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The UAE Federal Tax Authority is launching New Integrated Platform, 'EmaraTax' on Monday 5th December, 2022.

The Federal Tax Authority (FTA) announced the launching of a new integrated platform called EmaraTax. The migration to EmaraTax will commence from the end of day on Wednesday 30th November, 2022. EmaraTax will be available for use on 5th December 2022.

Why EmaraTax?

EmaraTax will significantly enhance the way that taxpayers can access the FTA's services, pay their taxes, and obtain refunds. The new platform also greatly enhances the ability of the FTA to administer taxes in the UAE, enables better, faster decision-making and earlier engagement with taxpayers that need support.

Key Enhancements:

- Enhanced Dashboard and new functions improving communications with the FTA through the portal.
- Single profile for managing different persons.
- Offline utility to prepare and upload returns.
- Option to view and compare the previous returns.
- Improvements in the refund functions, making available new types of refund applications through the portal.
- Consolidated VAT refund request for multiple returns.
- Display of overdue and outstanding liabilities with transaction history details.
- New enhanced payment system.
- GIBAN payments shall be made against a specific reference number.
- Advance payments allowed for upcoming VAT return.
- Various digital integrations, such as integration with UAE Pass and introduction of a Smart App.

Logging into EmaraTax for the first time on or after 5th December

As you already have an account with the FTA, your details will be automatically migrated to EmaraTax. All you need to do is reset your password the first time you login to the new platform. Once you are logged-in for the first time, you should make sure that your user profile is up to date.





Submitting tax returns in EmaraTax

Once EmaraTax is live, you must submit all tax returns and access other services using the new Platform. EmaraTax will display the status of all tax returns submitted whichever platform you used to submit them.

If you have prepared a draft tax return in the current system and not submitted it prior to 30th November 2022, the draft will be transferred to EmaraTax. You will be able to login and submit the tax return in EmaraTax on or after 5th December 2022.

Making Payments using EmaraTax

To simplify the tax payment mechanism, EmaraTax provides the below mentioned options to pay tax.

Generate a unique payment reference number for GIBAN payments

You must select the liabilities you wish to pay and then generate a corresponding unique payment reference number in EmaraTax. You should always include the unique reference number when making payments using GIBAN. This unique number is used to ensure that your payments are accurately allocated against your selected liabilities.

MagnatiPay to make online payments

You can make online payments through the MagnatiPay payment gateway using prepaid, debit or credit cards issued by VISA and Mastercard.

UAE banks and other financial institutions are integrated with EmaraTax

This means that when making a GIBAN payment the unique reference number will be used to validate the GIBAN and the amount payable to ensure that the correct sums are allocated properly.

Making payments via foreign financial institution without your unique payment reference number or the exact amount payable will result in your pre-selection of liabilities being disregarded. The payment will instead be allocated strictly based on liability due dates starting with the oldest liability first.

Applying for refunds in EmaraTax

Any refund requests pending on 30th November, 2022 will be migrated to EmaraTax where you will be able to see a real-time status of the request.

