

Directory of Violations & Corresponding Administrative Penalties

The UAE Council of Ministers has adopted Cabinet Resolution No. (40) of 2017 on
Administrative Penalties for Violations of Tax Laws in the UAE

Penalties related to Federal Law No. (7) of 2017 on Tax Procedures

Accounts & Records

Violation

Fails to keep the required records and other information specified
Fails to submit the records when requested by Authority

Penalty

AED 10,000 (First Time)
AED 50,000 (Repetition)
AED 20,000

Registration, Deregistration & Amendment

Violation

Fails to submit registration application within timeframe
Fails to submit deregistration application within time frame
Fails to inform amendment in tax records, if any

Penalty

AED 20,000

AED 10,000

AED 5,000 (First Time)
AED 15,000 (Repetition)

Legal Representative (from own funds)

Violation

Legal Representative fails to inform of his appointment within timeframe
Legal Representative fails to file Tax Return within timeframe

Penalty

AED 20,000

AED 1,000 (First Time)
AED 2,000 (Repetition within 24 months)

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Tax Payable & Tax Return

Violation

- Fails to submit Tax Return within timeframe
- Fails to settle the Payable Tax stated in Tax Return or Tax Assessment within time frame
- Submitted incorrect Tax Return

Penalty

- AED 1,000 (First Time)
AED 2,000 (Repetition within 24 months)
- Late Payment Penalty consisting of:
 - 2% of the unpaid tax.
 - 4% of amount due on the seventh day following the deadline for payment.
 - 1% of Amount unpaid, daily penalty charged on any amount that is still unpaid one calendar month following the deadline for payment with upper ceiling of 300%.
- Two penalties are applied:
 1. Fixed penalty of:
 - AED 3,000 (First Time)
 - AED 5,000 (Repetition)
 2. Percentage based penalty on the amount unpaid due to the error and resulting in a tax benefit as follows:
 - 50% if not made voluntary disclosure or made after being notified of the tax audit and the Authority has started tax audit process, or after being asked for information relating to tax audit, whichever takes place first.
 - 30% if makes voluntary disclosure after being notified of the tax audit and before the Authority starts the tax audit.
 - 5% if the Registrant makes a voluntary disclosure before being notified of the tax audit by the Authority.

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Errors in Tax Return, Assessment or Refund Application



Violation

- Voluntary Disclosure of errors in the Tax Return, Tax Assessment or Refund Application
- Fails to Voluntarily Disclose errors in the Tax Return, Tax Assessment or Refund Application before being notified for Tax Audit

Penalty

- Two penalties are applied:
 1. Fixed penalty of:
 - AED 3,000 (First Time)
 - AED 5,000 (Repetition)
 2. Percentage based penalty on the amount unpaid due to the error and resulting in a tax benefit as follows:
 - 50% if Person/ Taxpayer makes voluntary disclosure after being notified of the tax audit and the Authority starting tax audit or after being asked for information relating to tax audit, whichever takes place first.
 - 30% if Person/ Taxpayer makes voluntary disclosure after being notified of the tax audit but before the start of the tax audit.
 - 5% if Person/ Taxpayer makes a voluntary disclosure before being notified of the tax audit by the Authority.
- Two penalties are applied:
 1. Fixed penalty of:
 - AED 3,000 (First Time)
 - AED 5,000 (Repetition)
 2. 50% of the amount unpaid due to error resulting in a tax benefit.

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Other Penalties

Violation

- Fails to facilitate the work of Tax Auditor
- Fails to calculate tax on behalf of another person when he is obligated to do so under the Tax Law
- Person not accounting for any tax due on import of goods required under Tax Law

Penalty

- AED 20,000
- Late payment penalty consisting of:
 - 2% of unpaid tax.
 - 4% of amount due on the seventh day following the deadline for payment.
 - 1% of Amount unpaid, daily penalty charged on any amount that is still unpaid one calendar month following the deadline for payment with upper ceiling of 300%.
- 50% of unpaid or undeclared tax



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Penalties related to Federal Decree Law No. (8) of 2017 on VAT

Tax Invoice/ Credit Note

Violation

- Fails to issue Tax Invoice or an alternative document when making any supply
- Fails to issue Tax Credit Note or an alternative document
- Fails to comply with the conditions and procedures regarding issuance of electronic Tax Invoices and electronic Tax Credit Notes

Penalty

- AED 5,000 for each tax invoice or alternative document
- AED 5,000 for each tax credit note or alternative document
- AED 5,000 for each incorrect document

Other Penalties

Violation

- Fails to display prices inclusive of Tax
- Fails to notify the Authority of applying Tax based on the margin
- Fails to comply with conditions and procedures related to keeping the Goods in a Designated Zone or moving them to another Designated Zone

Penalty

- AED 15,000
- AED 2,500
- Higher of:
 - AED 50,000; or
 - 50% of the tax chargeable in respect of goods as a result of violation, if any