

TAX COMPLIANCE SERVICES - LAO PDR

In Lao PDR, tax compliance issues are worthy of your fullest attention.

- Lao PDR tax legislation has recently changed as a result of the new laws and regulations –as does the practice of the tax authorities.
- On top of this the legislation and practice at times develop in different directions.
- Many tax payers find it difficult to ensure that all legal requirements are satisfied and experience the costs and resources required to amend previous negligence of compliance requirements.

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Our services

DFDL Mekong is proud to provide a full range of Tax Compliance Services to our clients in Lao PDR. These services are provided in addition to DFDL Mekong's well reputed services within tax planning and tax disputes. The services are provided by our local tax team in Lao PDR, with a mix of experienced foreign and Lao lawyers and economists.

- **Monthly Tax Returns**

Lao entities are subject to submitting several tax returns on a monthly basis. DFDL Mekong will assist you with calculation, preparation and lodgment of the monthly tax returns required in Lao PDR, including:

- Profit Tax;
- Withholding Tax;
- Salary Income Tax;
- Value Added Tax; and
- Other tax returns that might be relevant for you business activities.

- **Annual Tax Return**

Lao entities are required to submit an Annual Tax Return to the Tax Department (TD) by the 1st March of the year following the year of tax, even if no income was realized. DFDL Mekong will assist you with performing the annual tax computations and preparing the Annual Tax Returns.

- **Annual Tax Registration Certificate Renewal**

Lao entities are obligated to renew their Tax Registration Certificate ("TRC") every year before 31st March. DFDL Mekong will assist you in the preparation and lodgment of the TRC.

- **Arrangement for Lao statutory accounting**

Lao entities are required to lodge financial statements each year with the TD, with deadline on 1st March. DFDL Mekong can assist you with the preparation and filing of such Lao statutory accounting.

- **Miscellaneous support services**

DFDL Mekong is also able to provide you with a number of additional services to ensure that your company is operating within the legal requirements of Lao PDR, including:

- Corporate secretarial services, including providing legal and management representation;
- Payroll processing: generating salary payment slips for the employees, indicating the relevant tax calculation.

Publications and tax blog

Our advisers frequently publish practical or in-depth contributions on tax and customs issues.

- Legal and Tax Pointer: Monthly e-magazine – you can download it [here](#).
- www.EdwinonTax.com: Popular tax blog with insights and updates on taxation.



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Jean Loi has 18 years tax consulting experience, 4 of which in Vietnam and 9 in the region. She is widely regarded as a specialist in Vietnam cross border tax issues, particularly in relation to infrastructure and energy, logistics and mergers & acquisitions. She was a tax partner at a Big 4 in Vietnam where she led a team of tax consultants in relation to market entry, acquisitions, energy, infrastructure and corporate tax advisory. Jean's clients in Vietnam include banks, multinational enterprises, power plant developers and private equity funds. She is particularly experienced in Foreign Contractor Tax issues, Corporate Income Tax and Indirect taxes. Jean speaks English, Mandarin, Cantonese and Bahasa. Because of her knowledge of Singapore tax law, she is very well placed to advise on regional tax issues and tax planning structures covering Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar and Singapore.

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Jack Sheehan, Senior Tax Manager

Jack Sheehan is a well-known tax expert with a CPA background with a solid 10 years' experience in taxation, tax planning and accounting. His extensive experience with the Lao tax system makes him one of Lao's most distinctive tax professionals. He advised multinational companies, international organizations and state owned enterprises on tax planning and tax compliance. He is particularly experienced in energy, mineral resources, manufacturing, distribution, and engineering and construction. Jack heads DFDL's tax team in Vientiane and is a member of DFDL's regional tax strategy team, which advises clients on international and regional tax structuring.

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Senesakoune is experienced in the field of taxation, finance and accounting with a sound knowledge of Lao legal issues. He graduated from the National University of Laos with a Bachelor in Law in the field of Administrative Law and holds an MBA with a major in International Public Management from the Asian Institute of Thailand. He also holds a Master of Science in International Finance degree from CERAM Sophia Antipolis, France. He speaks Lao, French, English and Thai. Senesakoune also has in-depth experience with Lao customs issues.

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