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BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE

Issuances

REVENUE MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

RMC No. 15-2026

March 09, 2026

Lost Original and Duplicates Copies of Used/Filled-Up but Unissued BIR Form No. 1966 – Electronic Letter of Authority.

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RMC No. 16-2026

March 09, 2026

Lost Thirty-Two (32) Sets of Unused/Unissued BIR Form No. 0423 – Apprehension Slip.

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RMC No. 17-2026

March 09, 2026

Lost Five (5) Pads of Unused/Unissued BIR Form No. AF51 – Accountable Form No. 51.

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RMC No. 18-2026

March 09, 2026

Damaged Various Copies of Used/Issued Accountable Forms.

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BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE

Issuances

REVENUE MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

RMC No. 19-2026

March 11, 2026

Circularizing the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 11650, otherwise known as the "Instituting a Policy of Inclusion and Services for Learners with Disabilities in Support of Inclusive Education Act".

[Full Text](#) | [IRR of R.A. No. 11650](#)

REVENUE MEMORANDUM ORDER

RMO No. 7-2026

March 09, 2026

Adoption of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Measures Pursuant to Memorandum Circular No. 114 Dated March 06, 2026 of the Office of the President (OP), Malacañang Palace.

[Full Text](#)

RMO No. 8-2026

March 12, 2026

Amending Revenue Memorandum Order No. 37-2023 on the Guidelines and Procedures in the Processing of Customer Satisfaction Survey for Frontline Services under Client Support Service.

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TAX ADVISORY

Advisory on Availability/Accessibility of Electronic Filing and Payment System (eFPS) and Electronic TIN Query (eTINQuery) Reporting System *BIR Website / March 09, 2026*

Above systems/applications are now accessible after internet/network connection has been restored.

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

[https://bircdn.bir.gov.ph/BIR/pdf/Advisory%20System%20Availability%20EFPS%20\(0006\).pdf](https://bircdn.bir.gov.ph/BIR/pdf/Advisory%20System%20Availability%20EFPS%20(0006).pdf)



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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE



REFERENCE NO: 202603-0006-SA

ADVISORY **Systems Availability**

DATE	March 9, 2026
TO	All External Users
SYSTEM/S AFFECTED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic Filing and Payment System (eFPS) • Electronic TIN Query (eTINQuery)
REASON	Above systems/applications are now accessible after internet/network connection has been restored.
PERIOD COVERED	
Start Date / Time	March 9, 2026 (Monday, 9:06 AM)
End Date / Time	March 9, 2026 (Monday, 11:38 AM)

Kindly disseminate this information to all concerned.

Thank you.

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TAX AND BUSINESS RELATED *News*

BIR WEEKENDER BRIEFS

Volume No. 17, Issue No. 10 Week Ending March 13, 2026 - (BIR Website)

The following activities were conducted ending March 13, 2026: Filing of cases; Tax enforcement activities; Destruction of inventories; Serving of notices; and among others.

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

<https://bir-cdn.bir.gov.ph/BIR/pdf/v17n10%20web.pdf>

BIR-backed raid in Pampanga averts ₱93.7M in illicit cigarette tax losses

Public Information & Education Division / March 11, 2026

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), in coordination with the Bureau of Customs (BOC) and the Philippine National Police (PNP), disrupted an illicit cigarette manufacturing materials warehouse in Apalit, Pampanga, preventing an estimated ₱93.77 million in potential unpaid excise taxes.

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

<https://bir-cdn.bir.gov.ph/BIR/pdf/PR19MARI126.pdf>

BOC seizes ₱235-M illegal cigarettes at Batangas port

Philippine News Agency / Ferdinand Patinio / March 07, 2026

The BOC seized ₱235M million worth of undeclared MAC cigarettes at the Port of Batangas from a UAE shipment, with the consignee unauthorized to import, under investigation for Customs violations.

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

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1270530>

TAX AND BUSINESS RELATED *News*

Labor, consumer groups call for tax relief

Business World / Erika Mae P. Sinaking / March 08, 2026

Labor and Consumer groups in the Philippines are urging the government to cut taxes on basic goods and fuel and raise wages to ease the rising cost of living.

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

https://www.bworldonline.com/economy/2026/03/08/734767/labor-consumer-groups-call-for-tax-relief/#google_vignette

Revisiting cross-border taxation: A call for clarity and reform

Business World / John Alexis S.B. Sumulong / March 09, 2026

Taxpayers are cautiously optimistic after the BIR pledged to clarify the implementation of RMC No. 05-2024 and RMC No. 38-2024 amid concerns that their broad interpretation of cross-border transactions has led to excessive tax assessments.

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

<https://www.bworldonline.com/economy/2026/03/09/735144/revisiting-cross-border-taxation-a-call-for-clarity-and-reform/>

Travel tax abolition bill hurdles House committee

Business World / Kenneth Christiane L. Basilio / March 09, 2026

A committee of the House of Representatives of the Philippines approved a bill to abolish the travel tax to reduce the financial burden on travelers.

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

<https://www.bworldonline.com/economy/2026/03/09/735105/travel-tax-abolition-bill-hurdles-house-committee/>

TAX AND BUSINESS RELATED *News*

DoF urges Senate to find other means to fund agencies supported by travel tax

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

The Department of Finance (DoF) urged the Senate of the Philippines to identify alternative funding sources for programs currently supported by the travel tax as lawmakers consider bills to abolish or modify the levy.

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

<https://www.bworldonline.com/economy/2026/03/10/735391/dof-urges-senate-to-find-other-means-to-fund-agencies-supported-by-travel-tax/>

VAT reductions seen viable with exemption crackdown

Business World / Justine Irish D. Tabile / March 10, 2026

Analysts say the Philippine Congress must expand the tax base and reduce VAT exemptions to sustain a proposed VAT cut from 12% to 10%.

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

<https://www.bworldonline.com/economy/2026/03/10/735399/vat-reductions-seen-viable-with-exemption-crackdown/>

The path to clarity: BIR's new audit framework

Business World / Jannelle B. Roxas / March 11, 2026

The BIR issued new rules under RMO No. 1-2026 and related issuances to streamline tax audits through a single-instance audit framework, though some uncertainties remain.

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

<https://www.bworldonline.com/economy/2026/03/11/735747/the-path-to-clarity-birs-new-audit-framework/>

TAX AND BUSINESS RELATED *News*

Trade dep't sees tax deal with Cambodia boosting service exporters' competitiveness

Business World / Adrian H. Halili / March 12, 2026

The Department of Trade and Industry said the Philippines–Cambodia Double Taxation Agreement is expected to boost services and investment by eliminating double taxation.

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

<https://www.bworldonline.com/economy/2026/03/12/736043/trade-dept-sees-tax-deal-with-cambodia-boosting-service-exporters-competitiveness/>

Marcos certifies as urgent bill allowing fuel tax suspension, cuts

Philippine News Agency / Darryl John Esguerra / March 12, 2026

President Marcos certified as urgent a bill allowing temporary suspension or reduction of fuel excise taxes to stabilize domestic prices amid global oil supply tensions.

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

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1270962>

DBM: LGU tax share not GAA line item, release remains automatic

Philippine News Agency / Darryl John Esguerra / March 05, 2026

The DBM clarified that LGUs' ₱1.195T NTA is a constitutional, automatically released share of national taxes, not a discretionary GAA appropriation, amid a pending SC petition.

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

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1270358>

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