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Designates the Head Revenue Executive Assistant of the Enforcement and Advocacy Service (EAS) as Officer-In-Charge in view of the approved leave of EAS's Assistant Commissioner

Full Text

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July 29, 2026

Designates the OIC-Chief of the Personnel Division as Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the Head Revenue Executive Assistant (HREA)-Human Resource Development Service (HRDS) in view of the approved leave of the HRDS's HREA

Full Text

RDAO No. 45-2026

July 30, 2026

Designates the OIC-Head Revenue Executive Assistant of the Legal Service in view of the approved leave of the Legal Service's Assistant Commissioner

Full Text

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BIR WEEKENDER BRIEFS

Volume No. 17 Issue No 30 Week ending July 31, 2026

BIR Launches Anniversary Week with Mass Oath-Taking; LTS Leads Flag-Raising Ceremony - The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) officially opened its 122nd Anniversary Week on July 27, 2026, with a flag-raising ceremony led by the Large Taxpayers Service and the mass oath-taking of 195 newly promoted employees from the National Office and various Revenue Regions.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:
https://bir-cdn.bir.gov.ph/BIR/pdf/v17n30 highres.pdf

BIR, PNP intensified crackdown continues: illegal cigarette shipment intercepted in Davao Oriental; ₱6.5-millions tax liability assessed

BIR Website /July 31, 2026

Following the apprehension, the confiscated cigarettes were placed under police custody and subsequently referred to the BIR for proper inspection and tax assessment. Pursuant to a Mission Order issued by Revenue Region 19 – Davao Region under the leadership of OIC.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:
https://bir-cdn.bir.gov.ph/BIR/pdf/PR67JUL2126.pdf

TAX AND BUSINESS RELATED News

BIR clarifies one-time abatement program for micro taxpayers

Inquirer.Net / Jan Escosio / July 27, 2026 - MANILA, Philippines

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) has issued a memorandum clarifying the guidelines and procedures for implementing the one-time abatement of taxes or penalties for micro taxpayers. The circular further explains the treatment of pending compromise and abatement applications, one-time transactions, open case penalties, multiple taxable years, partial payments, and other situations that may arise in the implementation of the one-time abatement program. Taxpayers are encouraged to read the full circular to better understand the requirements and procedures for availing of the One-Time Abatement Program for Micro Taxpayers: RMC No. 84-2026. /atm

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:
https://business.inquirer.net/602581/bir-clarifies-one-time-abatement-program-for-micro-taxpayers

Housing VAT exemption cap hike, PEZA moratorium lift gain attention before SONA

Business World / Juliana Chloe A. Gonzales / July 27, 2026

PROPERTY analysts said raising the value-added tax (VAT) exemption ceiling for housing and proceeding with plans to lift the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) moratorium in Metro Manila could help shield homebuyers from elevated mortgage rates and boost demand for office space as President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. delivers his State of the Nation Address (SONA) on Monday. Joey Roi Bondoc, director of research at Colliers Philippines, said industry groups have been pushing for an increase in the VAT exemption ceiling for residential properties, arguing that it would make homes more affordable for end buyers.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:
https://bworldonline.com/corporate/2026/07/27/765868/housing-vat-exemption-cap-hike-peza-moratorium-lift-gain-attention-before-sona/#google_vignette

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BIR apprehends 1,793 in crackdown on illicit vape, cigarettes

Philippine News Agency/ Anna Leah Gonzales / July 27, 2026 - MANILA

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) has recently conducted a simultaneous nationwide tax compliance verification drive and apprehended more than 1,700 individuals for various tax compliance violations.

Click the link below to read the full nes from the source:
https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1280386

Higher taxes on vapes, sugary beverages to offset cost of tax relief

Philippine News Agency/ Jose Cielito Reganit / July 28, 2026 - MANILA

House Committee on Ways and Means chairperson and Marikina City Rep. Miro Quimbo on Tuesday said the estimated PHP50-billion revenue loss from President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s proposed tax relief package for Filipino workers can be fully offset through higher taxes on vape products, tobacco, sugar-sweetened beverages and single-use plastics.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:
https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1280497

Biz chamber lauds PBBM's proposed tax incentives, lower power charges

Philippine News Agency/ Mary Judaline Partlow / July 28, 2026 - DUMAGUETE CITY

The Negros Oriental Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NOCCI) welcomed the tax incentives and power sector reforms announced by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. during his State of the Nation Address (SONA) on Monday, saying these would provide significant relief to businesses, particularly micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). NOCCI president Edward Du, in a Tuesday interview, said the business community is encouraged by the President's proposal for a one-time tax abatement for small enterprises, tax exemption for businesses earning not more than PHP350,000 annually, estate tax amnesty, and the removal of the minimum corporate income tax.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:
https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1280521

TAX AND BUSINESS RELATED News

BIR files P416-M tax evasion cases vs. POGO-linked firm, others

Philippine News Agency/ Benjamin Pulta / July 29, 2026 - MANILA

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) has filed three criminal cases for tax evasion against a Philippine Offshore Gaming Operator (POGO)-linked company, a construction firm, and two VAT-registered real estate sellers.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:
https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1280603

More senators move to strip system loss, VAT from power bills

Philippine News Agency/ Wilnard Bacelonia / July 29, 2026 - MANILA

Senate President Sherwin Gatchalian and Senator JV Ejercito have filed complementary measures seeking to remove system-loss charges and value-added tax (VAT) from electricity bills, translating President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s fifth State of the Nation Address (SONA) directive into proposed consumer relief. Gatchalian announced on Wednesday that he filed Senate Bill No. 2350, or the proposed System Loss Charge Abolition Act, which would stop distribution utilities from charging customers for electricity lost before reaching their homes and businesses.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:
https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1280550

Marcos names 2 CTA justices

Business World / Erika Mae P. Sinaking / July 29, 2026

PRESIDENT Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. has appointed Debbie Jean Centeno-Dijamco and Paolo S. Teston as associate justices of the Court of Tax Appeals (CTA), the Presidential Communications Office (PCO) said on Wednesday. The appointments fill two vacancies in the CTA, which handles tax and customs disputes.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:
https://bworldonline.com/the-nation/2026/07/29/766802/marcos-names-2-cta-justices/

TAX AND BUSINESS RELATED News

DOE, ERC, Meralco discuss policy reforms for fairer power rates

Philippine News Agency/ Joann Vilanueva / July 30, 2026

Meanwhile, the DOE said it has established a joint task force with the ERC, NEA and the electric cooperatives to help formulate policies on the removal of system loss charges and their corresponding value-added tax (VAT) on power bills.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:
https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1280671

Tax relief plan to benefit 3M workers, but cost P66B in foregone revenues — DoF

Business World / Justine Irish D. Tabile / July 30, 2026

TWO TAX RELIEF MEASURES proposed by President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. would benefit at least 3.13 million workers and 78,000 small businesses but cost the government about P66 billion in annual foregone revenue, the Department of Finance (DoF) said.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:
https://bworldonline.com/editors-picks/2026/07/30/766782/tax-relief-plan-to-benefit-3m-workers-but-cost-p66b-in-foregone-revenues-dof/

BIR ready to implement PBBM's tax reform agenda

Philippine News Agency/ Anna Leah Gonzales / July 30, 2026 - MANILA

Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) Commissioner Charlito Mendoza said on Thursday the agency is ready to implement President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s tax reform agenda. In his fifth State of the Nation Address earlier this week, Marcos said the government will pursue tax relief measures that promote growth, generate revenue, and advance equity toward socio-economic sustainability. These include expanding income tax exemption and exempting small businesses from minimum corporate income tax.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:
https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1280667

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Estate tax: Death should not be taxed twice

Manila Bulletin Newsroom / July 31, 2026

Estate taxes were designed to generate government revenue and promote equity by taxing the transfer of wealth from one generation to another. In principle, the policy has merit. But policies must evolve with changing economic realities. A tax system that has become punitive rather than practical ceases to serve its purpose. Under the present system, many heirs suffer twice. First comes the taxing emotional devastation of losing a parent, spouse, or loved one. Then comes the financial burden of paying estate taxes that many families simply cannot afford. Properties painstakingly built over decades often remain frozen for years because heirs lack the resources to settle tax obligations.

Click the link below to read the full news from the source:
https://mb.com.ph/2026/07/31/estate-tax-death-should-not-be-taxed-twice

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