

## NAVIGATING THROUGH CORPORATE TAX REGISTRATION

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# TYPE OF PERSONS COVERED



### **Type of Persons**

### **Taxable Persons**

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### Persons Covered for CT Registration-Taxable Persons

### **Resident Juridical Person**

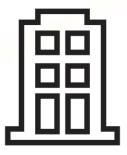
Non-resident juridical person with a Permanent Establishment(PE) in the UAE

Non-resident juridical person with a nexus in the UAE Individual whose total turnover from business activity or activities exceeds AED 1 Mn in a Gregorian calendar year.



### **Resident Juridical Person in UAE with No Income**

ABC LLC (Resident of UAE)



ABC LLC is a UAE incorporated entity with no Income for the year 2024.





**Resident Juridical Person in UAE incurring Losses** 

ABC LLC (Resident of UAE)



ABC LLC is a UAE incorporated entity incurring losses of AED 50,000

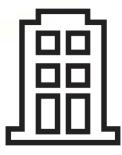


ABC LLC resident of UAE incurring losses of AED 50,000 shall be required to register for UAE CT purpose.



Resident juridical person with Profits below AED 375,000

ABC LLC (Resident of UAE)



ABC LLC is a UAE incorporated entity with Profits of less than AED 375,000.

Whether ABC LLC shall be required to register for UAE CT



### Non-resident juridical person with a PE in UAE

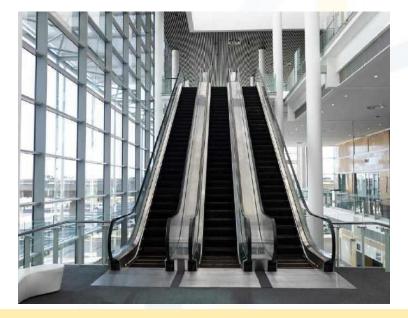
### Illustration

### A Ltd - US Based Entity

Provide installation service of escalators in UAE

A Ltd. provide installation service of Escalators to a Shopping Mall in UAE. The said installation service takes 10 month to complete the work.

A Ltd. is said to have **PE in UAE** as the activities has been undertaken for a period of more than 6 months



A LTD with PE in the UAE is required to register for CT



### Non-resident juridical person with Nexus in UAE

ABC Co (Foreign Company in USA)

ABC is earning **rental income of AED 1.75 Mn** from renting of property located in UAE.

#### Property located in UAE



ABC Co is earning rental income from renting of Property located in UAE shall be considered to be have a nexus in the State and is require to register in the UAE for CT purpose



Non-Resident Persons derives only State Sourced Income



ABC Co earning interest income from loan to XYZ LLC located in UAE shall be considered to be State Sourced Income and will not have to register for CT.



### **Calculation of Turnover for Individual**

Ministerial Decision No. 49 of 2023 states that resident or non resident individuals shall be subject to CT and accordingly has to obtained CT registration if its conducts business or business activities in UAE and consolidated turnover from all business or business activities exceed AED 1 million in a Gregorian calendar year.

> Below mentioned Income of Individual disregarded when determining the total Turnover and not subject to CT

- Wages- Salary and all allowances, bonus any other benefits provided for in the employment contract.
- Investment income earned in personal capacity that is not conducted or does not require to be conducted through license from licensing authority.
- Real estate Investment income from sale, leasing, subleasing and rental of land or real estate property in personal capacity that is not conducted or does not require to be conducted through license from licensing authority.



### Illustration

Mr. A-Individual is a resident of UAE

**Real estate Property** in UAE



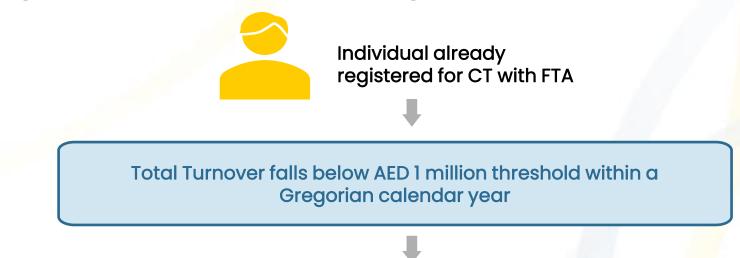
Mr. A is earning rental income of AED 1.5 Mn from owning Real estate Property located in UAE

Mr. A is real estate agent who earns commission income of AED 2 Mn by selling real estate properties in UAE.

Mr. A earning rental income from Real estate Property located in UAE shall not be considered when determining the total Turnover. However, commission income earned by selling real estate property shall be taken into consideration for determining the total Turnover.



### CT Registration of Individual having Turnover below AED 1 Mn



- Individual should not file a Tax Deregistration application, if any of the Individual's Business or Business Activities are still active or being conducted.
- Instead he/she will retain his/her Tax Registration status. However, a Individual who remains registered whilst his/her total Turnover is under the AED 1 million threshold will only be required to file a 'nil' tax return.

### **Exempt Persons**

Type of Person	Whether required to register for CT?
Government Entity	Are not required to register unless they conduct a Business or Business Activity under a Licence issued by a Licensing
Government Controlled Entity	Are not required to register unless they conduct a Business or Business Activity which is not their Mandated Activity.
Extractive Business	Are not required to register unless they conduct a Business
Non-Extractive Natural Resource	which is within the scope of Corporate Tax.
Qualifying Public Benefit Entity	Registration enabled from 1 October 2023 onwards
Qualifying Investment Fund	
Pension and Social Security Fund	Registration to be enabled from 1 June 2024 onwards
Juridical Persons wholly Owned and Controlled by certain other Exempt Persons	





# TIMELINE FOR CT REGISTRATION

### **Timeline For CT Registration of Taxable Persons**

- On 28 February 2024, Federal Tax Authority (FTA) has released decision no.3 of 2024 stating the Timeline for Registration of Taxable Persons for the purpose of CT
- An administrative penalty of Dh 10,000 will be imposed for late registration of UAE CT. This penalty is applicable to businesses that fail to submit their CT registration applications within the timelines prescribed.



### CT Registration processing timeline

- FTA review the registration application form and respond within 20 business days from the date on which the completed registration application is received
- Where additional information has been requested by the FTA, FTA respond to the applicant within 20 business days of receiving the additional information. If the additional information is not submitted within the timeframe specified by the FTA, the application shall be rejected and a new application will need to be submitted.



# Key points to be taken into consideration while determining the timeline for CT Registration

- Effective date of this Decision is March 1, 2024.
- 2. In our view, first issue month (Original Issuance date mentioned in the Trade License) is to be considered for determining the deadline for CT registration.
- **3.** The earliest Deadline for submission is 31 May 2024 for the companies that have January or February as the license issue month.
- **4.** Penalty of AED 10,000 will be imposed on non-submission of Corporate Tax Registration application rather than on obtaining Corporate Tax Registration Number from Emara Tax Portal.



# Resident Juridical Persons that are incorporated or established or recognized before March 1, 2024

Month of Issue of <u>License</u> irrespective of year of issuance of license	Deadline for Submitting a Tax Registration application
1 January - 31 January	31 May 2024
1 February - 28/29 February	31 May 2024
1 March - 31 March	30 June 2024
1 April – 30 April	30 June 2024
1 May - 31 May	31 July 2024
1 June - 30 June	31 August 2024
1 July – 31 July	30 September 2024
1 August – 31 August	31 October 2024
1 September - 30 September	31 October 2024



# Resident Juridical Persons that are incorporated or established or recognized before March 1, 2024

Month of Issue of <u>License</u> irrespective of year of issuance of license	Deadline for Submitting a Tax Registration application
1 October – 31 October	30 November 2024
1 November - 30 November	30 November 2024
1 December - 31 December	31 December 2024
If a person does not have a license on March 1, 2024	3 Months from 1 March 2024 (i.e., before the end of May 2024)

For resident Juridical person that have more than one license, in such case the license that was issued earliest shall be considered.



### Resident Juridical Persons incorporated after March 1, 2024

### Category of Juridical Person

Resident Juridical Persons **including a Free Zone Person**.

Foreign Company that is **effectively** managed and controlled in the UAE.

Deadline for submitting a Tax Registration application

3 months from the date of incorporation, establishment or recognition.

3 months from the end of the Financial Year of the person.



### Individuals

#### **Category of Juridical Person**

Resident Individuals whose total turnover exceeds AED 1 Mn in a Gregorian calendar year (January-December)

Non-residents Individual whose total Turnover derived in a Gregorian calendar year exceeds AED 1 Mn Deadline for submitting a Tax Registration application

Before 31 March of the subsequent Gregorian year.

Within 3 months from the date the individual became a UAE taxpayer.



### Non-Resident Juridical Persons with PE in UAE

Non-Resident Juridical Persons that have PE in UAE

### Non-Resident Juridical Person

before or after 1 March 2024

Is a non-resident **taxpayer before 1 March** 2024

Is a non-resident taxpayer **on or after 1** March 2024 Deadline for submitting a Tax Registration application

Within 9 months from the date the PE came into existence.

Within 6 months from the date the PE came into existence.



### Non-Resident Juridical Persons with Nexus in UAE

Non-Resident Juridical Persons that have Nexus in the UAE

Non-Resident Juridical Person before or after 1 March 2024 Deadline for submitting a Tax Registration application

Is a non-resident taxpayer **before 1 March** 2024

Is a non-resident taxpayer **on or after 1 March** 2024 Within 3 months from the date the effective date of this decision.

Within 3 months from the date the nexus was established.





# HOW TO REGISTER FOR CT





### Whether Person is registered for VAT and Excise Tax?

Persons already registered for VAT and Excise Tax

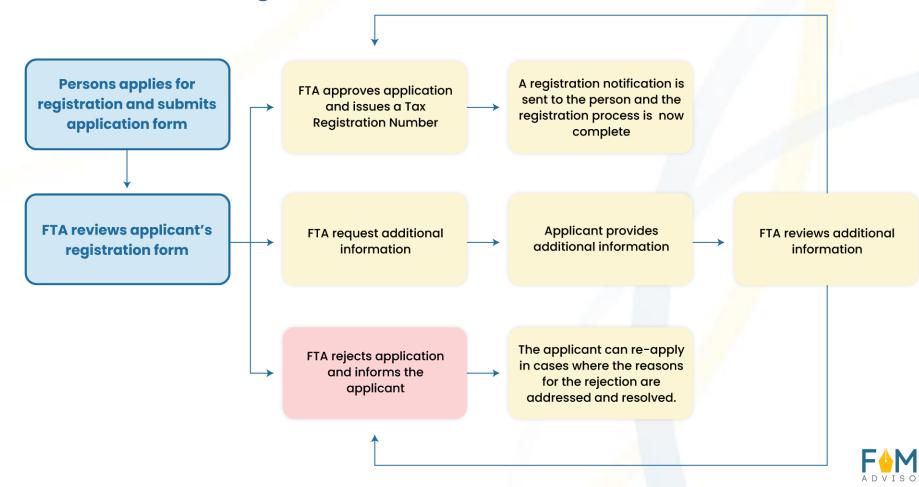
A Person who is already registered for Value Added Tax (VAT) and / or Excise Tax will still be required to register for Corporate Tax if they are within the scope of the Corporate Tax regime. Once registered, they will be issued with a separate TRN for Corporate Tax purposes. The Corporate Tax TRN will be similar to their existing TRN for VAT and / or Excise Tax, but the last digit will be different from their VAT and / or Excise TRN.

### Persons not registered for VAT and Excise Tax

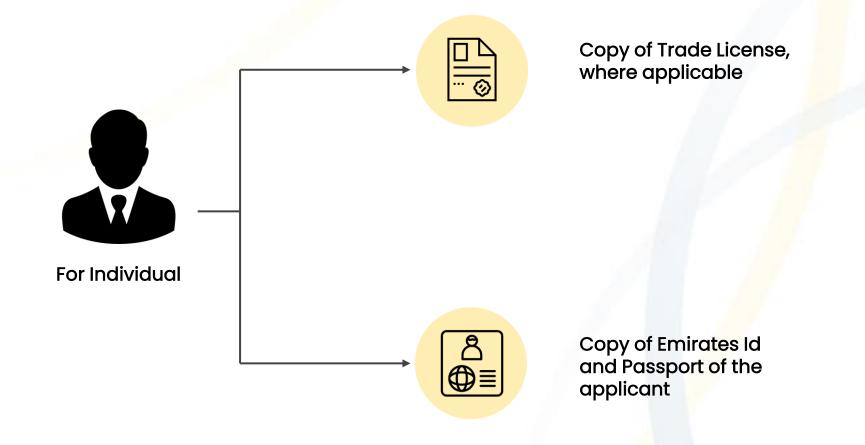
Taxable Persons who are not subject to VAT or Excise Tax but are within the scope of the Corporate Tax will be required to register for Corporate Tax purposes. They will first have to register on Emara Tax portal.



### **Overview of CT Registration Process**

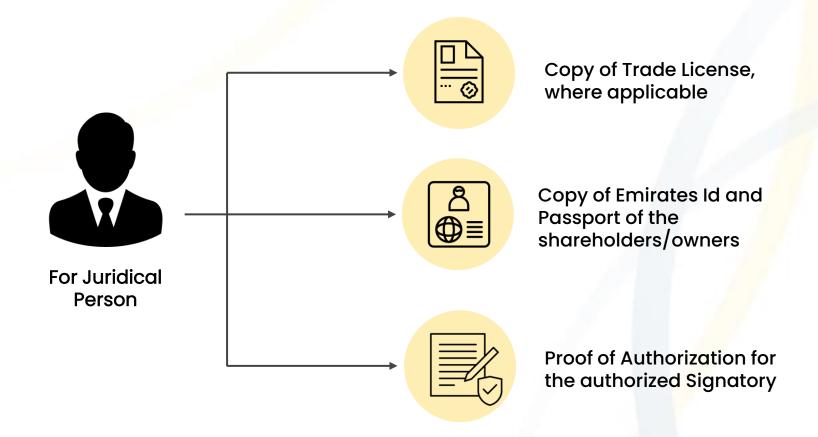


### **Documentation Requirement for CT registration**





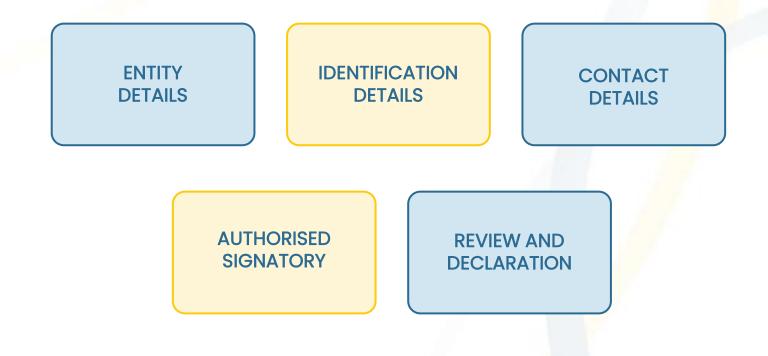
### **Documentation Requirement for CT registration**





### **CT Application Sections**

The application is divided into a number of short sections which deal with various aspects of the registration process , these short sections are outlined below:-





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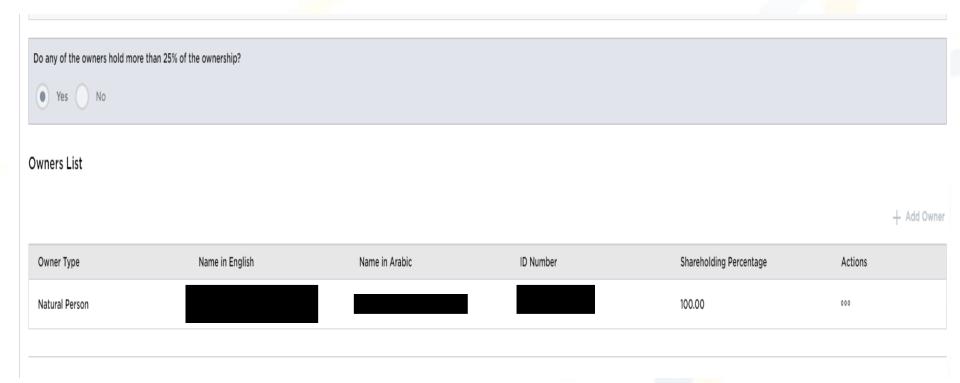


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○ Yes ○ No								
Local Branch Details								
Do you have branches in the UAE related to the Trade License provided above?								
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### Owners with more than 25% shareholding





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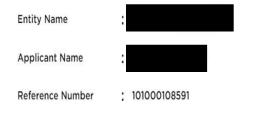
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Corporate Tax Registration

#### **Corporate Tax Registration**



#### Application Submitted Successfully



Submission Date & Time : 8 January 2024, 12:08 GST

#### Pending Approval



#### **Certificate of Registration for CT**

شهادة تسجيل لضريبة الشركات في الإمارات العربية المتحدة

#### Certificate of Registration for Corporate Tax in the United Arab Emirates

(as per Federal Decree-Law Number 47 of 2022 on the Taxation of Corporations and Businesses)





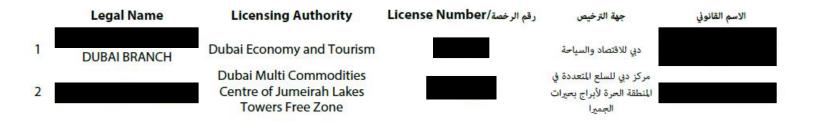
#### **Certificate of Registration for CT**

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### List of sole establishments and branches under the registered taxable person:

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### **CT registration for Branches of UAE companies**

A UAE branch of a Resident Person shall be treated as one and the same Taxable Person

A UAE branch of a domestic juridical person is regarded as an extension of its head office and, therefore, is not considered a separate juridical person.

As a result, a branch of a UAE company will not be able to register for Corporate Tax individually.

The head office must register for Corporate Tax on behalf of all of the UAE branches

This is also applicable for Free Zone branches of mainland UAE juridical persons and also for mainland branches of Free Zones Persons



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### CT registration for persons eligible for Small Business Relief(SBR)

Where the SBR election is made, the business will be treated as having no Taxable Income during the relevant Tax Period.

This means that they will have no CT liability. However, meeting the conditions to elect for SBR does not exempt that Taxable Person from meeting their CT compliance obligations such registering for CT and filing a Tax Return.

As the election must be made in the CT Return, the Taxable Person electing for SBR must register for Corporate Tax before they can make the election



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### CT Registration of Fiscally transparent Unincorporated Partnership

Individual Partners of a fiscally transparent Unincorporated Partnership

If Partner is a juridical person

It will already be registered for CT and will not be required to obtain a separate/additional Tax Registration for CT purposes by virtue of being a partner in an Unincorporated Partnership.

#### If Partner is a Individual

It will be required to register for CT only if their total Turnover from all their Business or Business Activities conducted in the UAE exceeds the threshold of AED 1 million within a Gregorian calendar year



### CT Registration of Fiscally Opaque Unincorporated Partnership



Partners can make an application to the FTA to treat the Unincorporated Partnership as a Taxable Person, i.e. fiscally opaque

Application is approved by FTA

The Unincorporated Partnership will be subject to CT as a Taxable Person.



### Illustration-Fiscally transparent Unincorporated Partnership

Particulars	Amount in AED
There is an unincorporated Partnership in UAE having 2 partners X Ltd & Mr.B	_
X Ltd Profit Share	75%
Mr. B Profit Share	25%
Revenue Earnings during Tax Period	2,000,000
Expenses Incurred during Tax Period	200,000



### Illustration

Particulars	X Ltd.	Mr. B	
Share of Profit	75%	25%	
Allocation of Revenue base on their distributive share of Profit (AED 2 million)	1,500,000	500,000	
Allocation of Expenses base on their distributive share of Profit (AED 200,000)	(150,000)	(50,000)	
Taxable Income	1,350,000	450,000	
CT Payable	AED 87,750 (AED 975,000 x 9%)	Nil	
CT Registration	X Ltd. Shall be require to register for CT irrespective of the amount of turnover.	Mr. B shall not be required to register for CT as the Turnover is less than AED 1 Mn	

#### CT Registration of the Tax Group and its members

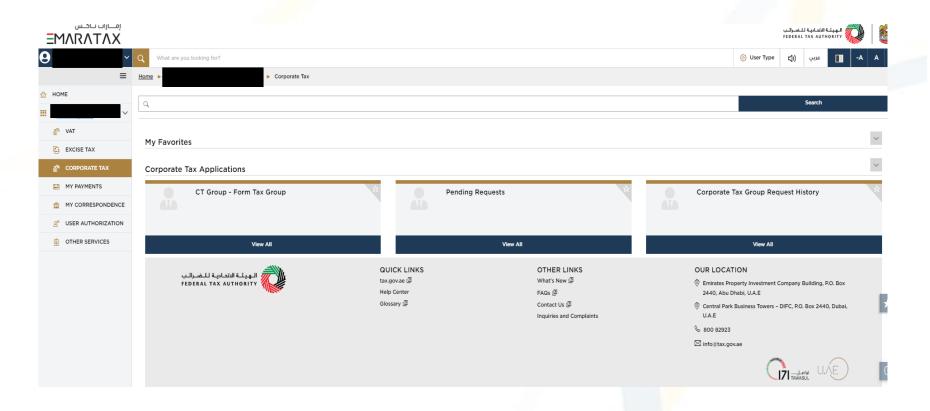
The Parent Company and each Subsidiary that wants to apply to form a Tax Group should register individually first and obtain Tax Registration Number. Subsequently, Parent Entity along with its member entities shall apply for CT Grouping.

Once the **application** for forming a **Tax Group is approved by the FTA**, that **Tax Group will be issued a separate Tax Registration Number** 

This Tax Registration Number will be used for the Tax Group for CT purposes.



### **Tax Grouping Registration**





### **Obligations once registered for CT**

Filing a CT Return and paying any CT due within 9 months of the end of their Tax Period

Retaining all records and documents which support their tax position for a period of 7 years following the end of the Tax Period to which they relate

Ensuring that all of their registration details are up to date and informing the FTA of any changes within 20 business days, in order for administrative penalties not to be imposed



#### FTA power to register for CT

If the FTA believes that a Person is a Taxable Person and should have registered for CT but has failed to do so, FTA can, at its discretion and based on information available to the FTA, register a Person for CT A Person has the right to appeal against a tax assessment issued following a registration initiated by the FTA if they disagree with such a decision





## PRACTICAL CHALLENGES



#### **Practical Challenges Involved In CT Registration**

#### Amend Taxable Person Details

Firstly, taxable person details are to be amended-which requires updating of expired documents information in VAT application. Which means, if any document has expired such as passport, trade license, etc. then first taxpayer must update VAT application by using "Amend Taxable Person Details" and only then the CT application can be processed further.

## Application processing time for amendments

Amendment details in VAT portal submitted takes a long time to process. Hence, we cannot proceed for CT application before the amendments are approved



#### Practical Challenges Involved In CT Registration

No Foreign trade licensing Authority option for Corporate Foreign Shareholder

In CT application, under owner details tab, while mentioning details for corporate shareholders which is a foreign entity, the drop down does not contain any option for foreign trade license issuing authority.



### UAE Trading Licensing Issuing Authority

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#### Practical Challenges Involved In CT Registration

Exact Business activities not available

The emara portal **list of business** activities is not precisely in line with a trade license. Therefore, it is necessary to choose an activity that is close to the activity specified in the trade license.



### Exact Business Activities List not available

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	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	Activity			
	Mining and Quarrying				
	Manufacturing				
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	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities				
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	Transportation and storage				
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#### **Practical Challenges Involved In CT Registration**

Business activities for Foundations and Single Family Offices(SFO)

The emara tax portal's list of business activities does not comprises of any activity which is closer or nearer to the activities conducted by Foundation and SFO CT registration for Offshore Companies

Offshore companies can currently file CT applications; however, the applications are still under FTA approval, CT Registration Numbers are not being issued yet.

#### CT registration for Companies under liquidation

There is no guideline on the CT registration for entities that are under liquidation.



#### **CT Deregistration**

If a taxable person is no longer subject to CT, they should deregister. This will most commonly occur when a Business Business Activity or ceases, but could also occur due to dissolution or liquidation or other circumstances.

taxable person is Α required to file a Tax Deregistration application within 3 months of the date the entity ceases to exist, cessation of the Business, dissolution, liquidation or otherwise.

order be In to deregistered, a taxable Person must meet all of their tax compliance obligations such as filing all of the relevant Tax Returns and paying all CT liabilities and administrative penalties due







#### **Communication Address**

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# **THANK YOU**

