

INCOME TAX

There is no change to any tax band. However, for full-time and part-time employees earning less than €60,000, they will be entitled to a refund amounting from €40 to €68, depending on the gross income of the preceding year.

Pensioners shall be exempt from tax on their first €13,200.

Individuals who are below the age of 40 years enrolling for a post graduate course equivalent to Masters and PHD will be exempt from income tax for a maximum period of two years.

VAT

The exemption threshold for Small and Medium Enterprises will be extended from €14,000 to €20,000.

VAT will be exempt on motorcycles, scooters and pedal bicycles.

There is a 7% reduced VAT on hiring of bicycles. Electric and hybrid cars to be exempt from registration tax. Certain vehicles may benefit from a 5 year exemption on road tax.

VAT Grouping will be introduced to the Gaming and Financial Services industries.

Through VAT Grouping companies which form part of the same group may have one VAT number. Supplies of services intra group would fall outside of scope of VAT.

PROPERTY

A white paper is expected to be published to discuss changes to the rental market.

The exemption on the first €150,000 stamp duty for first time buyer's is to be extended for another year.

Second time buyers may benefit from a maximum stamp duty exemption of €3,000 upon certain conditions being satisfied. Reduction in stamp duty to 2.5% on property purchased in urban conservation area.

The reduction of stamp duty from 5% to 2% on property purchased in Gozo, is being extended for another year.

CORPORATE INCENTIVES

MircoInvest Scheme - the value will be increased to €50,000 for the enterprises based in Malta and €70,000 for enterprises based in Gozo.

Enterprises employing less than 50 employees on a full-time base will also be entitled to the said scheme.

Private Entities in Gozo offering an employment contract of at least 3 years will benefit from a 30% refund of an average wage of an employee up to €6,000 per employee.

CITIZENSHIP

Citizenship by Merit to be introduced and granted only to those who excel in science, research, sports, art and culture.



BLOCKCHAIN

It is the Government's vision to make Malta a center for excellence in Blockchain Technology.

The Government has already set up a Task Force to evaluate proposals on a national Blockchain strategy.

As part of this strategy there will be the creation of Blockchain Lab for the training of civil servants to become more acquainted with the use of blockchain technology.

The Government will also set up a Blockchain Hub to assist startups and investors using this technology.

SOCIAL MEASURES

There will be a €10,000 maximum grant to couples to cover adoption expenses in relation to adoption proceedings.

There will also be an Increase in foster care allowance to €100 per week.

Pensioners aged 75 or over living in their house will be provided with a grant of €300 per annum.

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