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# BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE

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## REVENUE MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

### **RMC No. 9-2026**

*February 2, 2026*

Observance of the Month of February as "Tax Awareness Month" Per Proclamation No. 486 S. 2024

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### **RMC No. 10-2026**

*February 4, 2026*

Clarifying the Tax Treatment, Documentation Requirements, and Filing of Return and Payment of Donor's Tax for Donations Consisting Purely of Cash

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## REVENUE MEMORANDUM ORDER

### **RMO No. 3-2026**

*February 4, 2026*

Further Amending Revenue Memorandum Order No. 14-2025, as Amended, Prescribing the Revised Allocation of the CY 2025 BIR Collection Goal by Implementing Office

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## **BIR WEEKENDER BRIEFS**

*Volume No. 17 Issue No 4 Week ending January 30, 2026 –(BIR Website)*

Seizure of Illicit Cigarettes – On January 30, Regional Investigation Division OIC-Asst. Chief Michael Alparaque of RR 11-Western Visayas Region, with Collection Section Chief Mark Bergantino and Compliance Section OIC-Chief Yolyn Venturanza of RD 73-San Jose, Antique, led by RDO Eralen De Aro and Asst.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:

<https://bir-cdn.bir.gov.ph/BIR/pdf/v17n5%20web.pdf>

## **February 2026 Declared as Tax Awareness Month**

*BIR Website / February 4, 2026*

In line with President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr.'s declaration of the month of February of every year as "Tax Awareness Month" under Proclamation No. 486, s. 2024, the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) has issued Revenue Memorandum Circular (RMC) No. 9-2026 to formally guide and strengthen the nationwide observance for February 2026.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:

<https://bir-cdn.bir.gov.ph/BIR/pdf/PR10FEB0426.pdf>

## **BIR launches Registered Business Enterprises Taxpayer Service**

*BIR Website*

COMMISSIONER KIM S. JacintoHenares has allowed the electronic submission of several tax returns via e-mail with the issuance of Revenue Memorandum Circular (RMC) No. 26- 2015 on May 6, 2015. Per said Circular, taxpayers who are mandated to file their tax returns using the Bureau's eBIRForms facility can electronically file their tax returns ("with payment" or "no payment") via e-mail following the procedures in Annex D of RMC No. 14-2015

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:

[https://bir-cdn.bir.gov.ph/BIR/pdf/v17n4\\_high\\_res.pdf](https://bir-cdn.bir.gov.ph/BIR/pdf/v17n4_high_res.pdf)

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## **BIR launches taxpayer service for CREATE MORE Act-registered biz**

*Philippine News Agency / Joann Villanueva / January 27, 2026 - MANILA*

Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) Commissioner Charlito Martin Mendoza on Tuesday underscored the importance of a centralized office where registered businesses can transact their tax-related concerns to streamline processes.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1267845>

## **CTA junks P65.4-M tax refund sought by Phil. Best Canning Corporation**

*Manila Bulletin / Czarina Nicole Ong Ki / January 31, 2026*

For failure to prove that its sales were export sales to qualify as value-added tax (VAT) zero-rated sales, the Court of Tax Appeals (CTA) has denied the P65.4 million tax refund sought by Phil. Best Canning Corporation.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:

<https://mb.com.ph/2026/01/31/cta-junks-p654-m-tax-refund-sought-by-phil-best-canning-corporation>

## **FINEX: New BIR audit reforms to boost investor confidence**

*Manila Bulletin / Dexter Barro II / January 31, 2026*

The Financial Executives Institute of the Philippines (FINEX) expects the country to be in a strong position to attract both local and foreign investment this year, following the government's reforms to the audit system. In a statement, FINEX said it welcomed the issuance of Revenue Memorandum Order (RMO) No. 1-2026, which introduced revised policies, controls, and procedures governing tax audits.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:

<https://mb.com.ph/2026/01/31/finex-new-bir-audit-reforms-to-boost-investor-confidence>

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## **Lacson: Probe into how BIR agents use LOA to allegedly scam taxpayers on**

*Inquirer.Net / Tina G. Santos / February 2, 2026*

The Senate will continue its investigation into the alleged money-making scheme in relation to the Bureau of Internal Revenue's issuance of its controversial letters of authority (LOAs) and mission orders (Mos), said Senate President Pro Tempore Panfilo Lacson.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2176423/lacson-probe-into-how-bir-agents-use-loa-to-allegedly-scam-taxpayers-on>

## **Blue Ribbon to look into BIR's resumption of LOA issuance**

*Philippine News Agency / Wilnard Bacelonia February 2, 2026 - MANILA*

The Senate Blue Ribbon Committee will hold a hearing this week to examine the Bureau of Internal Revenue's (BIR) resumption of the issuance of letters of authority (LOAs) and mission orders (MOs), Senate President Pro Tempore Panfilo Lacson said Monday.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1268162>

## **Plugging the leaks: Curbing fraud and boosting government revenue with the enhanced eDST System**

*The Philippine Star / Lovely Bangate / February 3, 2026*

The issuance of Revenue Regulation 28-2025 by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) on Dec. 22, 2025, represents a significant leap toward the modernization of a long-outstanding tax requirement that had historically been paper-based, time-consuming and prone to inefficiencies.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:

<https://www.philstar.com/business/2026/02/03/2505277/plugging-leaks-curbing-fraud-and-boosting-government-revenue-enhanced-edst-system>

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## **House Majority Leader Sandro Marcos wants travel tax abolished**

*Philippine News Agency / Jose Cielito Reganit / February 4, 2026 -MANILA*

House Majority Leader Ferdinand Alexander "Sandro" Marcos of Ilocos Norte is pushing for the immediate abolition of the travel tax, saying the levy has outlived its purpose and now works against the country's goals of economic recovery, mobility, and regional competitiveness.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1268330>

## **BIR 'resumes' notorious LOAs; but were they ever stopped?**

*The Philippine Star / Jarius Bondoc / February 4, 2026*

In truth, LOAs never were suspended last Nov. 24. The two-month ceasefire from examination of taxpayers' books was a farce. From Nov. 25-Jan. 26, revenue officers and group supervisors continued to fire off LOAs – although antedated. The antedating to, say, Nov. 12 or 13 or 14, 2025 made it look like the LOAs were signed and mailed well before the ceasefire. But receiving it on, say, Jan. 7 or 8 or 9, 2026 sent the same chilling effect.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:

<https://www.philstar.com/opinion/2026/02/04/2505516/bir-resumes-notorious-loas-were-they-ever-stopped>

## **BIR urges all-of-gov't approach for tax compliance bid**

*Philippine News Agency / Joanna Villanueva / February 4, 2026- MANILA*

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) is urging government agencies and state-run institutions to participate in the month-long Tax Awareness Month.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1268376>

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## **PH, Japan 'agree in principle' on new tax treaty**

*Philippine News Agency / Joyce Ann L. Rocamora / February 4, 2026 - MANILA*

Philippine and Japanese governments have agreed in principle on a new treaty that would replace an existing Tokyo-Manila tax convention, the Japanese Embassy in Manila said Wednesday.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1268417>

## **Treaties on extradition, tax up for review**

*Philippine News Agency / Wilnard Bacelonia / February 4, 2026 - MANILA*

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee will prioritize the review of treaties on extradition, taxation, and higher education qualifications to address investor concerns, strengthen safeguards, and improve cross-border cooperation.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1268341>

## **Business leaders back 'game-changer' tax audit framework**

*Manila Bulletin / Dexter Barro II / February 4, 2026*

The country's largest business group has expressed support for the newly introduced reforms to the country's audit system, noting that they will help create the stable business environment needed to attract investors. In a statement, the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) said it welcomed the recent issuance of Revenue Memorandum Circular (RMC) No. 8-2026 and Revenue Memorandum Order (RMO) No. 1-2026 as landmark changes to the audit process.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:

<https://mb.com.ph/2026/02/04/business-leaders-back-game-changer-tax-audit-framework>

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## **Land-based wealth tax better than net worth approach – think tank**

*Philippine Daily Inquirer / Nyah Genelle C. De Leon / February 05, 2026 - MANILA, Philippines*

Taxing high-value land may be the most practical way to impose wealth taxes in the Philippines, as net worth-based taxes risk being gamed through offshore and mobile assets, according to a research firm.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:

<https://business.inquirer.net/572469/land-based-wealth-tax-better-than-net-worth-approach>

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