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Budget 2023: Tax Highlights

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INCOME TAX

Personal income tax rates (effective YA 2023)

Chargeable Income (RM)	Current Tax Rate	Proposed Tax Rate
35,001 – 50,000	8	6
50,001 - 70,000	13	11
70,001 – 100,000	21	19
100,001 - 250,000	24	25
250,001 - 400,000	24.5	25
400,001 - 600,000	25	26
600,001 - 1,000,000	26	28

Micro SMEs (effective YA 2023)

■ 17% to 15% for the first RM150,000 of chargeable income

Voluntary Disclosure

 100% penalty waiver by the Inland Revenue Board for voluntary declarations made between 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2024



INDIRECT TAX

- Proposed introduction of Luxury Goods Tax in 2023 with a certain value limit according to the type of luxury goods.
- Voluntary disclosure: 100% penalty waiver by the Royal Malaysian Customs Department for voluntary declarations made between 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2024.
- Goods and Services Tax (GST) would not be implemented for now.



CAPITAL GAINS TAX

The Government will study the introduction of capital gains tax for the disposal of unlisted shares by companies at a low tax rate, effective YA 2024.



BEPS ACTION PLAN 1: PILLAR TWO

- In the Budget Touchpoints, the Government has proposed to introduce the:
 - global minimum effective tax rate; and
 - Qualified Domestic Minimum Top Up Tax (QDMTT) i.e., top-up tax due to the difference between the minimum rate and effective tax rate.

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MANUFACTURING. SERVICES AND AGRICULTURE SECTOR

- Accelerated Capital Allowance for Automation Equipment
 - Scope of automation to include the adaptation of Industry 4.0 elements
 - Scope of tax incentive to include agriculture sector
 - Capital expenditure threshold increased up to RM10 million for Category 1, 2 and agriculture sector:

Category 1: Labour-intensive industry (rubber, plastic, wood and textile products); and

Category 2: Industries other than Category 1 including the services sector.

(For applications received by MIDA and MAFS from 1 January 2023 until 31 December 2027)





CAPITAL MARKETS

- Tax deduction (up to RM1.5 million) for listing costs on the ACE and LEAP markets for technology-based and Micro SMEs extended to YA 2025.
- This tax deduction is extended to technology-based companies on the Bursa Malaysia Main Market.

STAMP DUTY

- Transfer of property between parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren of Malaysian citizenship by way of love and affection: 100% stamp duty exemption for the first RM 1 million; 50% remission for the remaining balance (effective 1 April 2023)
- First-time home buyers: 100% stamp duty exemption for property valued at RM 500,000 and below (until end of 2025); 75% stamp duty exemption for property valued at RM 500,001 to RM 1 million (until 31 December 2023)
- Loan/financing restructuring or rescheduling instruments: Extension of full stamp duty exemption executed from 1 January 2023 until 31 December 2024



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Green Investment Tax Allowance (GITA) and Green Income Tax **Exemption (GITE)**

Study to enhance GITA and GITE incentives package

Tax Incentive for Companies using Carbon Capture and Storage ("CCS") Services

 Companies may claim deduction on fees incurred for use of CCS services

Tax Incentive for

sales tax exemption on the equipment used for CCS technology

Green Technology Financing Scheme (GTFS 4.0)

 Guarantee value increased up to RM 3 billion until 2025

Tax Incentive for Electric Vehicle ("EV") Charging Equipment **Manufacturers**

■ 100% income tax exemption (up to 10 vears) and 100% investment tax allowance for a period of 5 years

Tax Incentive for EV rental

Tax deduction for the maximum rental amount of EV increased to RM 300.000 from RM 100,000

Import and Excise Duty **Exemption on EVs**

- 100% exemption of import duty on components for locally assembled EV
- 100% exemption on excise duty and sales tax on locally assembled Completely Knocked-Down EV
- 100% exemption on import and excise duty on imported Completely Built-Up EV

Companies undertaking CCS services

- Investment tax allowance of 100% of qualifying capital expenditure for 10 years
- Tax exemption of 70% on statutory income for 10 years
- Full import duty and

Tax Incentive for Companies undertaking CCS inhouse activity

- 100% investment tax allowance on eligible capital expenditure within 10 years
- Full import duty and sales tax exemption on CCS technology equipment
- Deduction on pre-operating expenses within 5 years from start of operations

Tax Incentive for sponsorship of Al-Driven **Reverse Vending Machine for recycling**

- Tax deduction for any person that makes donations and sponsorships of Al-Driven Reverse Vending Machines
- For contributions/sponsorship and applications received by Ministry of Finance from 1 April 2023 until 31 December 2024

ENVIRONMENTAL

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Other Key Incentives/Taxes

Tax Incentive for Ship Building and Ship Repairing Industry

- Income tax exemption of 70% of statutory income for 5 years
- Investment Tax Allowance of 60% on qualifying capital expenditure (to be set-off against 70% of statutory income) for 5 years
- Extended until 31 December 2027

Tax Incentive for Aerospace Industry New Companies

- Income tax exemption of 70% to 100% of statutory income for up to 10 years
- Investment Tax Allowance of 60% to 100% on qualifying capital expenditure (to be set-off against 70% of statutory income) for 5 years
- Extended until 31 December 2025

Tax Incentive for Bionexus Status Companies

- Income tax exemption on statutory income to be increased from 70% to 100%
- Extended until 31 December 2024

Excise duty on Liquid or Gel Products Containing Nicotine for E-Cigarettes and Vapes

 Half of the revenue of this excise duty will be allocated to the Ministry of Health

Import duties and Sales Tax Exemption on Nicotine Replacement Therapy

Import duty and sales tax exemption on nicotine gum and nicotine patch from 1 April 2023 until 31 March 2026

Tax allowance for Data Center for Government Services

 Government is considering tax incentives to open more data centers for government services

Tax Incentive for Electrical & Electronics and Aerospace Sectors

- Extension of tax incentives to manufacturing companies that relocate their operations to Malaysia and 15% tax rate for C-suite until 2024
- Extension of income tax incentives and investment tax allowances to the aerospace sector until 31 December 2025

Special Financial Zone for Iskandar Malaysia

 Creation of a special financial zone with a competitive incentive package to attract investors and knowledge workers to be based in Malaysia



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