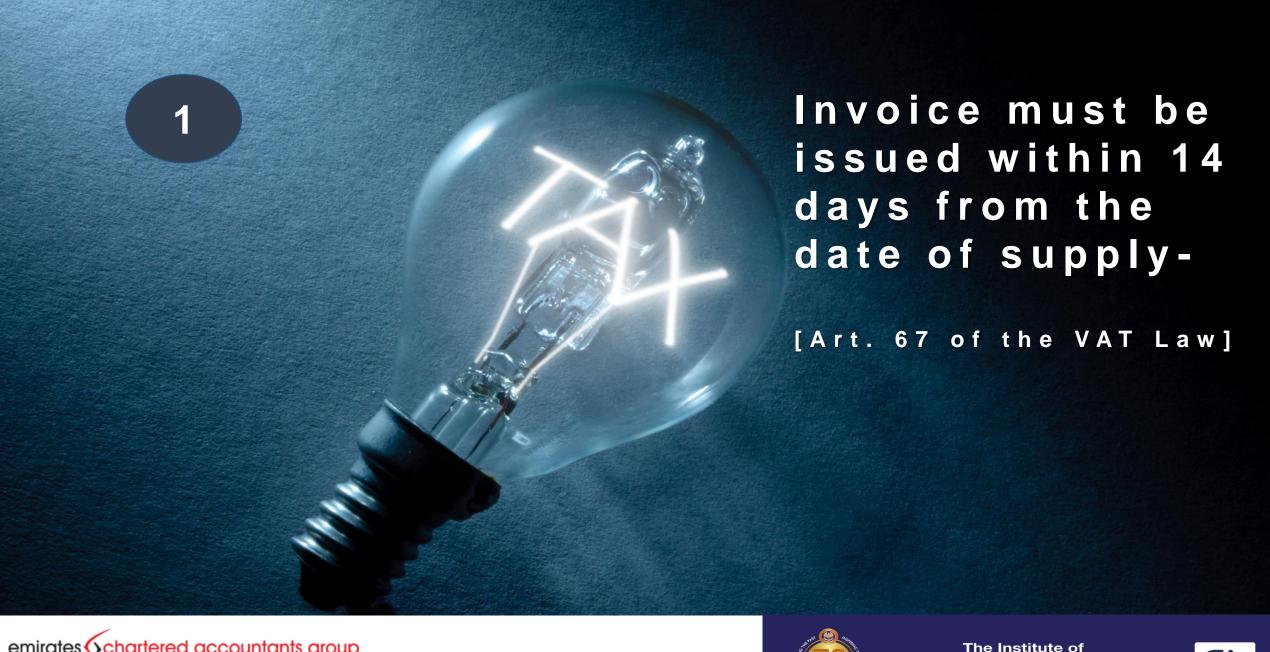
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Article - 67 of Law No (8)

The Registrant shall issue a Tax Invoice within 14 days as of the date of supply as stated in Article (25) of this Decree-Law.

Information to be provided to FTA

Sales and other outputs subject to the standard rate of VAT (5%)											
Item	Tax Invoice No	Tax Invoice	Time of	Net Amount AED	VAT Amount AED	Customer Name	Customer TRN (if applicable)	Invoice Description			
Number	Tax invoice No	Date	Supply	AED	AED	Name	applicable)	Description			













Information to be provided to FTA

Purchases subject to the standard rate of VAT (5%)												
	Tax		Tax Invoice	Tax Invoice Paid/ intended	Net	VAT	VAT Amount			Invoice		
Item	Invoice	Tax Invoice	Received	to pay	Amount	Amount	Recovered	Supplier	Supplier	Descriptio		
Number	No	Date	Date	Date	AED	AED	AED	Name	TRN	n		



















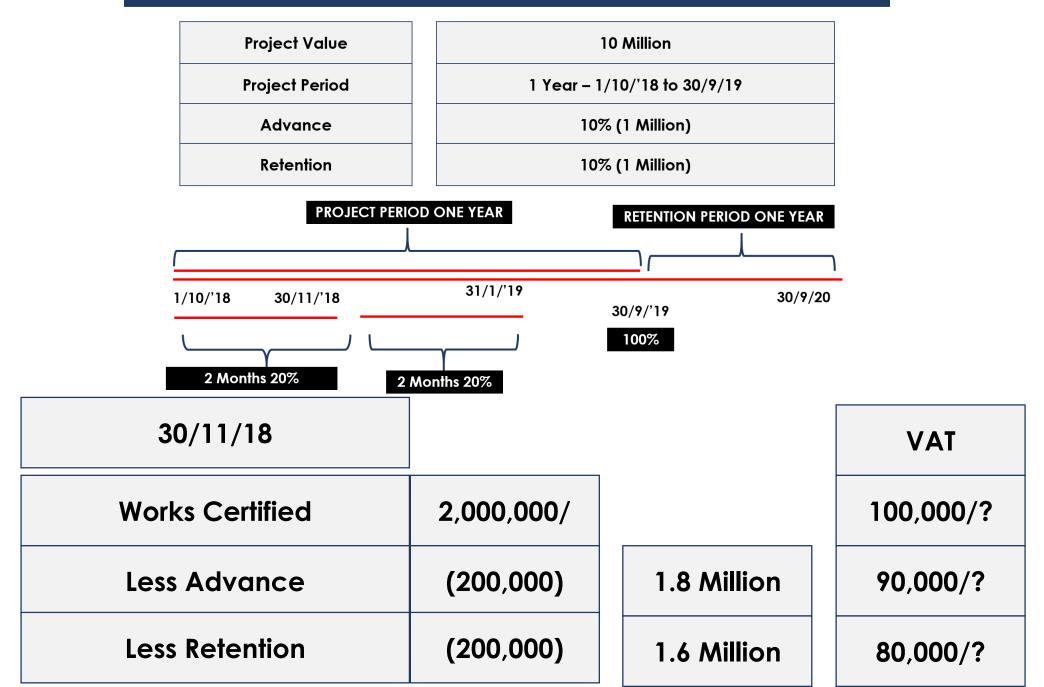








Tax Treatment on Continuous Supply



Retention

Services are Contractually Completed

Yes

No

DoS will be the earliest of the following:

- * Date on which the service is completed
 - * Issue of Tax Invoice
 - * Receipt of Payment

DoS will be the earliest of the following:

- * Date on which the work has been signed off as completed
 - * Issue of Tax Invoice
 - *Receipt of Payment



























Zero Rating the Export of Services [Art. 31-ER]

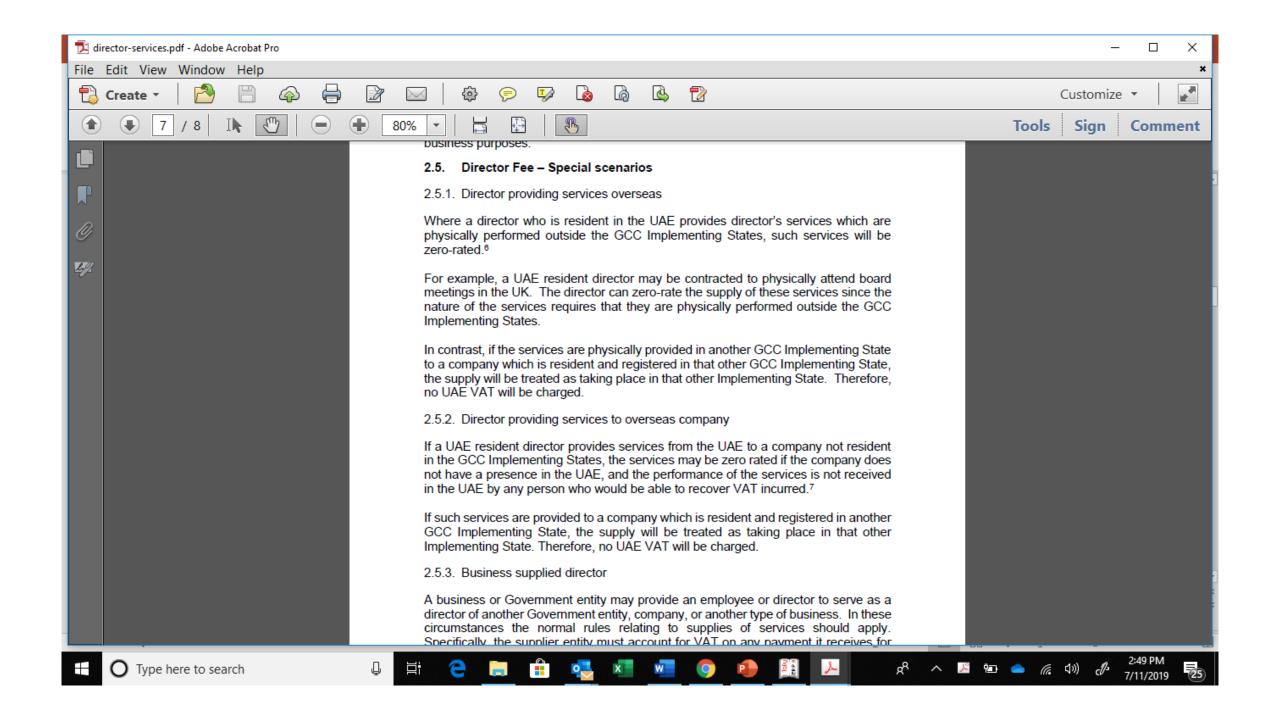
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- **a.** If the following conditions are met:
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- 2) The Services are **not supplied** directly in connection with **real estate situated in the State** or any improvement to the real estate or directly in connection with **moveable personal assets** situated in the State at the time the Services are performed.
- **b**. If the services are **actually performed outside** the Implementing States or are the arranging of services that are actually performed outside the Implementing States.
- c. If the supply consists of the facilitation of outbound tour packages, for that part of the service.

Definition of Export:

Goods departing the state or the provision of services to a person whose Place of Establishment or Fixed Establishment in outside the state.







Directors' Service Fee

2.5.1. Director providing services overseas

Where a director who is resident in the UAE provides director's services which are physically performed outside the GCC Implementing States, such services will be zero-rated.

For example, a UAE resident director may be contracted to physically attend board meetings in the UK. The director can zero-rate the supply of these services since the nature of the services requires that they are physically performed outside the GCC Implementing States.

2.5.2. Director providing services to overseas company

If a UAE resident director provides services from the UAE to a company not resident in the GCC Implementing States, the services may be zero rated if the company does not have a presence in the UAE, and the performance of the services is not received in the UAE by any person who would be able to recover VAT incurred.





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Clauses 31 (2)

Art. 31, ER:

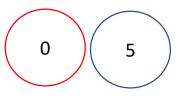
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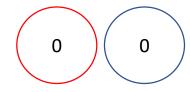
OR / AND ?

The presence in the state is effectively connected with the supply

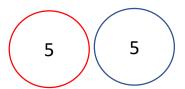
The presence in the state is NOT effectively connected with the supply

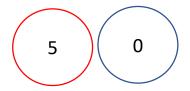
Stay in the UAE for less than a month





Stay in the UAE for more than a month





Zero Rating the Export of Services [Art. 31-ER]

Article -31 of the ER of the Law

- 3. As an exception to paragraph (a) of Clause (1) of this Article, a supply of Services shall not be zero-rated, if the supply is made under an agreement that is entered into, whether directly or indirectly, with a **Recipient of Services who is a Non-Resident**, if all of the following conditions are met:
- a. The performance of the Services is, or it is reasonably foreseeable that the performance of the Services will be, **received in the State by another Person**, including but not limited to, an employee or a director of the Non-Resident Recipient of Services.
- b. It is reasonably foreseeable, at the time the agreement is entered into, that that other Person in the State will receive the Services in the course of making supplies for which Input Tax is not recoverable in full under Article (54) of the Decree-Law.



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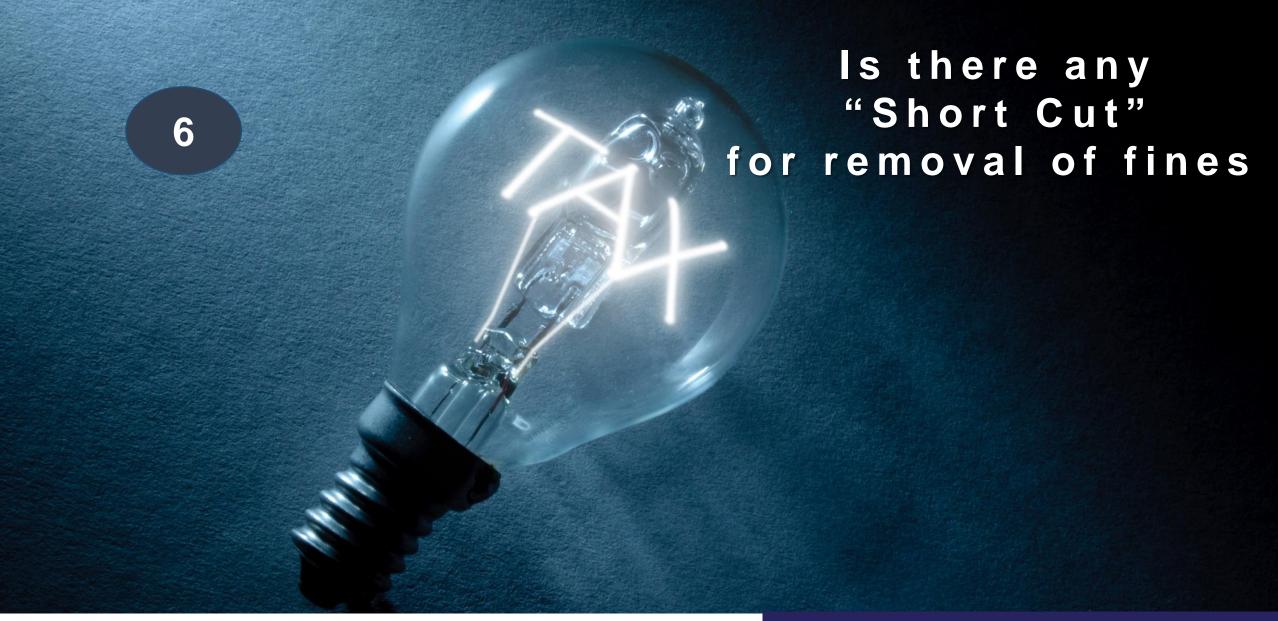
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Eligibility to Claim Input on:

Certain Entertainment Expenses.

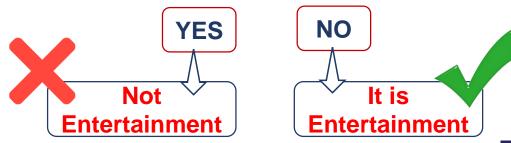
Medical Insurance Premium for the dependents



What are the Entertainment Services?



If Given in the Course of Meeting?

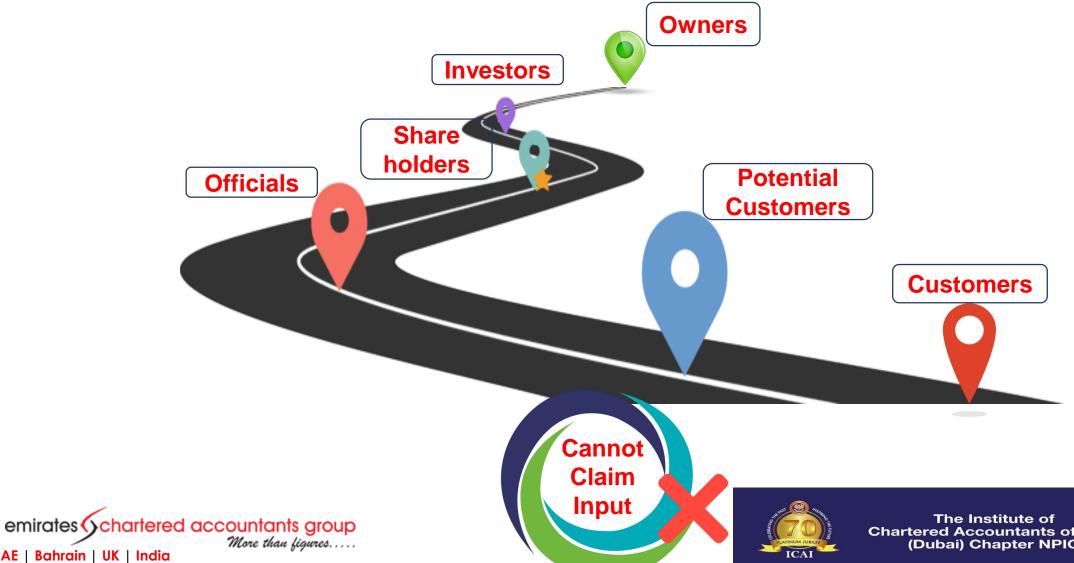






Non-Recoverable Input Tax

What happens if a company provides Entertainment Services to?





Recoverable/ Non- Recoverable Input Tax

What happens if a company provides Entertainment Services to



Employees?

Can Recover in Certain Cases









Recoverable Input Tax

Is it legal
Obligation as
per Labour Law
(in the state or
DZ?)

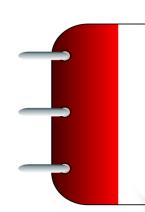












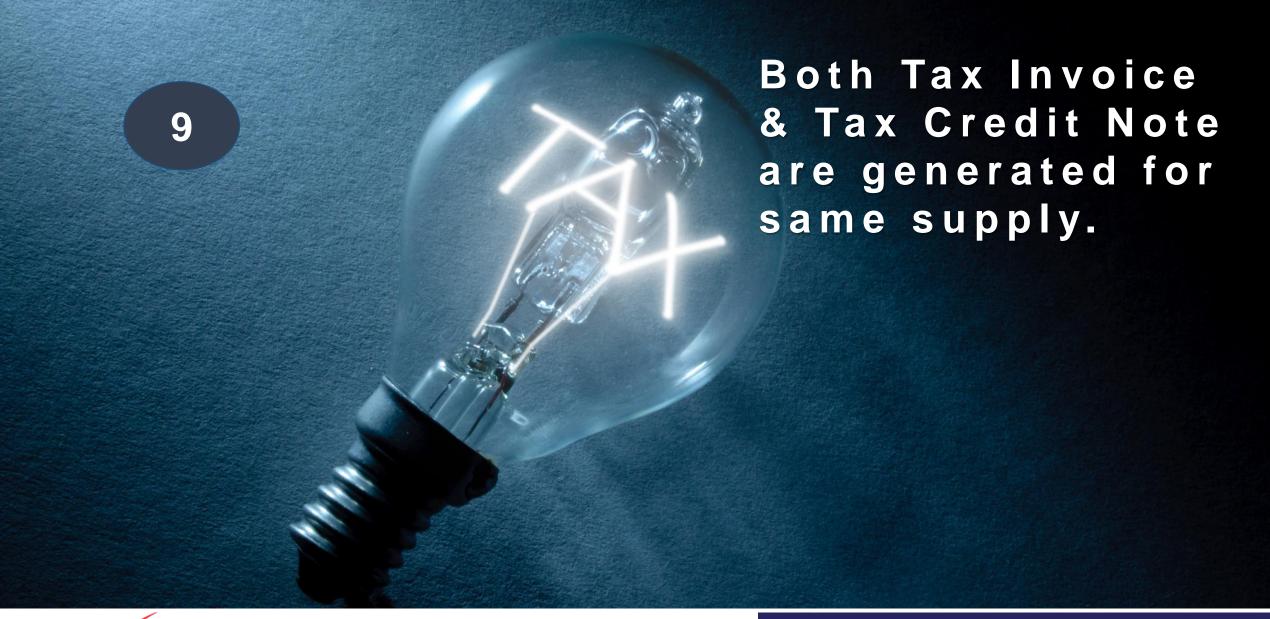
- a) Is it a Documented Policy or a Contractual Obligation?
- b) For performing their role
- c) Is it a normal business practise?

Can
Recover
INPUT
TAX

Example
Cannot
Recover
INPUT
TAX

- Hotel Accommodation for a short initial period to a new employee.
- ii. Employee on Domestic Business Trip stay in hotel.
- iii. Simple Food & Refreshments in office.
- iv. Normal lunch during business meetings.

- i. Iftar Party
- ii. Staff Birthday Party
- iii. Farewell Party
- iv. Motivational Speech & Food
- v. Music Event & Food
- vi. Gala Dinner
- Medical Insurance Premium for depended



















Tax treatment on

- ✓ Commercial gifts
- √ FOC.





Deemed Supply



<u>Article – 5 of ER of Law</u>

- 1. The supply shall not be regarded as a Deemed Supply in any of the following instances:
- a. Where the Input Tax on the relevant Goods or Services is not recovered.
- b. Where the supply is exempted.
- d. Where the value of the supply of Goods for each recipient, within a 12-month period, does not exceed AED 500, and the supply made is to be used as samples or commercial gifts.
- e. Where the total of Output Tax payable on all Deemed Supplies for each Person for a 12-month period is less than AED 2,000.













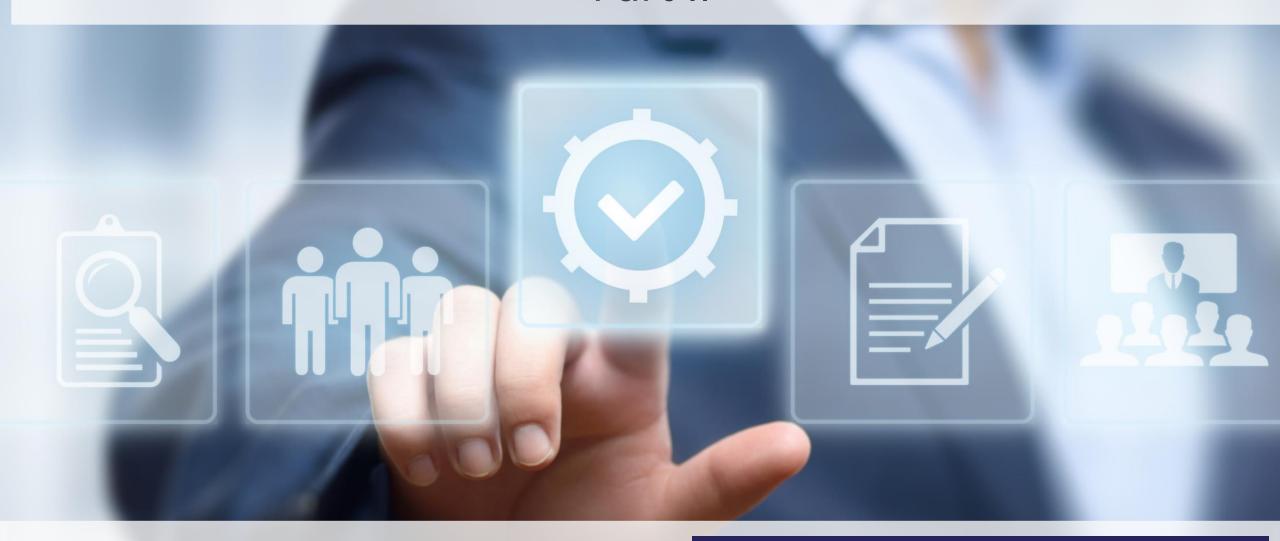
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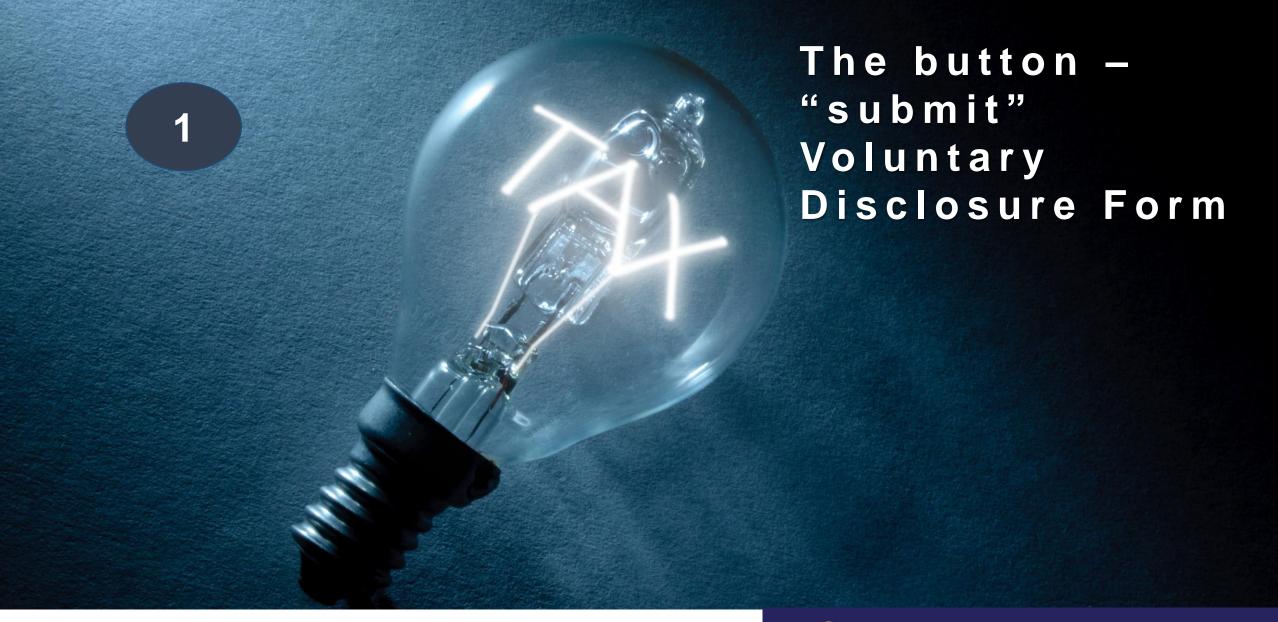
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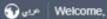












Logout



VAT701 - EGuarantee Cancellation Form



VAT301 - Import Declaration Form for VAT Payment



Instructions



for Tax Group

VAT311 - VAT Refunds for Tax Group

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VAT 211 - Tax Group Voluntary Disclosure/Tax Assessment

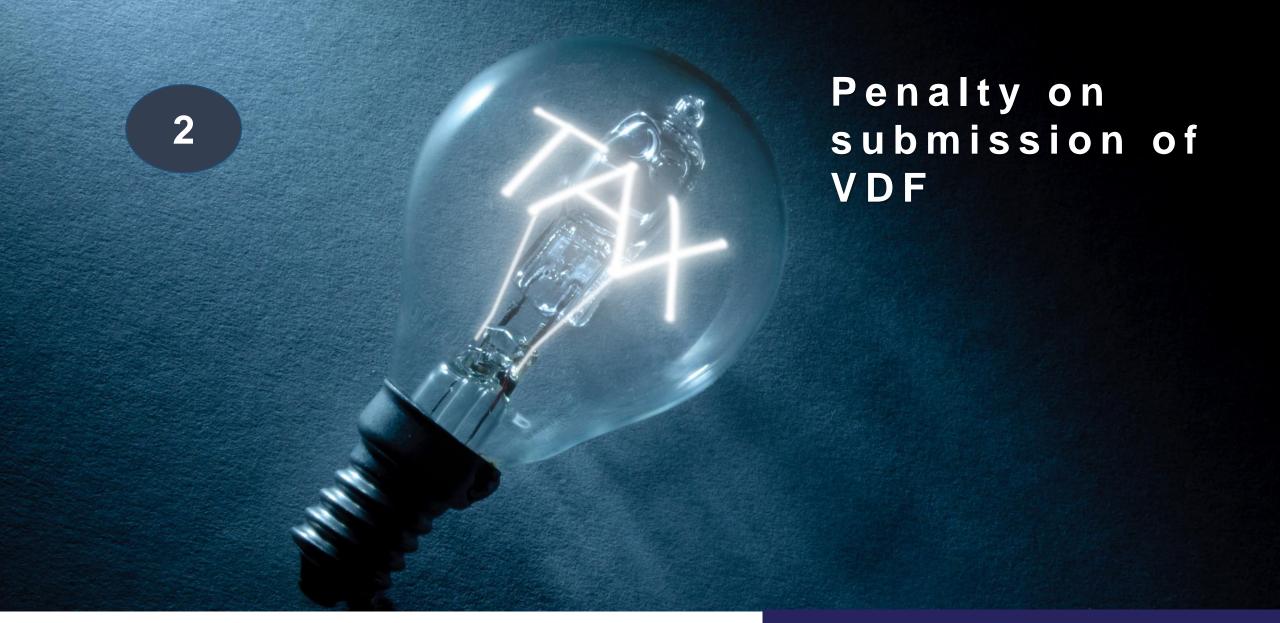
VAT201 - VAT Returns for Tax Group

Please note that you have no more VAT return filings outstanding. Please refer to your dashboard for information about your filing period.

View Detail Date of Filing VAT Return Period Tax Year End VAT Reference Number Net VAT position Action 31 January 2019 161,337.19 Submit Voluntary Disclosure 25/05/2018 01/01/2018 - 30/04/2018 01 - 2019







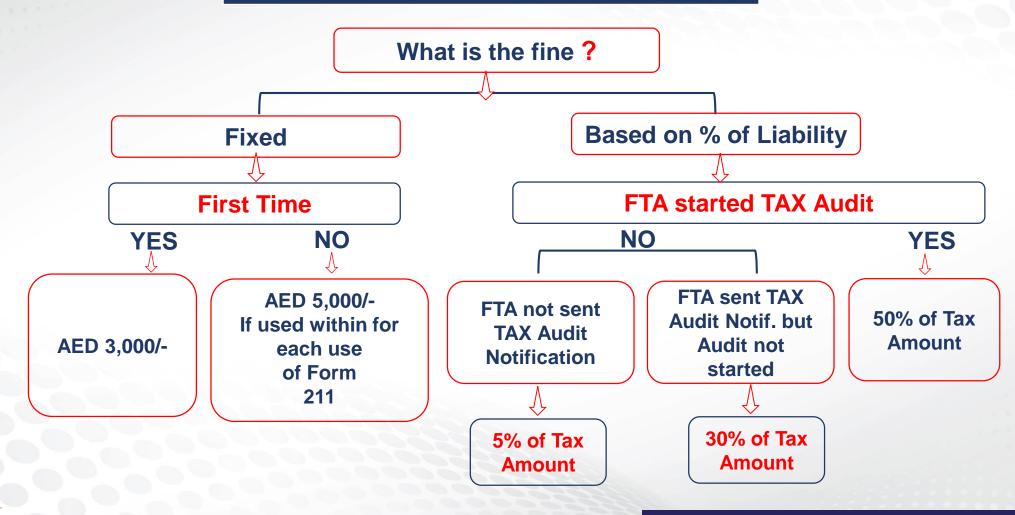








Penalty on Submission of Form 211

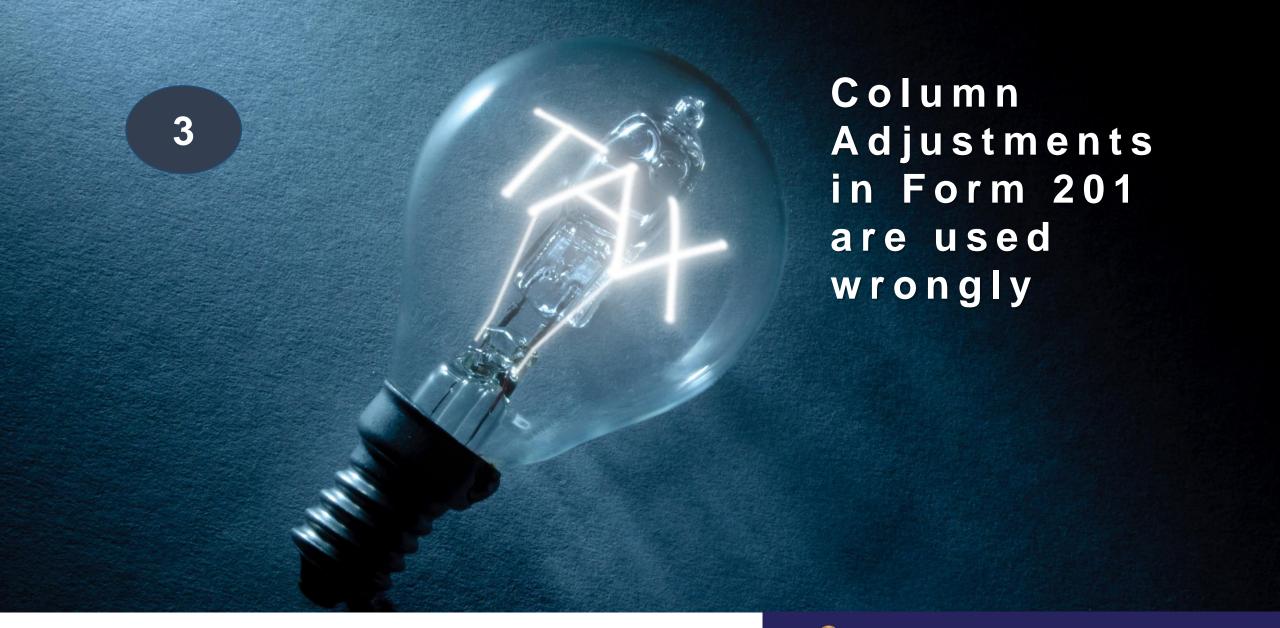






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VAT on sales and All Other Outputs

	Amount (AED)	VAT Amount (AED)	Adjustment (AED)
1 (a). Standard Rated Supply in Abu Dhabi			
1 (b). Standard Rated Supply in Dubai			
1 (c). Standard Rated Supply in Sharjah			
1 (d). Standard Rated Supply in Ajman			
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2. Tax Refunds provided to Tourists under Tax Refunds for Tourists Scheme			
3. Supply Subject to Reverse Charge			
4. Zero Rated Supply			
5. Exempt Supply			
6. Import VAT through Customs			View Details
7. Adjustments to Goods imported in to the UAE			
8. Total			

Output



- Bad Debts
- 2 Sale of Commercial Properties

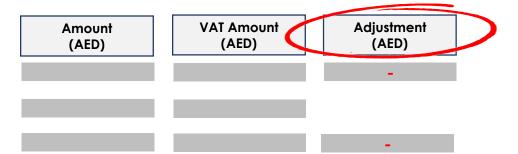


VAT on Expenses and All Other Inputs

9. Standard Rated Expenses

10. Supplies Subject to Reverse Charge

11. Total



Net VAT Due

12. Total Value of due TAX for the period

13. Total Value of recoverable tax for the period

14. Payable tax for the period





Input



- Bad Debts
- 2 Annual Adjustments
- **3** Capital Assets Scheme





Form 201 – Adjustments- Output

Bad Debts:

ABC LLC sold goods worth AED 1,000,000/ from its Sharjah branch to a customer XYZ LLC located in Fujairah on 1st March 2018. The payment term agreed was 90 days. XYZ LLC didn't make the payment even after 6 months and ABC LLC decided to consider this as Bad Debts.

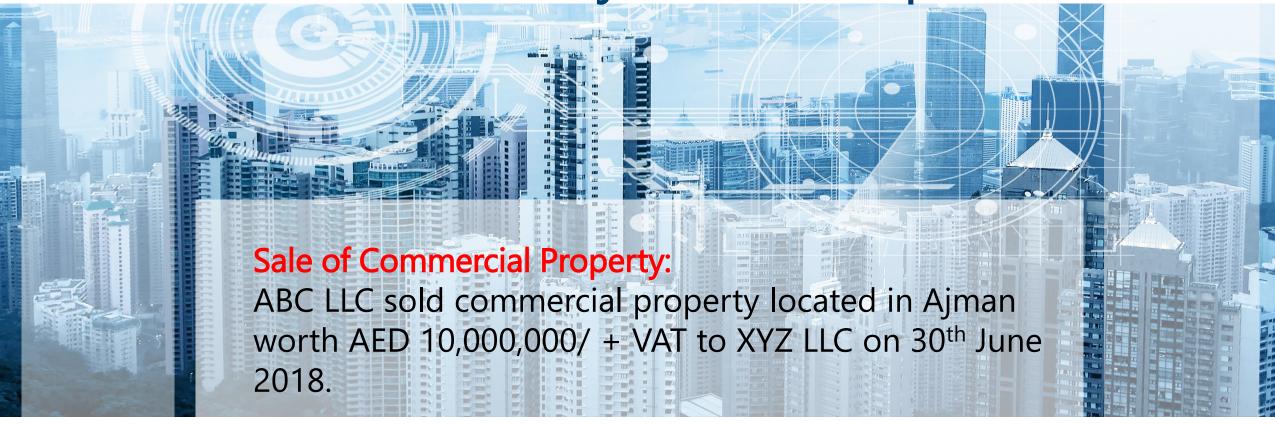




VAT on sales and All Other Outputs

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1 (a). Standard Rated Supply in Abu Dhabi			
1 (b). Standard Rated Supply in Dubai			
1(c). Standard Rated Supply in Sharjah			-50,000
1 (d). Standard Rated Supply in Ajman			
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Form 201 – Adjustments- Output

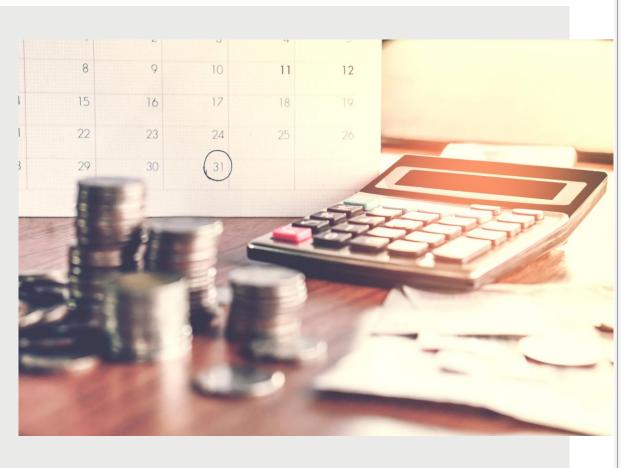






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1 (a). Standard Rated Supply in Abu Dhabi			
1 (b). Standard Rated Supply in Dubai			
1(c). Standard Rated Supply in Sharjah			
1 (d). Standard Rated Supply in Ajman	10,000,000	500,000	-500,000
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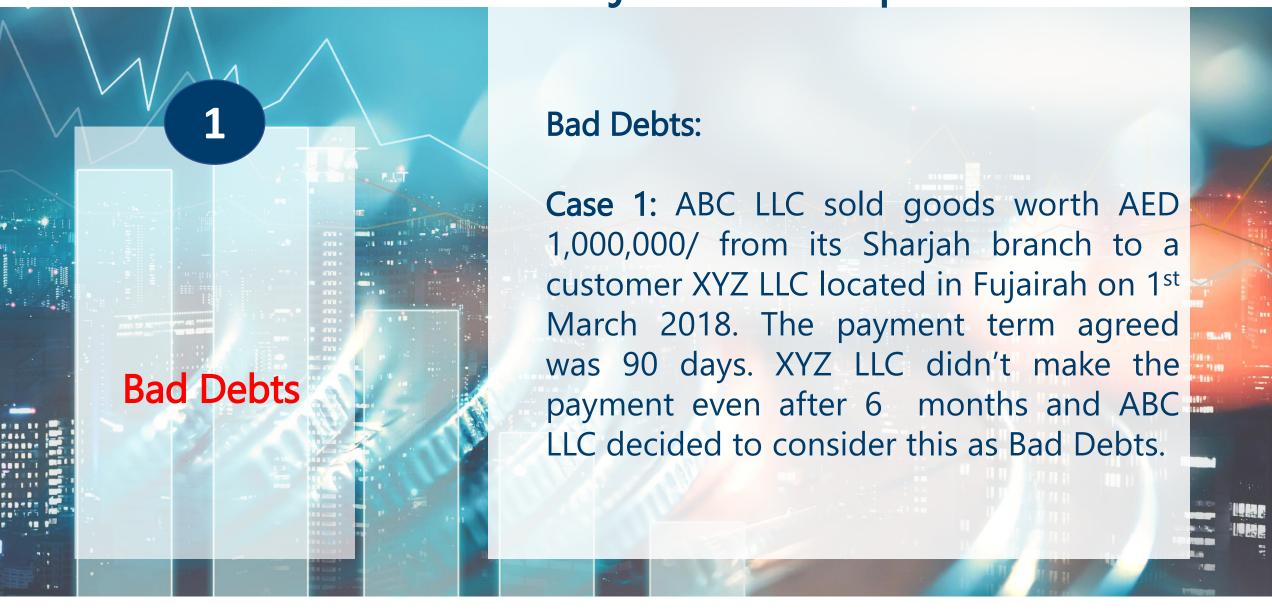


- 1 Bad Debts
- 2 Annual Adjustments
- **3** Capital Assets Scheme





Form 201 – Adjustments- Input



VAT on Expenses and All Other Inputs

9. Standard Rated Expenses

10. Supplies Subject to Reverse Charge

11. Total

Amount (AED)

VAT Amount (AED)

-50000

-50000

Net VAT Due

12. Total Value of due TAX for the period

13. Total Value of recoverable tax for the period

14. Payable tax for the period

Form 201 – Adjustments- Input





Apportionment of Input Tax



If both exempted supply and taxable supply are there, input recovery is not done as per the guidance from the FTA in many cases.

Apportionment of Input Tax - Article 55 (6) of ER



Apportionment of Input Tax

Sl. No.	Description	Commercial Property	Residential Property	Mixed (Res + Comm)
1.	Maintenance Exp. (incl. VAT)	105,000/-	210,000/-	420,000/-
2.	Electricity Charges (incl. VAT)	21,000/-	31,500/-	42,000/-
	VAT	6,000/-	11,500/-	22,000/-

What is the recoverable Input Tax?

Calculation:

6K / (6K + 11.5K)

= 6K / 17.5K

= 34.28%

(Round off)

34%

Recoverable Input Tax from the common expenses = 22,000/- X 34% = 7,480/-

Apportionment of Input Tax

Transaction details	Commercial Property	Residential Property	Mixed [Res + Com]	Recovera ble Input			
VAT return period - 1st Jan to 31st March and Quarterly there after							
Q1							
Maint. Exp (incl. VAT)	105,000	210,000	105,000				
Electr. Charges (inlc. VAT)	21,000	31,500	42,000				
VAT	6,000	11,500	7,000	2,380			
Q2							
Maint. Exp (incl. VAT)	-	210,000	105,000				
Electr. Charges (inlc. VAT)	21,000	31,500	42,000				
VAT	1,000	11,500	7,000	560			
Q3							
Maint. Exp (incl. VAT)	-	210,000	105,000				
Electr. Charges (inlc. VAT)	21,000	31,500	42,000				
VAT	1,000	11,500	7,000	560			
Q3							
Maint. Exp (incl. VAT)	210,000	210,000	105,000				
Electr. Charges (inlc. VAT)	21,000	31,500	42,000				
VAT	11,000	11,500	7,000	3,430			
Total VAT	19,000	46,000	28,000	8,120			

Total = 6,930/.

Period: Q1 of the subsequent tax year

VAT on Expenses and All Other Inputs

9. Standard Rated Expenses

10. Supplies Subject to Reverse Charge

11. Total

Amount (AED) VAT Amount (AED)

Adjustment (AED)

1,190

Net VAT Due

8,120/- less 6,930/-= 1,190/-

12. Total Value of due TAX for the period

13. Total Value of recoverable tax for the period

14. Payable tax for the period

Form 201 – Adjustments- Input



Capital Assets Scheme

What is Capital Assets?

Business Assets designated for long term use.

What is the value of the Capital Assets?

Single item of Expenditure amounting to AED 5Million or more excluding Tax.

What is the life of Capital Assets?

- 10 Years in case of Building or Part there of
- 5 Years for all other Capital Assets

What is Capital Assets Scheme?

A scheme by which **initially recovered Input Tax** is adjusted based on actual usage during specified period.

Capital Assets Scheme

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
COST	(Year of Acquisition) 5,000,000									
Input VAT Recovery	250,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The Capital Asset is acquired to provide 100% taxable supply. But in the year 2021, it is used for exempted supply.

	/ T	axable u	ise \	Exempted use 100%						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Repay the Input VAT Recovery		999		25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000

Capital Asset Scheme

ABC LLC started its construction of a commercial properly in the year 2018.

- Payment done to the developer in the year 2018 was 2,000,000/- + VAT
- Payment done to the developer in the year 2019 was 3,000,000/- + VAT
- Payment done to the developer in the year 2020 was 3,000,000/- + VAT

The property will be registered and ready to use in the year 2021

Q1. Is it a Capital Asset?

Q2. If "yes" will it be eligible in the Capital Asset Scheme?

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Input Tax Claimed	100	150	150										

Capital Asset Scheme

The property will be registered and ready to use in the year 2021.

If 40% of the commercial property is converted for residential purpose in the year 2025.

Q1. Is it Capital Asset?

Q2. If "yes" will it be eligible in the Capital Asset Scheme?

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Input Tax Claimed	100	150	150										
Reduce Input Tax								16	16	16	16	16	16

UAE VAT Return Form – VAT 201- Year 2025

VAT on Expenses and All Other Inputs

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Amount (AED)

VAT Amount (AED)

Adjustment (AED)

-16000

-16000

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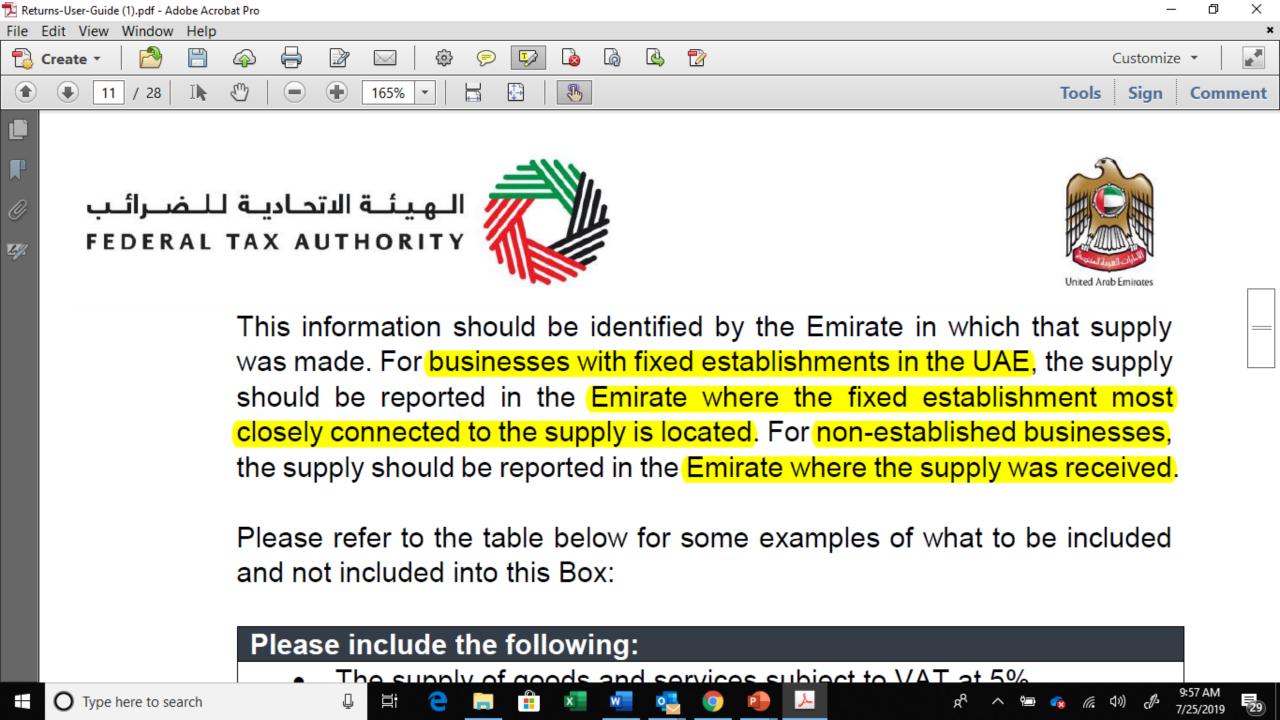






















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Item Number	Invoice No	Invoice Date	Invoice Amount AED	Customer Name	Customer TRN (if applicable)	Invoice Description					













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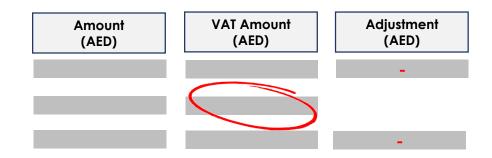


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Information to be provided to FTA

	VAT on imported goods									
Item Numb er		Customs Declaratio			Customs Value	VAT amount Reflected in Box 6 AED	VAT Amount Recovere d AED	Supplier Name	Invoice Descri ption	Stock











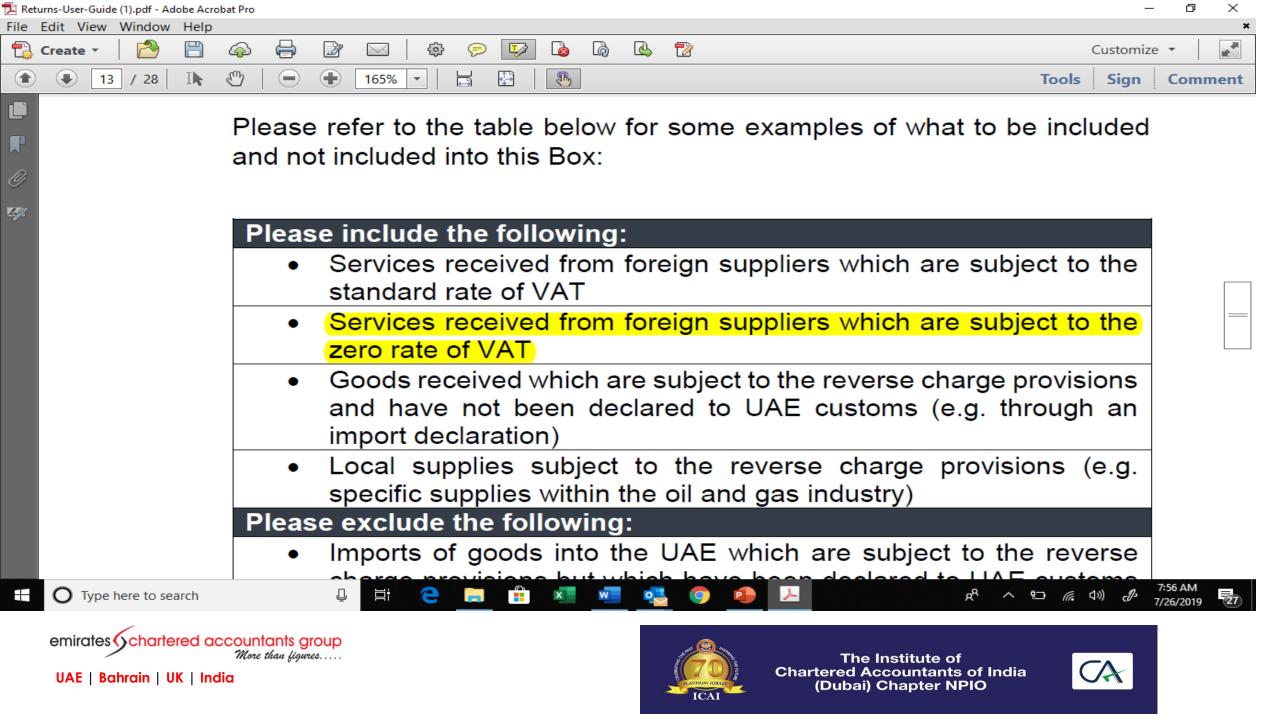


Information to be provided to FTA

VAT on imported services							
Item Number	Invoice No	Invoice Date	Invoice Amount AED	VAT Amount Reflected in VAT Return AED	VAT Amount Recovered AED	Supplier Name	Invoice Description







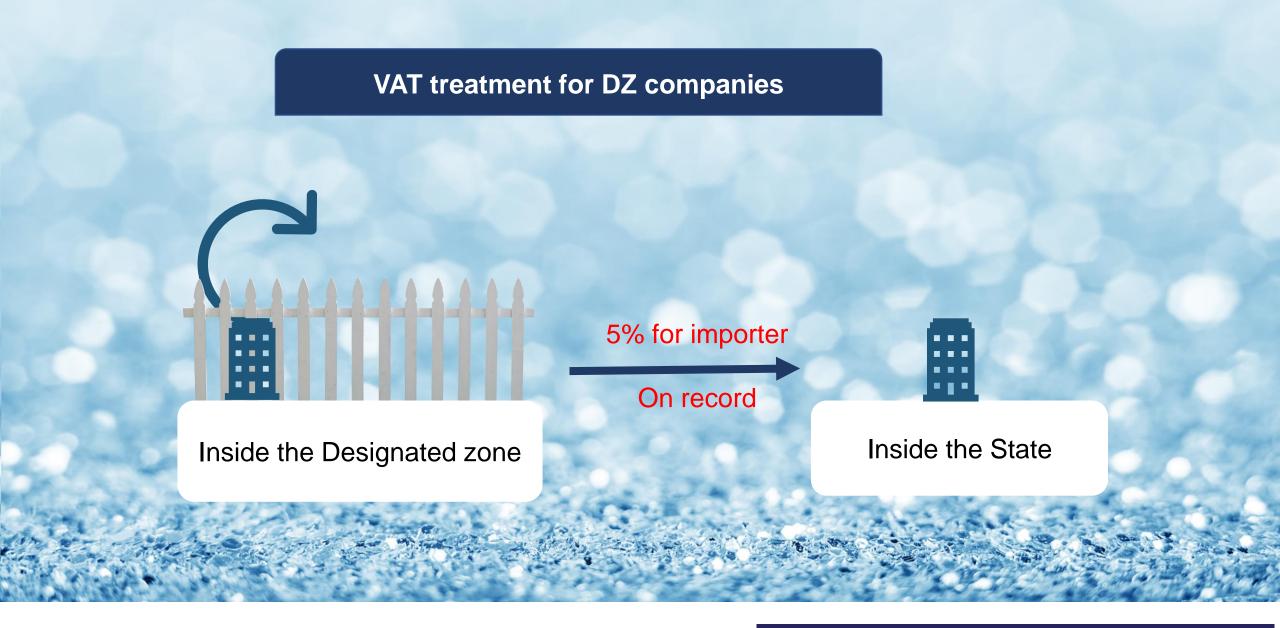


















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