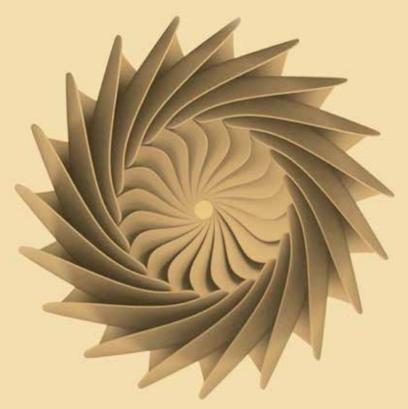
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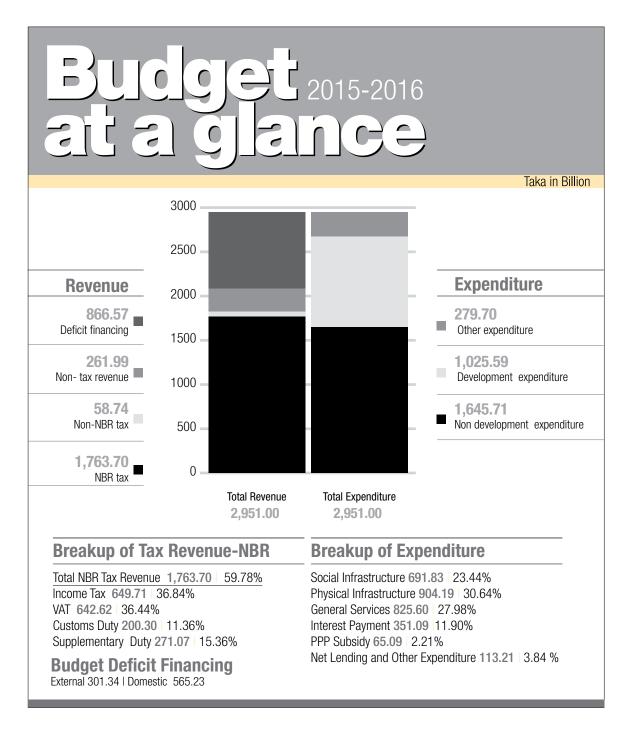


Foreword

Corporate world would critically review every aspect of a new budget each year, its allocations and impacts; the year 2015 is no different. A lot of queries engulfed our mind whether the new budget would carry any positive impact on our lives, whether we have to pay more tax, how the impact is in commodity price and so on. Many analyses and interpretations are available in the web; most of them are useful. Albeit, the Finance Division of Bank Asia Ltd. like previous year produced the 2nd installment of the budget white paper. This installment too gives an easy look on Income Tax, VAT and other essential taxes & levies those were changed by the Bangladesh Budget 2015-2016. I firmly believe; this white paper will not only disseminate valuable knowledge but also help corporate reapers to use it as an effective tool in their day to day activities.

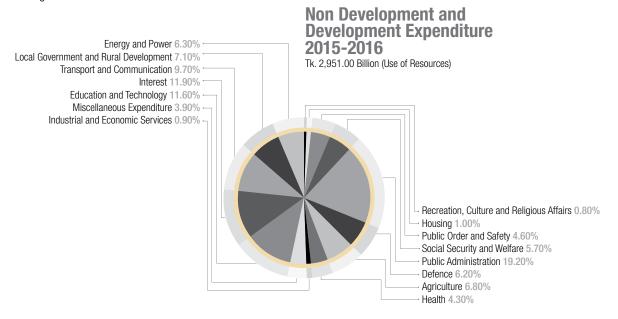
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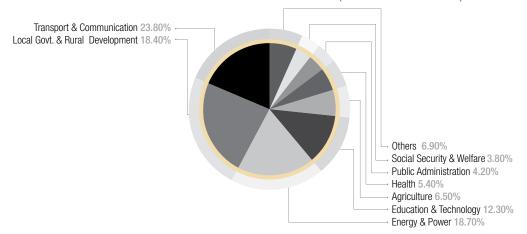
Allocation of Expenditure

Budget in Different Sectors



Development Budget: 2015-2016

Tk. 985.87 Billion (Details of Sector wise Allocation)



Budget 2015-2016

At a Glance in Foreign Currency

Figure in Billion

7.07

	\$	€	2	
Revenue	26.79	23.82	17.01	
NBR Tax	22.67	20.15	14.39	
Non NBR Tax	0.75	0.67	0.48	
Non Tax Revenue	3.37	3.00	2.14	

140.10	196.15	220.63	GDP

9.90

11.14 Deficit Financing

	\$	€	£
Expenditure	37.93	33.72	24.08
Non Development	21.15	18.80	13.43
Development	13.18	11.72	8.37
Others	3.60	3.20	2.28

Budget Structure

Taka in Billion

Table 1 Yearly Comparison of Budget Structure

Sector	Budget 2015-16	Revised 2014-15	Budget 2014-15	Actual 2013-14
Revenue				
NBR tax	1,763.70	1,350.28	1,497.2	1,114.23
Non-NBR tax	58.74	56.48	55.72	46.09
Non- tax revenue	261.99	226.95	276.62	243.43
Total Revenue	2,084.43	1,633.71	1,829.54	1,403.75
Expenditure	-	-	-	
Non development	1,645.71	1,273.71	1,282.31	1,105.67
Development	1,025.59	804.76	863.45	591.51
Others	279.70	318.21	359.3	184.9
Total Expenditure	2,951.00	2,396.68	2,505.06	1,882.08
Deficit	-	-	-	
Overall deficit	866.57	762.97	675.52	478.33
Deficit financing				
External	301.34	215.83	242.75	97.06
Domestic	565.23	547.14	432.77	381.36
GDP	17,167.00	15,136.00	13,395.00	13,436.74

Personal Income Tax

The Income Tax Ordinance, 1984 (amended upto June 30, 2015) and the Finance Act, 2015

Table-2 Threshold of taxable income for 2015-2016

Types of Tax Payer	Taka
General Tax Payer	250,000
Women tax payer and tax payers of 65 years of age and above	300,000
Physically Handicapped	375,000
War-wounded gazetted freedom fighters	425,000

Table-3 Income slab wise tax rate for assessment year 2015-2016

Total Inc	ome	Tax Rate %
On first T	k. 0.25 million	Nil
or	0.30 million	
or	0.375 million	
or	0.425 million Table-2	
On next	0.40 million	10
On next	0.50 million	15
On next	0.60 million	20
On next	3 million	25
On the ba	alance of taxable income	30

Table 4 Surcharge imposed on net wealth

Net Wealth as per IT10B	Surcharge Rate %
Up to Tk. 22.5 million	Nil
Tk. 22.5+ million to Tk. 100 million	10
Tk. 100+ million to Tk. 200 million	15
Tk. 200+ million to Tk. 300 million	20
Above Tk. 300 million	25

Minimum surcharge has been fixed Tk. 3,000 for the assessment year 20015-2016

Relevant Considerations

- Tax rate for non-company non-resident assessee (except NRB) is 30%
- Minimum tax liability of an individual assessee:
 residing in dhaka and chittagong city corporation
 Tk. 5,000
 Other city corporation Tk. 4,000
 Other area not mentioned above Tk. 3,000
- Every person having international transaction must provide details of such transactions in prescribed format along with return section 107EE otherwise penalty up to 2% of the value of international transactions may be imposed section 107HH DCT may in writing require report from a Chartered Accountant or Cost and Management Accountant for international transactions exceeding Tk. 30 million section 107F
- In order to receive deductions for interest payable from income from house property such borrowing must be from bank or financial institution section 25 (1) (g) and (gg)
- Penalty will be imposed at 15% for concealment of income section 128(1)
- Where return submitted under universal self assessment showing 20% higher income will not be selected for audit subject to some conditions section 82BB(3)
- Penalty for default in filing income tax return by an individual, not assessed previously, will be limited to Tk. 5,000 and in case of a person, assessed previously, the penalty will be the higher of 50% of the last assessed tax or Tk. 1,000 section 124

Exemptions

Exemption on Income under Salary

House rent allowances receivable in cash IT Rule 33A Exempted house rent allowance is lower of 50% of basic salary or Tk. 0.3 million p.a., i.e. monthly Tk. 25,000

Rent free accommodation IT Rule 33B

Lower of rental value of accommodation or 25% of the basic salary to be included with income and remaining portion is exempted p.a.

Conveyance IT Rule 33C,D

Where conveyance is provided in cash Tk. 30,000 is exempted p.a.

Where full time car facility is given an amount equal to 5% of basic salary or Tk. 0.06 million which ever is higher to be included with total income

Medical expense IT Rule 331

Exempted cash medical allowance is lower of 10% of basic salary or Tk. 0.12 million p.a.

Exclusions

Changes in Exclusions from Total Income for 2015-2016

section 44(1) | 6th schedule, part A

Dividend income Tk. 25,000 p.a. para 11A Agricultural income Tk. 0.20 million p.a. para 29 Interest income from aggregated investment of Tk. 0.5 million in pensioners saving certificate or wage earners bond p.a. para 32A

Any income earned in abroad and brought in Bangladesh as foreign remittance para 48

Any income up to Tk. 25 million received by an assessee as gratuity para 20

A workers participation fund established under Bangladesh labor law 2006 and received by a worker as defined in section 2(65) of the said Act. para 21D

Any income received by an assessee from Wage earners development, US dollar premium, US dollar investment, Euro premium, Euro investment, Pound sterling investment or Pound sterling premium bonds para 24A

Donation by a crossed cheque/bank transfer to any

- Girls school/college approved by MoE of Govt
- Technical and vocational training institute approved by MoE of Govt
- Any national level institution engaged in research and development of agriculture, science, technology and industrial development

Tax Rebate on Investment

Amount of allowable investment is lower of actual investment or 30% of total income or Tk. 15 million; tax rebate amounts to 15% of allowable investment

section 44(2) | 6th schedule, part B

- Investment in life insurance premium up to 10% of the face value, Govt. treasury bond, unit certificate, savings certificate, mutual funds, debenture, shares, purchase of 1 PC or 1 laptop
- Contribution to provident fund, super annuation fund, benevolent fund, group insurance premium or up to Tk. 0.06 million to DPS
- Contribution to zakat fund
- Donation to Govt. approved charitable hospital,

philanthropic or educational institution, socioeconomic or cultural development institution established in Bangladesh by Aga Khan Development Network, ICDDRB, philanthropic institution-CRP, Savar, Dhaka, Muktijuddha Jadughar, liberation war memorial institution, Father of the Nation memorial institution

Donation up to Tk. 0.5 million to (1) Shishu Swasthya Foundation Hospital Mirpur, Shishu Hospital, Jessore and Hospital for Sick Children, Sathkhira run by Shishu Swasthya Foundation, Dhaka. (2) Diganta Memorial Cancer Hospital, Dhaka, (3) The ENT and Head-Neck Cancer Foundation of Bangladesh, Dhaka and (4) Jatiya Pratibandhi Unnayan Foundation, Mirpur, Dhaka; Asiatic Society of Bangladesh

Corporate Income Tax

The Income Tax Ordinance, 1984 (amended upto June 30, 2015) and the Finance Act, 2015

Table-5 Applicable corporate tax rate for assessment year 2015-2016

Corporate Category	Tax Rate %
Publicly traded companies listed with DSE/CSE	25
Non-publicly traded companies	35
Mobile phone companies non-publicly traded	45
Mobile phone companies publicly traded	40
Banks, insurance, financial institutions listed with DSE/CSE	40
Banks, insurance, financial institutions non-listed with DSE/CSE	42.5
New Banks, insurance, financial institutions	40
Merchant banks	37.5
Any dividend received from a company	20
Cigarette manufacturing companies publicly traded	45
Cigarette manufacturer other than companies	45
Co-operative society registered under the Co-operative Society Act 2001	15

- If a company that is not publicly traded handover minimum 20% of its paid-up capital through IPO it will receive 10% tax rebate-also applicable for mobile operator
- A publicly listed company will be charged additional tax
 5% on the undistributed profit if the company failed to declare at least 15% dividend section 16B(a)
- Employer engaging expatriate without permission of BOI or any competent authority will pay additional tax @50% of the tax payable on income or Tk. 0.5 million whichever is higher section 16B(b) and may be punishable with imprisonment for a period of 3 months up to 3 years with a fine up to Tk. 0.50 million or both section 165C; tax holiday of such company shall stand withdrawn section 46B(11) and 46C(9)
- Minimum tax rate for companies and firms remains @0.30% on gross receipt; exception is @0.10% only for new manufacturing concerns for first 3 years of commercial production section 16CCC
- Unspent sum of repair, collection of rent etc. of previous income year will be deemed as "Income from house property" section 19(30)

- Employees' excess perquisite exemption limit Tk. 0.45 million section 30(e)
- If accounts not maintained as per direction of NBR u/s 35(2) section 123
 - Not having income from house property penalty will be 1½ times of tax payable
 - Having income from house property penalty will be higher of 50% of tax payable or Tk. 5,000
- Penalty will be imposed from Tk. 0.05 million to Tk. 0.20 million if incorrect or false audit report by a CA section 129A
- Bar to imposition of penalty without hearing section 130
- Where return submitted under universal self assessment showing 20% higher income, the return will not be selected for audit subject to some conditions section 82BB(3)
- Credit purchase of materials for construction of building or house property, if not paid for during the following year, will be taxed section 19(29)

 Special tax treatment for investors in residential building and apartment section 19BBBBB

Location of the Property	Rate/Smt up to 200 Sq. meter	Rate/Smt above 200 Sq. meter
Gulshan, Banani, Baridhara, Motijheel and Dilkusha C/A	Tk. 5,000	Tk. 7,000
Dhanmondi R/A, DOHS, Mahakhali, Lalmatia, Uttara, Bashundhara R/A, Dhaka Cantonment, Kawran Bazar, Bijaynagar, Segunbagicha, Nikunja and Panchlaish, Khulshi, Agrabad and Nasirabad area of Chittagong	Tk. 4,000	Tk. 5,000
Other areas of City Corporation	Tk. 2,000	Tk. 3,000
Paurasabha of any district headquarters	Tk. 600	Tk. 800
Area other than aforementioned areas	Tk. 400	Tk. 600

- DCT may allow time extension up to 2 months for filing a tax return and another 2 months with the approval of JCT section 75(3) proviso
- The DCT will start proceedings for arithmetical mistakes and incorrect claims identified in the tax return filed under Universal Self-Assessment and may select for tax audit section 82BB
- A penalty of Tk. 0.10 million may be imposed on an assessee for submission of a false audit report or a report not signed by a CA with the return, or at any appellate stage. The assessee may also be punishable with imprisonment for up to 3 years but not less than 3 months section 129B and 165AA
- Cost of motor vehicles not plying for hire will be limited to Tk. 2.50 million for depreciation allowance para 11(6)(a), Third Schedule of ITO 1984
- For ADR of a dispute pending before any income tax authority, tribunal or court, assessee shall take permission of the concerned income tax authority, tribunal or the court section 1521

Obligation to Issue Tax Deduction Certificate

- Certificate to be issued within 2 weeks of the following month to the person from whom tax has been deducted section 58, Rule 18
- Tax deduction certificate to be issued by respective Govt. accounts office in prescribed form within 31 July following the financial year section 50 (1B), Rule 18A

Tax Rebate for Mfg. Inds. Outside City Corporation

Table 6 Tax rebate for manufacturing industries outside city corp. and not enjoying tax holiday/exemption/reduced rate facility

If commercial production started within 01 July	10 yrs
2014 to 30 June 2019	20%
If industry is shifted from city corp. and commercial production started within 01 July 2014 to 30 June 2019	10 yrs 20%
If commercial production has already started outside city corp. up to 30 June 2019	10%

The above tax rebate will not be applicable

- If listed with any Stock Exchange as a publicly traded company
- If environmental clearance certificate not obtained

Tax Facility for Least Developed Areas (LDA)

Production increased upto 15% but not exceeded 25% from previous year

Production increased upto 25% from previous year

Production increased upto 25% from 10% previous year

List of LDAs can be found in the SRO413-L/85, dt.22.09.1985 which includes certain upazillas under 47 districts all over Bangladesh

Recognition of Interest Income by FIs from Bad or Doubtful Debts depending on their true realization

Any financial institution including commercial banks will recognize interest income against of bad or doubtful debts in the income year in which it is credited to its profit and loss account for that year or in which it is actually received, whichever is earlier section 28(3)

Tax Holiday

Tax Exemption for Newly Established Industrial Undertakings section 46B

Timeline for set-up of newly established industrial undertakings for tax exemption has been extended from 30 June 2015 to 30 June 2019

If the said undertaking is setup in Dhaka and Chittagong division excluding Dhaka, Narayanganj, Gazipur, Chittagong, Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachari districts exemption is for 5 years from the commencement of commercial production

If the said undertaking is setup in Rajshahi, Khulna, Sylhet, Rangpur, excluding city corporation area and Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachari district exemption is for 10 years from the commencement of commercial production

Industrial undertaking includes

Active pharmaceuticals ingredient and radio pharma, barrier contraceptive and rubber latex, basic chemicals or dyes and chemicals, basic ingredients of electronic industry, bio-fertilizer, biotechnology, compressors, computer hardware, energy efficient appliances, insecticide or pesticide, petro-chemicals, pharmaceuticals, local fruit & vegetable processing, radio-active application, textile machinery, tissue grafting, HHK brick fields or tunnel kiln, automobile manufacturing industries, bi-cycle manufacturing industries, tyre manufacturing industries etc.

Tax Exemption for Newly Established Physical Infrastructure Facility section 46C

Timeline for set-up of newly established physical infrastructure facility tax exemption has been extended from 30 June 2015 to 30 June 2019 for

10 years upon starting commercial production

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for the 1st & 2nd year - 100% | 3nd year - 80% | 4th year - 70% 
5th year - 60% | 6th year - 50% | 7th year - 40% 
8th year - 30% | 9th year - 20% | 10th year - 10%
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Physical infrastructure includes

Deep sea port, elevated expressway, EPZ, flyover, gas pipe line, hi-tech park, ICT village, IT park, large water treatment plant, LNG terminal, mono-rail, rapid transit, renewable energy, sea or river port, toll road or bridge, underground rail, waste treatment plant etc.

Depreciation rate of physical infrastructure

Bridge, road & fly over	2.0%
Pavement runway, taxi way & apron, termac	2.5%
Boarding bridge	10.0%
Communication, navigation & other equipments	5.0%

Income of Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission has been exempted effective from 01 July 2015 SRO no. 195-Law/ Income Tax/2015, dt 30 June 2015 w.e.f 01 July 2015

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for the 1st year - 100% | 2nd year - 80%

3rd year - 60% | 4th year - 40%

5th year - 20%
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- All types of remunerations of a Govt. official other than basic salary, festival allowance and bonus will be exempted from tax SRO no. 198-Law/ Income Tax/2015, dt 30 June 2015 w.e.f 01 July 2015
- A company set up under Bangladesh Economic Zone Act 2010 will be exempted from tax for 10 years from the commencement of its commercial operations SRO no. 226-Law/ Income Tax/2015, dated 8 July 2015

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for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd year – 100% | 4th year – 80%

5th year – 70% | 6th year – 60% | 7th year – 50%

8th year – 40% | 9th year – 30% 10th year – 20%
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An Economic Zone Developer, appointed under Bangladesh Economic Zone Act 2010, will be exempted from tax on its income, from the commencement of commercial operations in the Economic Zone, for 12 years SRO no. 227-Law/ Income Tax/2015, dated 8 July 2015

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for the 1st to 10^{th} year -100\% \mid 11^{th} year -70\%
12^{th} year -30\%
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A company defined and declared under Bangladesh Hi-tech Park Authority Act 2010 for production of goods or providing services, will be allowed exemption from tax for 10 years from its business operations in a Hi-tech Park SRO no. 228-Law/ Income Tax/2015, dated 8 July 2015

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for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd year – 100% | 4th year – 80% | 5th year – 70% | 6th year – 60% | 7th year – 50% | 8th year – 40% | 9th year – 30% 10th year – 20%
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A Developer, appointed under Bangladesh Hi-tech Park Authority Act 2010, will be exempted from tax for 12 years from the date of commencement of its commercial operations SRO no. 229-Law/ Income Tax/2015, dated 8 July 2015

Reduced Tax Rate

- Tax at reduced rate of 15% from 01 July 2015 to 30 June 2019 for a company for income derived from:
 - manufacturing cotton, dyeing cotton, finishing, conning, etc, associated with manufacturing textile goods
 - manufacturing jute goods SRO no. 193 & 194-Law/ Income Tax/2015, dated 30 June 2015 w.e.f 01 July 2015
- Reduced rate of income tax on capital gains from transfer of listed shares SRO no. 196-Law/ Income Tax/2015, dated 30 June 2015 w.e.f 01 July 2015

In the hands of

a firm or company 10%

- a sponsor shareholder or shareholder director of a bank, financial institution, merchant bank, insurance, leasing company, portfolio management company, stock dealer or stock broker company
- other shareholders of a listed company having more than 10% share holding 5%
- a foreign investor, income tax on such capital gains in whose country of residence is not exempted from tax
 exempted from tax
 Nil

Graduated tax rate for income from production of pelleted feed for poultry, cattle farming, prawn and fish, marketing of locally-produced seed, dairy farm, frog producing farm, milk and milk producing farm, horticulture, mushroom, floriculture, etc SRO no. 199-Law/ Income Tax/2015, dt 30 June 2015 w.e.f 01 July 2015

On first Tk. 1,000,000	3%
On next Tk. 2,000,000	10%
On the balance taxable income	15%

■ Tax rate on poultry hatchery SRO no. 254-Law/ Income Tax/2015, dated 16 August 2015 w.e.f 01 July 2015

On first Tk. 2,000,000	0%
On next Tk. 1,000,000	5%
On the halance taxable income	10%

Tax rate on poultry and fish hatchery, fish cultivation SRO no. 255-Law/ Income Tax/2015, dated 16 August 2015 w.e.f 01 July 2015

On first Tk. 1,000,000	0%
On next Tk. 1,000,000	5%
On the balance taxable income	10%

Exclusions

Changes in Exclusions from Total Income for 2015-16

section 44(1) | 6th schedule, part A

- Income from software development or nationwide telecommunication transmission network (NTTN) or information techonology enabled services (ITES) from July 2008 to June 2024 subject to submission of return u/s 75(2)(c) para 33
- Income from cinema hall or cineplex para 44

Timeline for tax exemption has been extended from 30 June 2015 to 30 June 2019

If it is setup in Dhaka and Chittagong division (excluding Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachari districts) exemption is for 5 years from starting of commercial exhibition

If it is setup in Rajshahi, Khulna, Sylhet, Rangpur and Barisal divisions and Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachari districts exemption is for 10 years from the commencement of commercial exhibition

for the
$$1^{st}$$
 to 3^{rd} year -100%
 4^{th} to 6^{th} year -50%
 7^{th} to 10^{th} year -25%

■ Income from rice bran oil production para 45

If it is setup in Dhaka and Chittagong division (excluding city corporation area and Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachari districts) exemption is for 5 years from starting commercial production

for the
$$1^{st}$$
 and 2^{nd} year -100%
 3^{rd} and 4^{th} year -50%
 5^{th} year -25%

If it is setup in Rajshahi, Khulna, Sylhet, Rangpur and Barisal divisions (excluding city corporation area) and Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachari districts exemption is for 10 years from the commencement of commercial production

for the
$$1^{st}$$
 to 3^{rd} year -100%
 4^{th} to 6^{th} year -50%
 7^{th} to 10^{th} year -25%

- Donation by a crossed cheque/bank transfer to any 6th schedule, part A, para 49-53
 - Girls school/college approved by MoE of Govt
 - Technical and vocational training institute approved by MoE of Govt
 - Any national level institution engaged in research and development of agriculture, science, technology and industrial development

Any income, not being interest or dividend

- Received by any educational institution if it is enlisted for Monthly Pay Order (MPO) of the Government; follows the curriculum approved by the Government, governed by a body formed as per Government rules or regulations
- Received by any public university or any professional institute established under any law and run by professional body of Chartered Accountants or Cost and Management Accountants or Chartered Secretaries

Accelerated Depreciation Allowance on Machinery and Plant 3rd schedule, para 7B

Accelerated depreciation allowance shall be allowed if any machinery or plant (other than office appliances and road transport vehicles) not previously used in Bangladesh used in an industrial undertaking set up in Bangladesh between July 01, 2014 and June 30, 2019 upon starting commercial production on the actual cost

for the
$$1^{st}$$
 year $-50\% \mid 2^{nd}$ year $-30\% \mid 3^{rd}$ year -20%

Normal Depreciation Allowance on imported computer software @ 10% 3rd schedule, para 3 (1)

Withholding Tax

Table 8 Simplified but comprehensive table to show tax deductions at source by payment or approving authority

Head of Tax Withholding	Basis	Tax Rate %
Salaries section 50	Average of the rates applicable to the estimated total income of the payee as salary	
Interest section 51	On securities and debentures Provided that this provision shall not apply to the Treasury bond or Treasury bill issued by the Government	5
Payment section 52, rule 16	Contractors & sub-contractors up to Tk. 200,000 from 200,001 to 500,000 from 500,001 to 1,500,000 from 1,500,001 to 2,500,000 from 2,500,001 to 30,000,000 from 30,000,001 and above In case of company engaged in gas distribution, any amount In case of oil supplied by oil marketing companies up to Tk. 200,000 from 200,001 and above	Nil 1 2.5 3.5 4 5 3 Nil 0.60
Fees section-52A(I)	For doctors	10
Payment section 52A(2)	Royalty or technical know-how fee	10
Fees section 52A(3)	For professional or technical services	
	if eTIN certificate is provided if eTIN certificate is not provided	10 15
	e.g. legal, engineering, architectural, accountancy, interior decoration, advertising, actuarial services etc.	

Head of Tax Withholding	Basis	Tax Rate %
Payment section 52AA	Catering service	10
	Cleaning service	***************************************
	commission	10
	gross receipts	1.5
	Collection and recovery agency	
	commission	10
	gross receipts	1.5
	Contract or toll manufacturing	10
	Credit rating agency	10
	Event management	***************************************
	commission	10
	gross receipts	1.5
	Indenting commission	7.5
	Meeting fees, training fees or honorarium	10
	Mobile network operator, technical support service provider or service delivery agents engaged in mobile banking operations	10
	Motor garage or workshop	5
	Printing service	3
	Private container port or dockyard service	5
	Private security service provider	*
	commission	10
	gross receipts	1.5
	Product processing charge	10
	Shipping agency commission	5
	Stevedoring/berth operation commission	10
	Supply of manpower	***************************************
	commission	10
	gross receipts	1.5
	Transport provider	3
	Any other service which is not mentioned in Chapter VII of this Ordinance and is not a service provided by any bank, insurance or financial institutions	10

Head of Tax Withholding	Basis	Tax Rate %
Interest	On saving instruments	5
section 52D FS	On pensioners saving certificate	5
	If cumulative investment at the end of the income year in the pensioners savings certificate does not exceed Tk. 0.5 million	Nil
	On interest or profit of Wage earners development bond, US dollar premium bond, US dollar investment bond, Euro premium bond, Euro investment bond, Pound sterling investment bond or Pound sterling premium bond.	Nil
Brickfield permission/	From brick manufacturers for issuing any permission/	
renewal section 52F	renewal 1 section 1½ section 2 section automatic machine	Tk. 45,000 Tk. 70,000 Tk. 90,000 Tk. 150,000
Commission section 52I	On letter of credit (L/C)	5
Commission/discount/ incentive bonus section 52JJ FS	From commission or discount or incentive bonus or any other benefit payment to travel agent for selling air ticket or air cargo	0.30
Commission section 52M	To freight forward agency	15
Payment by PDB section 52N FS	Rental power plant	6
Payment section 52P	Services, e.g. convention hall, conference centre etc.	5
Service charge by way of remittance from abroad section 52Q	At the time of bank account crediting of a resident for any income in connection with any service provided to any foreign person	10
Payment/receipts for international phone call section 52R	At the time of payment/bank account crediting of an International Gateway (IGW) services operator	1
FS	At the time of payment/bank account crediting of an Interconnection Exchange (ICX), Access Network Services (ANS) etc. by IGW under agreement of BTRC	5

Head of Tax Withholding	Basis	Tax Rate %
Banderols/stamps section 52S	On selling price banderols/stamps at the time of delivery to manufacturer of soft drinks and mineral bottled water	4
Payment by life insurance co. section 52T	In excess of premium paid on life insurance policy, i.e. insurance gain (total payment less total premium received)	5
Payment section 52U	Contractors & sub-contractors by local L/C up to Tk. 0.50 million from 0.50 million+ No tax shall be deducted under this section from payment of local L/C purchase or procurement of rice, wheat, potato, onion, garlic, peas, chick peas, lentils, ginger, turmeric, computer or computer accessories, jute, cotton, yarn and all kinds of foods	Nil 3
Revenue sharing/licence fees section 52V	From payment of revenue sharing/licence fees to any regulatory authorities by the mobile operator	10
Rent section 53A	House property	5
Freight section 53AA	Total freight received or receivable by Shipping business of a resident in or out of Bangladesh	5
	Total freight received or receivable by Shipping business of a resident from services rendered between two or more foreign countries	3
Export proceed section 53BB	At the time of crediting export proceeds to the bank account of an exporter of certain items viz. knit-wear, woven garments, terry towel, carton and accessories of garments industry, jute goods, frozen food, vegetables, leather goods, packed food	0.60
Export proceed section 53BBBB	Collection of tax from export of any goods except above items u/s 53BB	0.60
Auction sale section 53C rule 17D	On sale price of goods or property sold by public auction	5
Export cash subsidy section 53DDD	Cash incentive to an exporter for promotion of export	3

Head of Tax Withholding	Basis	Tax Rate %
Sales commission, discount or fees section 53E	On commission, discount or fees for distribution or marketing of goods as advance tax	10
	On difference amount between sales price and retail price by a company that sells goods to distributor at lower price (other than oil marketing company)	3
Commission or remuneration section 53EE	For payment to an agent of a foreign buyer at the time of crediting out of export proceeds to the bank account of an exporter	10
Interest section 53F	On saving deposits and fixed deposits	
	where eTIN is furnished	10
	any other cases	15
	If balance of a saving deposit does not exceed Tk. 0.10 million at any time in the year	10
	a public university, educational institution if it is enlisted for Monthly Pay Order (MPO) of the Government; follows the curriculum approved by the Government, governed by a body formed as per Government rules or regulations, or any professional institute established under any law and run by professional body of Chartered Accountants or Cost and Management Accountants or Chartered Secretaries	10

Head of Tax Withholding	Basis	Tax Rate %
Registration section 53FF	Real estate or land development business	
FS Section Safe	For building or apartment constructed at Gulshan Model town, Banani, Baridhara, Motijheel C/A, Dilkusha C/A of Dhaka for residential purposes not for residential purposes	Tk. 1,600 per square metre Tk. 6,500 per square metre
	at Dhanmondi R/A, DOHS, Mohakhali, Lalmatia Housing Society, Uttara Model Town, Bashundhara R/A, Dhaka Cantonment Area, Kawran Bazar C/A of Dhaka and Pachlaish R/A, Khulshi R/A, Agrabad and Nasirabad of Chittagong	rk. 0,500 per square meno
	for residential purposes not for residential purposes	Tk. 1,500 per square metre Tk. 5,000 per square metre
	at other areas for residential purposes not for residential purposes	Tk. 600 per square metre Tk. 1,600 per square metre
	For land Dhaka, Gazipur, Narayanganj, Munshiganj, Manikganj, Narsingdi & Chittagong	5
	for any other districts	3
Transfer of property section 53H	Collection of tax at source on transfer of property will be guided by the new tax rule 17II	
	A new rate for collection of tax on transfer of property has been introduced that is Tk. 1.08 million per katha (1.65 decimal) for land, Tk. 600 per square meter for flat, structure on land, if any or 4% of the deed value, whichever is higher	
	No tax shall be applicable to a document relating to sale by a bank or any financial institution as a mortgagee empowered to sell and mortgage of any property to any bank or any financial institution against any loan	
Registration of lease property section 53HH	On lease value by the lessor for lease of immovable property from RAJUK, CDA, KDA, RDA, NHA not less than 10 years	4

Head of Tax Withholding	Basis	Tax Rate %
Rent on vacant land or plant or machinery section 53J	On rental value of vacant land or plant or machinery	5
Advertisement section 53K	On ad bill of newspaper or magazine or pvt. TV channel or pvt. radio station or website, any person on account of advertisement	4
Transfer of securities or mutual fund unit section 53M	At the time of transfer of securities or mutual fund unit by sponsor, director or placement holder	5
Transfer of share section 53N	On any profit and gain arising from the transfer of share of shareholder of stock exchange under the Exchanges Demutualisation Act 2013	15
Amount paid by real estate developer to land owner section 53P	Where any person engaged in real estate or land development business pays any sum to the land owner on account of signing money, subsistence money, house rent or in any other form	15
Dividends section 54	Resident/NRB company	20
	Resident/NRB person other than company	
	if eTIN certificate is provided	10
	if eTIN certificate is not provided	15

Head of Tax Withholding	Basis	Tax Rate %
Non-residents section 56	Accounting or tax consultancy	20
	Advertisement making	15
	Advertisement broadcasting	20
	Advisory or consultancy service	30
	Air transport or water transport	7.5
	Architecture, interior design or landscape design	20
	Artist, singer or player	30
	Capital gain received	
	from capital assets (not being securities listed with stock exchange)	15
	by a company or firm if such gain is arisen from securities listed with any stock exchange in Bangladesh which is not exempted from tax in the country of such non-resident	10
	Certification	30
	Charge or rent for satellite, airtime or frequency	20
	Contractor, sub-contractor or supplier	5
	Courier service	15
	Dividend	
	company	20
	any other person, not being a company	30
	Insurance premium	10
	Interest, royalty or commission	20
	Legal service	20
	Machinery rent	15
	Management or event management	20
	Pre-shipment inspection service	30
	Professional service	20
	Salary or remuneration	30
	Exploration or drilling in petrolium operations	5.25
	Survey for oil or gas exploration	5.25
	Any service for making connectivity between oil or gas field and its export point	5.25
	Any other payments	30

FS Final settlement under section 82C

12 Digit eTIN

12 Digit Electronic Tax Payer's Identification Number (eTIN) is Required at the Time of :

sections 82A, 82BB, 184A, 184B(3)

- opening import LC
- renewal of trade license
- submitting tender documents
- application for club membership
- renewal of general insurance surveyor's license
- registration for land, building or apartment
- changes of ownership, renewal of fitness of car, jeep or microbus
- loan sanction exceeding Tk. 0.5 million
- credit card issue
- practicing license to a doctor, chartered accountant, CMA, lawyer or ITP
- being director, sponsor shareholder of a company
- license for a nikah registrar
- renewal of membership of any trade body
- plan for construction of building from RAJUK, CDA, KDA or RDA
- application for drug license, commercial gas or electricity
- change of ownership or renewal of fitness of a motor vehicle plying for hire
- issuance or renewal of survey certificate of a water vessel etc.
- registration or renewal of permission for the manufacture of bricks
- submitting nomination for any election in upazilla municipality, city corporation or parliament
- parent or guardian of a student of english medium school
- For default in identifying the authenticity of eTIN, the person responsible for such verification may be penalized up to Tk. 0.05 million by the DCT or any other income tax authority authorized by NBR section 124AA

Income Tax on Motor Vehicle

At the time of registration & fitness renewal of every motor car, jeep and micro bus income tax will be payable at the following rate

SRO no. 99-Law/ Income Tax/2015, dated 17 May 2015

Motor Car/Jeep

Micro Bus	Tk. 20,000
3500 CC+	Tk. 125,000
3001 to 3500 CC	Tk. 100,000
2501 to 3000 CC	Tk. 75,000
2001 to 2500 CC	Tk. 50,000
1501 to 2000 CC	Tk. 30,000
up to 1500 CC	Tk. 15,000

In case an assessee holds more than one car or jeep or micro bus in his name singly or jointly additional 50% income tax will be payable against the second or more cars apart from normal income tax payable at applicable rate against each car or jeep or micro bus. Tax credit shall be availed at the time of assessment

Exemption from Paying Advance Income Tax for Ownership of Motor Vehicle

The following assessees will be exempted from paying advance income tax at the time of registration and fitness renewal for ownership of motorcar, jeep or microbus:

- Organizations not defined as person u/s 2(46)
- Public university, foreign embassy, UN group
- War-wounded gazetted freedom fighters
- Tax exempted organization certified by NBR

Restriction Imposed for a Company on Purchasing or Hiring Motor Vehicle above 10% of its Capital

If a company purchases or hires one or more motor car or jeep and value of which exceeds 10% of its paid-up capital plus reserve plus accumulated profit (capital); then 50% of the amount that exceeded 10% of the capital as mentioned above shall be deemed as income for that assessee section 19(27)

Value Added Tax (VAT)

The Value Added Tax Act, 1991 (amended upto June 30, 2015) and the Finance Act, 2015

Value Added Tax Officers not bellow assistant commissioner or assistant director may seek assistance from below stated authorities, officers and members who are bound to give their assistance to the VAT officials section 24

- Bangladesh Police, BGB, Bangladesh Coast Guard and Ansar Force
- VAT, Excise Duty, Income Tax and Department of Narcotics Control
- Officials of gas, electricity, water, telephone and similar utility service providers
- All bank officials
- Union Council, Upazilla Council, District Council, Municipality, City Corporation Authority etc
- All other government officials

Change of Business Place or of Status Rule 12

Except changing ownership a VAT registered person who wants to change business place or status submit application at least before 14 working days with an undertaking of Tk. 300 non-judicial stamp mentioning that all arrear VAT, supplementary duty or turnover tax have been duly settled

Restriction to Participate in Tender without VAT Registration section 19Ka

No person can participate in any tender without VAT registration or being listed under turnover tax. On the other hand no work order can be issued in favor of him/her

Minimum VAT for small Retailers has been Changed as

follows S.R.O. No 124/AIN/2015/730-Mushak

Dhaka North, South and Chittagong City Corporation

City Corporation	Tk. 14,000
Other City Corporation	Tk. 10,000
Municipal of any District	Tk. 7,200
Any other area of Bangladesh	Tk. 3,600

Supply of Petroleum Goods

S.R.O. No 124/AIN/2015/730-Mushak

For supply of petroleum goods VAT will be applicable @ 2%

Offence and Penalties section 37

If any registered person receives goods or services without VAT challan and try to evade VAT without recording purchase information in the purchase register within 48 hours will come under the preview of penalty as per subsection 2 (ka ka)(uma) of section 37 of the VAT Act, 1991

VAT Deduction at Source by the Recipient of Supply (Rule 18Ka)

In addition to government, semi-government or autonomous bodies, NGO, bank, insurance and any other financial institution, limited company and educational institution, any organization having annual turnover exceeding Tk. 10 million has been made responsible to deduct VAT at source

Input VAT Rebate (Rule 19)

As per sub-rule (4) of Rule 19, a registered person supplying taxable goods and exporting goods can take input VAT credit within five successive VAT periods

Second Schedule (Services Exempted from VAT)

Any service provided by "any Government or Nongovernment orphanage" will be exempted from VAT payment as per new clause (Jha) of Paragraph 2 of Second Schedule under "Social welfare services"

Withholding VAT

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Table 9} Simplified but comprehensive table to show VAT deductions at source by payment or approving authority \\ \end{tabular}$

Service Provider	Basis	VAT Rate (%)
Restaurant S001.1.20	Air-conditioned General	15 7.5
Motor garage & workshop S003.10	Any type of automobile repair and servicing including spare parts	7.5
Dockyard S003.20	Any type of mechanical vessel repair & servicing including spare parts	7.5
Construction contractor S004.00	Any type of construction tender price	5.5
Land developer S010.10	Developed land sell/ handover value	3
Building construction contractor solo.20	Building sell/ handover value 1-1100 sft 1101-1600 sft Above 1600 sft	1.5 2.5 4.5
Furniture sales center S024.00	At manufacturing level At total sell value	6 4
Gold and silver jewelery shop S026.00	Gold & silver ornaments sell value	5
Procurement provider (except school tiffin provider) S037.00	Supplied goods/service value	5
Transport contractor Petroleum General S048.00	Value received	2.25 7.5
Electricity distributor S057.00	Sell value	5
Auctioneers S009.00		15
Purchaser of auctioned goods \$060.00	Sell value of auctioned goods	4
Immigration consultant S067.00	Sell value of total service charge	7.5

Service Provider	Basis	VAT Rate (%)
English medium school S069.00	Total service value	7.5
Place and establishment rentee \$074.00	Total rent value	9
Readymade garments selling organization with own brand S078.00	Total sell value	5
Information technology enabled service \$099.10	Total service value	4.5
Sponsorship services S099.30	Total service value	7.5
Decorators and caterers S002.00		15
Survey firm S020.00		15
Plant and capital equipment rent provider organization \$021.00		15
Courier and express mail service \$028.00		15
Individual/entity repairing or servicing of taxable goods in exchange of pawn S031.00		15
Consultancy and supervisory firm \$032.00		15
Lessor (Izaradar) S033.00		15
Audit and accounting firm \$034.00		15
Security services S040.00		15
Legal advisors S045.00		15
Rent-a-vehicle S049.00		15

Service Provider	Basis	VAT Rate (%)
Architect, interior designers or interior decorators \$050.10		15
Graphic designer S050.20		15
Engineering firms S051.00		15
Sound and lighting instrument renter s052.00		15
Participants in board meetings \$8053.00		15
Advertisement broadcasting agency through satellite channel \$054.00		15
Renter of chartered planes or helicopters s058.00		15
Cleaning and maintaining agencies of building, floor and premises \$065.00		15
Lottery ticket seller S066.00		15
Program organizer/ event manager s071.00		15
Human resource supplier or management organization \$072.00		15
Miscellaneous S099.20		15
Banking services S056.00		15

Other Relevant Taxes and Levies

Tk. 500

Surcharge

Air Travel Excise Duty

Health Development Surcharge

On all imported and domestically produced tobacco products

Environment Protection Surcharge or 'Green Tax'

On ad-valorem basis on all kinds of products manufactured in Bangladesh the industries which pollute the environment

Information and Communication Technology Development Surcharge

On all imported and domestically produced cellular mobile telephone set 1%

Air Travel Tax

North and South America, Europe, Africa,
Australia, New Zaland, China, Japan,
Hong kong, North Korea, South Korea, Vietnam,
Laos, Cambodia and Taiwan

Tk. 4,000

SAARC countries

Tk. 1,200

Others including Middle East

Tk. 3,000

Services Rendered by Airline -

Issuing a domestic "Airline Ticket per seat" for single journey, which may involve one or more stops over on its way to ultimate airport of destination

Issuing an international "Airline Ticket per seat" for single journey, which may involve a connecting flight from a domestic airport for

showing his/her diplomatic passport at the Airline Ticket counter and

check-in counter

SAARC countries
Other countries of Asia
Europe, USA and rest of the world
Tk. 1,000
Tk. 1,500
Foreign national of Diplomatic class,
Nil

1%

1%

Global Private Travel Entitlement

FE circular # 17/2014, Bangladesh Bank

Annual travel entitlement of resident

Bangladeshi nationals for private travel abroad per adult passenger during a calendar year has been enhanced to US\$ 12,000

for travel to SAARC countries and Myanmar US\$ 5,000

for other countries US\$ 7,000

for minors (below 12 years in age) the applicable quota will be half the amount admissible for adults

foreign exchange in the form of cash must not exceed per person per trip

US\$ 3,000

FE circular # 23/2011, Bangladesh Bank

An incoming/outgoing passenger may bring in/take out Bangladesh currency at the time of arrival into/departure from Bangladesh

Tk. 2,000

Any amount of foreign currency may be brought in by an incoming passenger with declaration to the customs authorities in foreign money and jewelery (FMJ) form, however, no declaration is necessary for amounts brought in equivalent to

US\$ 5,000

Stamp Duty

Adhesive/Non-Judicial stamp	Tk. 300	
All guarantee personal/corporate/others, general I & collateral agreement/term loan/facility agreeme declaration & undertaking, letter of hypothecation pledge/negative pledge, letter of lien & right to sereceipts, deed of assignment, letter of indemnity, letter	nt, , letter of t off, trust	
Mortgage Non-Judicial & Pay Order Stamp		

Up to Tk. 2 million	Tk. 2,000

More than Tk. 2 million but not more than Tk. 10 million Tk. 5,000

Above Tk. 10 million Tk. 5,000

+ 0.1% of the rest amount

Promissory Note Revenue Stamp

When payable on demand

up to Tk. 2,000	Tk.10
from Tk. 2,001 to Tk. 10,000	Tk. 20
In any other case	Tk. 50

When payable otherwise than demand

Bank deals with demand promissory note. However, stamp duty for promissory note otherwise than on demand attracts stamp duty equivalent to a bill of exchange as stated in clause 13 to schedule i of the stamp act, 1899

The Stamp Act, 1899

Letter of Continuity Adhesive Stamp	Tk. 200
Affidavit Non-Judicial Stamp	Tk. 200
Deed of Redemption Non-Judicial Stamp	Tk. 300
Certified copy Non-Judicial Stamp	Tk. 50
Power of Attorney (PoA) Non-Judicial Stamp	
when executed for the sole purpose of procuring the registration of one or more document in relation to a single transaction or for admitting execution of one or more such document	Tk.100
when authorizing one person or more to act in a single transaction other than above	Tk. 200
when authorizing not more than 5 persons to act jointly and severally in more than one transaction or generally	Tk. 400
when authorizing more than 5 but not more than 10 persons, to act jointly and severally in more than one transaction or generally	Tk. 800
Cancellation & revocation of PoA	Tk. 300
When an irrevocable power of attorney (PoA) comprising of immovable property is executed without any consideration, for authorizing the attorney to sell, to make contract for sale or to execute mortgage deed in respect of a loan	Tk. 1,000

Excise Duty

Annual maximum limit of excise duty applicable based on annual transaction limit whether credit or debit during a calendar year

up to Tk.	20,000	Nil
from	20,001 to 100,000	Tk. 150
from	100,001 to 1million	500
above	1million to 10 million	1,500
above	10 million to 50 million	7,000
above	50 million	15,000

Supplementary Duty

Table 10 Supplementary duty payable at importation stage of reconditioned (or brand new) motor car, jeep and micro bus

Type of Vehicle	SD Rate (%)
Motor Car	
up to 1500 CC	45
1501 to 2000 CC	100
2001 to 2750 CC	200
2751 to 4000 CC	350
4000 CC+	500

Type of Vehicle	SD Rate (%)
Micro Bus	
up to 1800 CC	45
1801 to 2000 CC	60
Motor Car (CKD)	
up to 2000 CC	30
Others (CKD)	60

Supplementary Duty on Services

400		
S. Code	Description of service	SD %
S001.10	Hotel Provide accommodation, food if at the time of supplying drink also supply hard drink or arrange "floor show" even for one day in a year	10
S001.20	Restaurant Provide food or at the time of supplying drink also supply hard drink or arrange "floor show" even for one day in a year	10
S0012.10	Telephone Phone service provided by using only mobile phone SIM/RUIM	3
S0012.20	SIM card Supplier In case of cellular mobile/fixed wireless service supplying SIM or RUIM or microchip card or using CDMA or other technology (each time) for similar use	35
S023.10	Cinema Hall	0
S039.20	Distributor of Satellite Channel	25

Services or Products

LED and LCD TV, Tyre, Sugar, Motorcycle, Pistol, Imitation Jewelery, Butter, Bathroom Fitting, Sound Recording Instruments, Radio Cassette Player, Oil, Diamond, Cosmetics, Paints, Varnish

Products or Services

Toothbrush, Tissue Paper, Readymade Garments, Local Toys, Fruits, Chocolate, Kitchenwear, Printed Book, Hard Board, Crockery Item, Artificial Flower, Matches, Particle Board, Jam Jelly

List of Abbreviations

ADR Alternative Dispute Resolution
ANS Access Network Services

BTRC Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission

CA Chartered Accountant

CDA Chittagong Development Authority
CKD Completely Knocked Down

CMA Cost and Management Accountant

CSE Chittagong Stock Exchange
DCT Deputy Commissioner of Taxes
DPS Deposit Pension Scheme
DSE Dhaka Stock Exchange

FMJ Foreign Money and Jewelery

FS Final Settlement

GoB Government of Bangladesh

ITES Information Technology Enabled Services

ICX Interconnection Exchange
IGW International Gateway
ITP Income Tax Practitioner
JCT Joint Commissioner of Taxes
KDA Khulna Development Authority

L/C Letter of Credit

MoE Ministry of Education

NBR National Board of Revenue

NHA National Housing Authority

NTTN Nationwide Telecommunication Transmission Network

PPP Public Private Partnership
PoA Power of Attorney

RAJUK Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha RDA Rajshahi Development Authority

SMT Square Meter SFT Square Feet

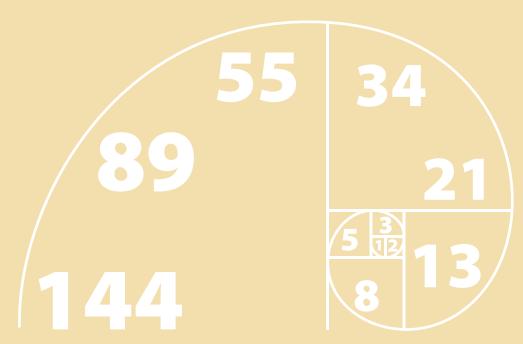
SRO Statutory Regulatory Order

eTIN Electronic Taxpayer's Identification Number

VAT Value Added Tax

Readers' Attention

Rules and regulations relating to Income Tax, VAT and other levies are subject to frequent change by way of SROs and others GoB gazettes. This white paper considered relevant **changes upto August 2015**. Readers should use information of this book along with subsequent amendments, if any



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