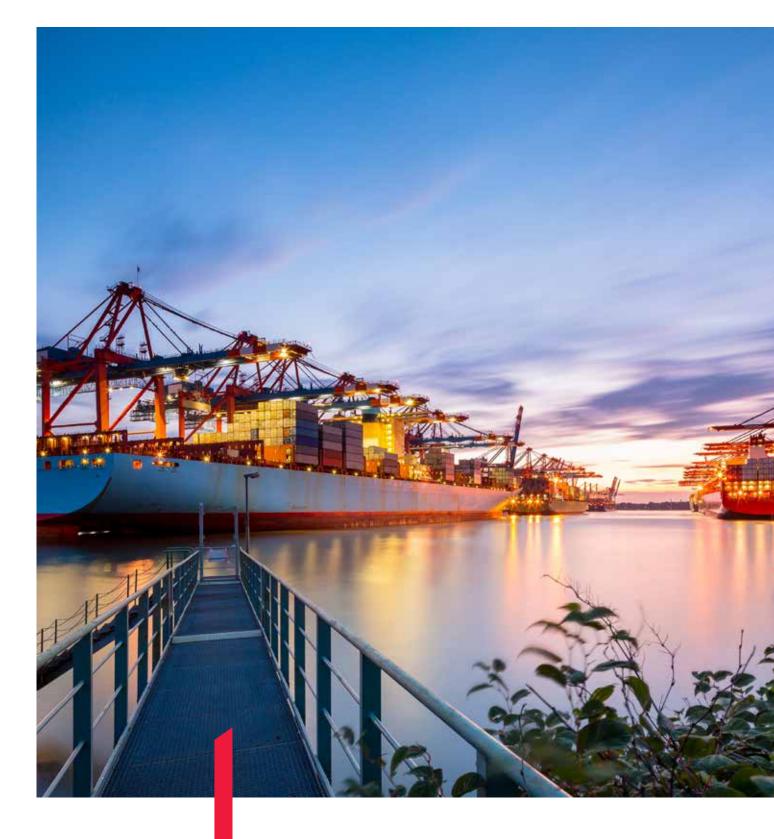




TAX SERVICES

# THE RIGHT DIRECTION

VAT and customs



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AS THE SOUTH AFRICAN MEMBER FIRM OF BDO INTERNATIONAL, WE HAVE BEEN DELIVERING EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO OUR CLIENTS SINCE 1963.

WE OFFER A TAILORED APPROACH TO EVERY CLIENT AND ARE AGILE AND QUICK IN RESPONDING TO CLIENT DEMANDS.

WE BELIEVE IN LISTENING TO OUR CLIENTS, UNDERSTANDING THEIR EXPECTATIONS AND DELIVERING THE CALIBRE OF SERVICE ASSOCIATED WITH A LEADING GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES FIRM.

### DELIVERING EXCEPTIONAL TAX SERVICE

The tax profession has a strong role to play in assisting in the development of tax regimes around the world and that they remain effective.

In our daily activities:

- We work in accordance with the ethical framework applicable to our profession, as well as our own firm's stated purpose, values and code of conduct.
- We contribute to the development and operation of a tax system that is fit for purpose and understood.
- We help our clients and our people make informed, balanced and considered decisions on tax, understanding the broader stakeholder context; this includes advising on tax incentives introduced by Governments.

We work with our professional associations to maintain the quality of our tax advice and to ensure that it is undertaken within a robust ethical framework. We welcome comments on the work that we do and continually look for ways to ensure that these frameworks are relevant, up to date and operate to the highest standards.

#### VAT AND CUSTOMS

Indirect taxes such as VAT and Customs and Excise duties increasingly present onerous responsibilities for businesses. The direct cost of indirect taxes to business has increased over the years and so have the associated compliance costs.

Certain industries are more exposed to VAT and Customs risk due to the nature of their activities or the industry in which they operate. These include associations not for gain; educational institutions; public authorities and municipalities; importers and exporters; manufacturers; and entities making VAT exempt supplies such as financial institutions.

We provide specialist advice to clients on a wide range of indirect taxes, and will assist with compliance and reporting, tax dispute resolution, and tax planning and implementation. We assist our clients to develop indirect tax strategies that align the business strategy and indirect tax governance.

# SPECIFIC VAT AND CUSTOMS SERVICES

We consult on all elements of VAT and Customs, including:

- VAT and Customs technical consulting and opinions
- Tax risk maps
- VAT and Customs compliance and cash enhancement reviews
- VAT import / export reviews
- VAT automation and codification
- VAT structuring
- Year-end computation and return preparation
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) assistance
- VAT due diligence projects
- VAT and Customs training

## VAT and Customs compliance

We advise on and attend to all elements of VAT and Customs compliance, including:

- Completing and preparing VAT returns
- Checking VAT assessments
- Checking statements of account and tax receipts
- Maintaining comprehensive records
- Objections, appeals and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) procedures
- Dealing with SARS queries

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# **BDO TAX SERVICES**

#### CORPORATE TAX CONSULTING

We advise companies and individuals on their taxes, assist with comprehensive tax planning and implementation thereof.

### CORPORATE TAX COMPLIANCE

We assist clients to meet all their legal obligations, including completing and submitting their income tax and/or IRP6 returns. We check your income tax assessments and statements of account, maintain comprehensive tax records on your behalf and assist in lodging objections and appeals with SARS.

#### INDIVIDUAL AND EXPATRIATE TAX

BDO has extensive experience in assisting with individual, trust, estate, and expatriate tax compliance and consulting. We also advise on improvement of PAYE management processes by identifying cost-saving and planning opportunities, as well as crossborder employment tax services.

### INTERNATIONAL TAX AND TRANSFER PRICING

We specialise in international tax planning, the preparation of transfer pricing policy documentation and supporting benchmarking studies, conducting risk reviews and resolving transfer pricing disputes.

#### VAT AND CUSTOMS

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### **EXPANDING INTO AFRICA**

For organisations looking to capture business opportunities provided by other African countries, our team can assist in minimising risk and maximising potential. Through BDO's extensive network in almost every African country, BDO is able to identify the latest developments as they pertain to a particular business venture.

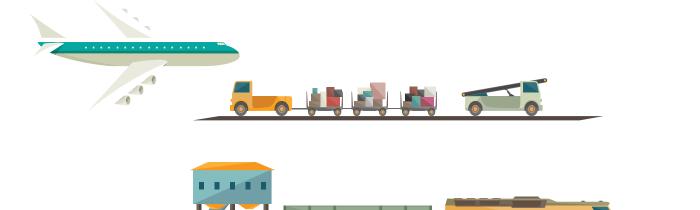
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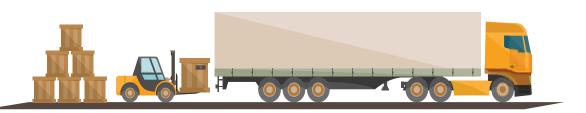
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# TAX PUBLICATIONS AND BDO TAX FORUM

We produce a range of tax publications to keep clients abreast of changes to legislation and the implications for companies and individuals. If you would like to receive these via email, please subscribe on our website. BDO also hosts a BDO Tax Forum, on an ad-hoc basis and free of charge, which is done through workshops or presentations on tax technical issues, including topical issues, new developments and other areas of interest.

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