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REVENUE MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

RMC No. 11-2026

February 9, 2026

Missing triplicate copy of unused/unissued BIR Form No. AF51 – Accountable Form No. 51.

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RMC No. 12-2026

February 13, 2026

Provides extension of deadlines for the filing of tax returns and payment of the corresponding taxes due thereon, including submission of required documents for taxpayers under the jurisdiction of Revenue District Office No. 101 – Lanao del Norte that were affected by Tropical Storm "Basyang".

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News

BIR WEEKENDER BRIEFS

Volume No. 17 Issue No 6 Week ending February 13, 2026 - (BIR Website)

Apprehension of Illicit Cigarettes - conducted enforcement activities that resulted in the confiscation of illegal/illicit cigarettes.

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

<https://bir-cdn.bir.gov.ph/BIR/pdf/v17n6%20hr.pdf>

TAX AND BUSINESS RELATED *News*

BIR WEEKENDER BRIEFS

Volume No. 17 Issue No 5 Week ending February 6, 2026 - (BIR Website)

Two (2) cases were filed by various BIR district offices on February 2 and 3

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

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

BIR Launches 2026 National Tax Campaign Banner “Mahusay na Serbisyo, Katumbas ng Buwis Mo”

BIR Website / February 13, 2026

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), headed by Commissioner Charlito Martin R. Mendoza, formally kicked off its 2026 National Tax Campaign with a grand event held at the Philippine International Convention Center on February 13, 2026

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

<https://bir-cdn.bir.gov.ph/BIR/pdf/PR13FEB1326.pdf>

Simultaneous BIR Operations Seize 45,521 Packs of Illicit Cigarettes

BIR Website / February 10, 2026

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), in coordination with the Philippine National Police (PNP) and with support from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), conducted simultaneous enforcement operations on February 9, 2026, across multiple BIR Revenue Regions, targeting the sale and distribution of cigarettes without proof of excise tax payment.

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

<https://bir-cdn.bir.gov.ph/BIR/pdf/PR12FEB1026.pdf>

TAX AND BUSINESS RELATED *News*

BIR Presents Key Audit Reforms to Senate Blue Ribbon Committee

BIR Website / February 10, 2026

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) today briefed the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee on key features of its strengthened tax audit framework under Revenue Memorandum Order (RMO) No. 1-2026. These reforms address taxpayers' concerns and make tax audits fairer, more predictable, and more transparent.

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

<https://bir-cdn.bir.gov.ph/BIR/pdf/PR11FEB1026.pdf>

Majority of House members favor travel tax removal – Acosta

Philippine News Agency / Joyce Ann L. Rocamora / February 7, 2026 - MANILA

The majority of lawmakers in the House of Representatives are in favor of the proposal to remove the travel tax imposed on Filipinos departing for abroad, House tourism committee vice chair, Palawan 3rd District Rep. Gil Acosta Jr., said on Saturday.

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

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1268596>

Congress urged to probe abuse of BIR audit powers

Business World / Kenneth Christiane L. Basilio / February 9, 2026

A lawmaker on Monday called for a congressional investigation into the Bureau of Internal Revenue's (BIR) alleged abuse of its authority to examine taxpayers' books, following complaints from business groups about irregular audit practices. House Resolution No. 743 seeks a review of the BIR's audit protocols, including its issuance of letters of authority (LoA) and mission orders.

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

<https://www.bworldonline.com/editors-picks/2026/02/09/729445/congress-urged-to-probe-abuse-of-bir-audit-powers/>

TAX AND BUSINESS RELATED *News*

National Revenue Authority touted as possible BIR, BoC replacement

Business World / Aubrey Rose A. Inosante / February 9, 2026

THE overhaul of the government's main revenue agencies must be revisited, particularly the consolidation of the bureaus of Customs and Internal Revenue into a National Revenue Authority (NRA), a former Finance department official said.

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

https://www.bworldonline.com/economy/2026/02/09/729426/national-revenue-authority-touted-as-possible-bir-boc-replacement/#google_vignette

NRA proposal not considered immediate fix – BIR

Business World / Aubrey Rose A. Inosante / February 10, 2026

THE Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) said renewed proposals to merge the government's main revenue-generating agencies into a National Revenue Authority (NRA) should be considered as a last resort, saying that the immediate priority involves restoring credibility and public trust in the current institutions.

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

<https://www.bworldonline.com/editors-picks/2026/02/10/729723/nra-proposal-not-considered-immediate-fix-bir/>

BIR banks on growth to revive tax take this year

Business World / Adrian H. Halili / February 10, 2026

THE PHILIPPINES' tax authority is betting that faster growth, a rebound in public works and changes to audit rules will help revive revenue after a disappointing year, even as confidence was shaken by allegations of corruption tied to infrastructure spending.

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

<https://www.bworldonline.com/editors-picks/2026/02/10/729605/bir-banks-on-growth-to-revive-tax-take-this-year/>

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BIR lays out audit reforms in Senate probe on LOA misuse

Philippine News Agency / Wilnard Bacelonia / February 10, 2026 - MANILA

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) on Tuesday presented a revamped, system-driven tax audit framework to the Senate as lawmakers examined allegations that letters of authority (LOAs) had been misused or “weaponized” in past enforcement actions.

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

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1268715>

Khonghun flags 'weaponization' of BIR letters of authority, mission orders; eyes House probe

Manila Bulletin / Ellson Quismorio / February 10, 2026

A ranking congressman wants the House to conduct an investigation into alarming reports of the misuse, abuse, and alleged “weaponization” of letters of authority (LOAs) and mission orders (MOs) by Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) officials and personnel. In filing House Resolution (HR) No.743 on Monday Feb. 9, Deputy Speaker Zambales 1st district Rep. Jay Khonghun is seeking a thorough inquiry “in aid of legislation”.

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

<https://mb.com.ph/2026/02/10/khonghun-flags-weaponization-of-bir-letters-of-authority-mission-orders-eyes-house-probe>

Taxpayers may refuse audit requests under new BIR rules

Inquirer.net / Maila Ager / February 10, 2026 - MANILA, Philippines

Taxpayers may refuse tax audit requests that are not within the scope and limits of audit instruments such as [letters of authority \(LOAs\)](#) and mission orders, according to the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR).

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

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2180356/taxpayers-may-refuse-audit-requests-under-new-bir-rules>

TAX AND BUSINESS RELATED *News*

Travel tax abolition among PBBM's 21 priority bills – Palace

Philippine News Agency / Darryl Esguerra / February 10, 2026 – MANILA

The proposed abolition of the travel tax is among the 21 priority legislative measures approved by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. under the Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC), Malacañang said on Tuesday.

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

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1268736>

ADB sees tax compliance, process upgrades as key to boosting ease of doing business

Business World / Aubrey Rose A. Inosante / February 11, 2026

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) said improving tax processes and compliance remains critical to boosting ease of doing business (EoDB).

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

https://www.bworldonline.com/economy/2026/02/11/729929/adb-sees-tax-compliance-process-upgrades-as-key-to-boosting-ease-of-doing-business/#google_vignette

Travel tax 'outdated burden', abolition an ASEAN compliance – senator

Philippine News Agency / Wilnard Bacelonia / February 11, 2026 – MANILA

The proposed abolition of the travel tax is both an economic reform and a compliance to an agreement with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Senator Joel Villanueva said Wednesday.

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

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1268832>

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LGUs digitalize to boost transparency, services

Business World / Aaron Micheal C. Sy / February 12, 2026

LOCAL GOVERNMENT units (LGUs) are partnering with government agencies and the private sector to improve transparency and services through digitalization.

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

<https://www.bworldonline.com/the-nation/2026/02/12/730352/igus-digitalize-to-boost-transparency-services/>

OECD says Philippines must confront fiscal gap, reduce tax perks

Business World / Bloomberg / February 12, 2026

The Philippines must step up efforts to reduce its persistent budget deficits and consider paring back fiscal incentives to help it sustain its economic momentum, according to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development.

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

<https://www.bworldonline.com/top-stories/2026/02/12/730164/oecd-says-philippines-must-confront-fiscal-gap-reduce-tax-perks/>

PHL urged to phase out VAT exemptions for seniors, schools

Business World / Aubrey Rose A. Inosante / February 13, 2026

THE PHILIPPINES should reduce fiscal incentives and phase out value-added tax (VAT) exemptions for senior citizens and private education to trim debt and narrow the budget deficit, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) said.

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

<https://www.bworldonline.com/editors-picks/2026/02/13/730328/phi-urged-to-phase-out-vat-exemptions-for-seniors-schools/>

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US publishes interim tax credit rules meant to restrict China clean energy influence

Business World / Reuters / February 13, 2026

THE US Treasury Department on Thursday unveiled interim rules for enforcing provisions in President Donald Trump's new tax law that restrict companies from claiming federal clean energy subsidies if they are overly reliant on Chinese-made equipment.

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

<https://www.bworldonline.com/world/2026/02/13/730464/us-publishes-interim-tax-credit-rules-meant-to-restrict-china-clean-energy-influence/>

Go challenges Customs to break elusive ₱1-trillion tax goal

Manila Bulletin / Derco Rosal / February 13, 2026

President Marcos' chief economic manager expects the government's second-largest revenue agency to cross the historic psychological threshold this year, betting that leadership stability and rebound in trade will end the multi-year streak of narrow misses.

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

<https://mb.com.ph/2026/02/13/go-challenges-customs-to-break-elusive-1-trillion-tax-goal>

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