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Pursuant to the Income Tax Act, the second interim return filing and payment deadline for the tax year 2023 is 31 January 2024. "Interim return" (MIRA 603) is the form to be submitted by persons required to file interim return. For the first year, interim payable should be computed based on estimated income tax liability for the tax year. For every succeeding tax year, interim payment will be of amount not less than that of the tax liability of previous year. However, where a person has reasonable grounds to expect that tax payable for the tax year will be less than tax payable for the previous tax year, that person may make a reasonable estimate of the amount of interim tax payable. Any of the interims or both could be estimated under this estimation rule. If the final amount of tax payable for the tax year to which the estimated amount of interim payment related is greater than 20% of the total of the interim payments estimated by the

person, it shall be deemed that the person failed to make the full payment by the deadline as the interim payable will be half of tax liability of preceding tax year.

Income Tax Return required to be submitted under Income Tax Act can be filed after the required interim returns have been submitted. Moreover, interim returns cannot be amended. The deadline to submit Income tax return (MIRA 604) is 30 June 2024.

Where, the total amount income tax payable in previous tax year is more than MVR 20,000, it is mandatory to submit the interim returns. Newly registered taxpayers in the tax year 2023 will be required to submit their interim returns, if their estimated tax payable is more than MVR 20,000.

GST deadline for the month of December 2023 and 4th quarter of 2023 is 28 January 2024

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The deadline for GST registrants to file GST Return and make payments for the month of March 2022 and first quarter of 2022 is 28 April 2022. Therefore, monthly filers as well as quarterly filers need to file their GST returns before the above-mentioned deadline.

Even if the business has been temporarily closed or the business has applied for deregistration, you must continue to file your GST return until your GST deregistration is confirmed by MIRA in writing.

Taxpayers whose total annual income for the taxable periods ended in the previous tax year amounted to MVR 2,500,000/- or more or a registered in Tourism sector are required to submit their GST return via MIRAconnect. Moreover, those required to submit an input tax information sheet in respect of capital

expenditure must submit their GST returns through MIRA's online portal "MIRAconnect". Furthermore, taxpayers, whose total annual income for the taxable periods ended in the previous tax year amounted to MVR 20,000,000/- or more, are required to pay GST and all fines relating to GST via MIRAconnect or MRTGS. MIRA advice those who are not mandatory to file online also to submit their tax return via MIRAconnect. GST "nil-return" can be filed either via MIRAconnect or VaaruPay.

If the GST Return is not filed by the deadline, a late filing penalty of MVR 50 per day and 0.5% of the GST liability would be imposed as fines. Additionally, if GST is not paid by the deadline, a late payment penalty at the rate of 0.05% of the outstanding amount per day would apply.



Green tax deadline for the month of December 2023 is 28 January 2024

Navigating Challenges in GST Return Filing, MIRA's Solution for Taxpayers

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Persons registered for GST under the Goods and Services Tax Act must charge GST from the goods and services supplied by them, and must pay the GST to MIRA. GST on tourism sector goods and services will be levied at 16% and goods and services other than tourism sector will be subject to GST at 8% from 1 January 2023 onwards.

After registering for GST, taxpayers are required to submit GST return as mentioned in their GST registration notice. After registration for GST, you will be required to file returns for the taxable period, regardless of income and business status. Thus, if no income is received during the taxable period, a nil return must be submitted for that taxable period. Persons carrying on taxable activities in the general goods and services sector must submit MIRA 205 form. Persons carrying on taxable activities in the tourism sector must submit MIRA 206 form.

However, a significant number of taxpayers fail to submit their GST returns before the GST deadline. This article aims to look into the reasons taxpayers fail to submit their GST returns and assistance opportunities provided by the MIRA.

Difficulty or lack of knowledge in completing the GST return or preparing the documents required to be submitted along with the return is one of the reasons for delay in filing the return. MIRA conducts weekly information sessions to assist such individuals. Taxpayers can register for a GST information session (English and Dhivehi) or a session on how to complete a GST return or a session on how to submit a GST return through MIRAconnect via the "Tax Academy" tab of the MIRA website. In addition, the instructions on how to complete the GST return published on the MIRA website explain in detail how to complete the GST return and input and output tax statement.

Additionally, if a taxpayer encounters challenges to independently submit their GST returns, they may visit the nearest outlet of MIRA with their records required to prepare GST return. Upon submission of these records, MIRA staff will assist the taxpayer to prepare and submit GST return. MIRA also provides reminders to taxpayers to submit their returns through MIRA social media and attend queries of the taxpayers. MIRA consistently offers comprehensive assistance to taxpayers, aiming to alleviate the challenges they may encounter.



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