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	CORPC	DRATE INCOME TAX	Tax rate
Domestic corporations (on all income whether from within or outside the Philippines)	Resident foreign corporations (on all Philippine-sourced income)	Non-resident foreign corporations or NRFCs (on all Philippine-sourced income)	30% of gross income
Regular corporate incon	ne tax (RCIT)		30% of taxable income
	ch the corporation comme	on the 4 th taxable year immediately enced its business operations, when	2% of the gross income
Improperly accumulated earnings tax (IAET). This is imposed when the accumulated earnings of a corporation are in excess of 100% of the paid up capital.			10% of the improperly accumulated taxable income
intermediaries, insurance Economic Zone Authority	e companies, companies r	nks and non-bank financial egistered with the Philippine le Bases Conversion Development s.	
	SPECIAL INCOM	IE TAX RATES (selected transactions	
Regional or area headqua	arters (RHQ)		Tax rate Exempt from RCIT
Income derived by a dep (FCD) system from foreig units in the Philippines, lo other depository banks u Secretary of Finance	ository bank under the ex gn currency transactions v ocal commercial banks inc nder the FCD system, unl	panded foreign currency deposit with nonresidents, offshore banking sluding branches of foreign banks and less otherwise specified by the	Exempt from RCIT
Investments (BOI)	oreign corporations registe		Exempt from RCIT for the period of the income tax holiday (ITH) for 4 or 6 years Exempt from RCIT for the period of ITH (7 years).
			Afterwards, 10% of taxable income.
to tax treaties or internat which the Philippines is a	ional agreements granting a signatory	ping) whose countries are signatories g exemptions from income tax, to	Exempt from RCIT
Domestic and resident foreign corporations registered with the PEZA, or under the other special economic zones (Aurora Special Economic Zone Authority, Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan, Cagayan Special Economic Zone Authority, and Zamboanga City Special Economic Zone Authority)			Exempt from RCIT for period of ITH for 4 or 6 years. Afterwards, 5% of modified gross income
(encompassing the Subic	Bay Metropolitan Author	ered pursuant to the BCDA ity, the Clark Development	5% of modified gross income
Corporation, and other converted US military bases authorities) 10% of taxable income Interest income from foreign currency loans granted by depository banks under the FCD system 10% of taxable income depository banks under the FCD system 10% of taxable income			
Regional operating headquarters (ROHQ) Proprietary educational institutions and hospitals, when gross income from unrelated trade, business or other activity does not exceed 50% of the total gross income derived by such educational institutions or hospitals from all sources		i0% of the total gross income	10% of taxable income 10% of taxable income
FINAL V	VITHHOLDING TAX (also	see primer on Avoidance of Double	Taxation)
The final withholding tax (FWT) is the full and final payment of income tax due from the recipient of the income. The obligation to withhold the tax is imposed by law on the payor of the goods or service. Only payments specified in the Consolidated Withholding Tax Regulations are subject to FWT. The rate of FWT varies from 6% to 30%, as shown in selected examples below:			
			FWT Rate
	ident alien individuals, and individual from a domest		10%
		other domestic corporations	Exempt
deposit substitutes and f	rom trust funds and simila		20%
Interest income received	/derived from a depositor	y bank under the FCD system	7.5%
	alien individuals engaged in ends from a domestic corp	trade or business in the Philippines oration	20%
	y bank deposit and yield or om trust funds and similar a	any other monetary benefit from rrangements	
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Gross amount of income d and/or property dividends,	lerived from all sources with rents, salaries, wages, prer s, or other fixed or determir	d in trade or business in the Philippines hin the Philippines such as interest, cash miums, annuities, compensation, nable annual or periodic or casual gains,	25%
conditions) occupying ma representative offices es salaries, wages, annuities	anagerial or technical posi tablished in the Philippine s, compensation, remune	d Filipino (subject to certain tions in RHQs/ROHQs and s by multinational companies, as ration, and other emoluments, such n is subject to the fringe benefits tax	15%
Payments to resident for	eign corporations		
Dividends received from			Exempt
Payments to NRFCs			
Gross income derived fro dividends, rents, royalties emoluments, or other fix and income and capital g	s, salaries, premiums (exc ked or determinable annu gains (except capital gains	Philippines such as interests, ept reinsurance premiums), annuities, al, periodic or casual gains, profits s realized from the disposition of	30%
shares of stock in any do	illipping branch of a foreign	a comparation to its based office abroad	159/

based on the total profits applied or earmarked for remittance without any deduction for the tax component except those registered with the PEZA and other companies within the special economic zones	
Cash and/or property dividends	30% in general. May be lowered to 15% if the country of the recipient allows a credit against the tax due from the NRFC on taxes deemed paid in the Philippines

CREDITABLE WITHHOLDING TAX The creditable withholding tax (CWT) is intended to equal or at least approximate the tax due from the recipient of the income. The obligation to withhold the tax is imposed by law on the payor of the goods or service. Only payments specified in the Consolidated Withholding Tax Regulations are subject to CWT. The rate of CWT varies from 1% to 20%, as shown in chosen examples below:

	CV	/T rate
On one-half (1/2) of the gross amounts paid by any credit card company in the Philippines to any business entity, whether natural or juridical person, representing the sales of goods/services made by the aforesaid business entity to cardholders		1%
Certain payments made by the top 20,000 corporations (as determined by the Bureau	1%	2%
of Internal Revenue or BIR) to its regular suppliers of goods and/or services	for goods	for services
Payments to certain contractors (general building, engineering, specialty and others)	1	2%
Ordinary rental of real property, and/or the ordinary rental of personal property in excess		5%

or Pro,000.00 rental payments annually	
Sale of real property classified as an ordinary asset (varying rates depending on whether	1%, 3%, 5%,
the seller is habitually engaged in the real estate business, and on the price of the real	or 6%
property sold by said seller)	
Professional, promotional and talent fees rendered by certain	15%. Otherwise 10% if
individuals/professionals/corporations where the gross income of the recipient exceeds	gross income is less than
P720,000.00 for the current year	P720,000.00
Interest income derived from other debt instruments not within the coverage of	20%
"deposit substitutes" under specific laws or regulations	

CAPITAL GAINS TAX (CGT) (also see primer on Avoidance of Double Taxation)		
	Tax rate	
On capital gains presumed to have been realized from the sale exchange or other disposition of real property located in the Philippines and that are classified as capital assets	6%	
On the net capital gains from the sale of shares of stock in a domestic corporation not traded in the stock exchange	5% if net capital gains is not over	
(For sale or other disposition of shares of stock listed and traded through the local stock exchange other than the sale by a dealer in securities, a tax at the rate of 1/2 of 1% of the gross selling price or gross value in money of the shares of stock is imposed, which shall be paid by the seller or transferor)	P100,000.00 10% on any amount in excess of P100,000.00	

VALUE-ADDED TAX (VAT)	
	Tax rate
Any sale, barter, exchange, lease of goods or properties, rendering of services, and importation of goods done in the course of trade or business by domestic and resident foreign corporations, and on services rendered in the Philippines by NRFCs.	12%
Examples of zero-rated sales: (a) export sales, (b) foreign currency denominated sales, (c) sales to persons or entities whose exemption under special laws or international agreements to which the Philippines is a signatory effectively subjects such sales to zero rate, and other sales and services	0%
Examples of VAT-exempt sales: (a) services subject to percentage tax, (b) services of banks, non-bank financial intermediaries performing quasi-banking functions, and other non-bank financial intermediaries, (c) services rendered by regional or area headquarters established in the Philippines by multinational corporations which act as supervisory, communications and coordinating centers for their affiliates, subsidiaries or branches in the Asia Pacific Region and do not earn or derive income from the Philippines, (d) transactions which are exempt under international agreements to which the Philippines is a signatory or under special laws, (e) transport of passengers by international carriers, and (f) other sales and services	Exempt

DOCUMENTARY STAM	• TAX (se	elected t	ransacti	ons)
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Tax rate

Original issuance of shares	P1.00 on each P200.00, or fractional part thereof, of the par value, of such shares of stock:
Secondary or subsequent disposition of shares	P0.75 on each P200.00, or fractional part thereof, of the par value of such stock: In the case of stock without par value the amount of the documentary stamp tax shall be equivalent to twenty-five percent (25%) of the documentary stamp tax paid upon the original issue of said stock.
Debt instruments	P1.00 on each P200.00, or fractional part thereof, of the issue price of any such debt instruments. For debt instruments with terms of less than one (1) year, the documentary stamp tax shall be of a proportional amount in accordance with the ration of its term in number of days to three hundred sixty-five (365) days. Only one documentary stamp tax shall be imposed on either loan agreement, or promissory notes issued to secure such loan.
Deeds of sale and conveyances of real properties	P15.00 for the first P1,000.00. For every additional P1,000.00, or fractional part thereof in excess of P1,000.00 of such consideration or value, P15.00.

Individual Tax



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INCOME TAX RATES

- 1. Resident Citizens
- 2. Non-Resident Citizens
- З. Resident Aliens
- 4. Non-Resident Aliens Engaged in Trade or Business

If Taxable Incom	ne is: (PHP)	Tax Due (PHP)	plus	of the excess over (PHP)
Over	but not over		-	
-	10,000.00	5%	-	-
10,000.00	30,000.00	500.00	10%	10,000.00
30,000.00	70,000.00	2,500.00	15%	30,000.00
70,000.00	140,000.00	8,500.00	20%	70,000.00
140,000.00	250,000.00	22,500.00	25%	140,000.00
250,000.00	500,000.00	50,000.00	30%	250,000.00
500,000.00	-	125,000.00	32%	500,000.00

SPECIAL TAX RATES ON ALIENS				
Taxpayer	Conditions	Rate		
Non-Resident Aliens Not Engaged in Trade or Business within the Philippines	Physical presence in the Philippines of 180 days or less in any calendar year.	25%		
Employees of Regional or Area Headquarters and Regional Operating Headquarters of Multinational Companies	The same tax treatment shall apply to Filipinos employed and occupying the same positions as those aliens employed. Revenue Regulations No. 11-2010 requires that the Filipino be a managerial or highly technical employee receiving at least the mandated compensation.	15%		
Employees of Offshore Banking Units	The same tax treatment shall apply to Filipinos			
Employees of Petroleum Service Contractors and Subcontractors	employed and occupying the same positions as those aliens employed.			

EXCLUSIONS FROM GROSS INCOME			
DE MINIMIS BENEFITS	Limit		
Monetized unused vacation leave credits of private employees	10 days during the year		
Monetized value of vacation and sick leave credits paid to government officials and employees	None		
Medical cash allowance to dependents of employees	P750 per employee per semester or P125 per month		
Rice subsidy	P1,500 per month		
Uniform and clothing allowance	P5,000 per annum		
Actual medical assistance	P10,000 per annum		
Laundry allowance	P300 per month		
Employees achievement awards	P10,000 per annum		
Gifts given during Christmas and major anniversary celebrations	P5,000 per employee per annum		
Daily meal allowance for overtime work and night/graveyard shift	25% of the basic minimum wage on a per region basis		
Benefits received by an employee by virtue of a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) and productivity incentive schemes ¹	P10,000 per employee per annum		
13th MONTH PAY AND OTHER BENEFITS ²	Other benefits such as incentives and Christmas bonus not exceeding P82,000 a year. Any amount in excess of P82.000 shall be taxable.		

ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS		
Benefit	Limit	
Personal Exemption	P50,000 for the taxpayer	
Additional Exemption	P25,000 per qualified dependent up to 4	
Optional Standard Deduction	40% of gross income	
Premium Payments on Health and/or Hospitalization Insurance	P2,400 for the taxpayer whose family gross income does not exceed P250,000 for the taxable year	

STATUTORY CONTRIBUTIONS						
Government Agency	Income Bracket per month (PHP)	Employer Contribution (PHP)	Employee Contribution (PHP)			
Social Security System (SSS) ³	Over 15,750	1,208.70	581.30			
Philippine Health Insurance Inc. (PHIC) ⁴	Over 35,000	437.50	437.50			
Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF)⁵	Over 5,000	100.00	100.00			

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As amended by Revenue Regulations No. 1-2015 As amended by Republic Act No. 10663 Effective January 1, 2014 per SSS Circular No. 2013-10V Effective January 1, 2014 per PhilHealth Circular No. 027, s.2013 Per Rule VI Section 1 of Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9679 5

Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreements



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Individuals/Compar	Dividends		Interests ²	Royalties	Capital Gains Tax
	Individuals/Companies (%)	Qualifying Companies (%)	(%)	(%)	Exemption o Shares
Australia	25	15 ³	15/10 ⁴	25/15 ⁵	Yes ⁶
Austria	25	10 ⁷	15/10 ⁸	15/10 ⁹	Yes ⁶
Bahrain	15	10 ¹⁰	10	15/10 ¹¹	Yes ⁶
Bangladesh	15	10 ¹²	15	15	Yes ⁶
Belgium	15	10 ¹⁰	10	15	No
Brazil	25	15 ¹³	15/10 ⁴	25/15 ¹⁴	No
Canada	25	15 ¹⁵	15/10 ⁴	25 ¹⁶	Yes ⁶
China ¹⁷	15	10 ¹⁰	10	15/10 ¹¹	Yes ⁶
Czech Republic	15	10 ¹⁰	10	10/15 ¹⁸	Yes ⁶
Denmark	15	10 ¹²	10	15	Yes ⁶
Finland	15	15 ¹⁵	15/104	25/15 ¹⁹	Yes ⁶
France	15	10 ¹⁰	15/104	15	Yes ⁶
Germany	15	10 ¹²	15/10 ²⁰	15/1011	No
Hungary	20	15 ²¹	15	15 ¹⁶	Yes ⁶
India	20	15 ¹⁵	15/10 ²²	15 ²³	Yes ⁶
Indonesia	20	15 ²⁴	15 ²⁵	20/15 ²⁶	Yes ⁶
Israel	15	10 ¹⁰	10	15 ¹⁶	Yes ⁶
Italy	15	15	15/10 ⁴	25/15 ²⁷	Yes ⁶
Japan	15	107	10	15/10 ²⁸	Yes ⁶
Korea, South	25	10 ²⁹	15/10 ⁸	15/10 ⁹	Yes ⁶
Kuwait	15	10 ¹⁰	10	20	Yes
Malaysia	25	15 ¹³	15	25/15 ³⁰	Yes ⁶
Netherlands	15	10 ³¹	15/10 ²⁰	15/10 ⁹	Yes
New Zealand	15	15	10	15	Yes
Nigeria	15	12.5 ¹⁰	15	20	No
Norway	25	15 ¹⁵	15	25/7.5 ³²	Yes ⁶
Pakistan	25	15 ³³	15/10 ⁴	25/15 ⁵	No
Poland	15	10 ¹²	10	15	Yes ⁶
Romania	15	10 ³⁴	15/10 ²⁰	25/15/10 ³⁵	Yes ⁶
Russia	15	15	15	15	No
Singapore	25	15 ³⁶	15/104	25/15 ³⁷	Yes ⁶
Spain	15	10 ¹⁰	15/10 ²⁰	20/15/1038	Yes ⁶
Sweden	15	10 ¹²	10	15	Yes ⁶
Switzerland	15	1010	10	15	Yes ⁶
Thailand	-	15 ³⁹	15/10 ⁴	25/15 ³⁷	Yes ⁶
United Arab Emirates	15	10 ¹⁰	10	10	Yes ⁶
United Kingdom	25	15 ¹⁵	15/104	25/15 ³⁷	Yes ⁶
United States of America (USA)	25	20 ⁴⁰	15/10 ⁴	25/15 ⁵	Yes
Vietnam	15	10 ¹²	15	15	No

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¹ On 19 August 2013, the Philippine Supreme Court ruled that the requirement of prior Tax Treaty Relief Application (TTRA) to avail of tax treaty takes precedence over an administrative issuance. However, the BIR has not yet formally amended its requirement for the filing of the TTRA with the BIR's International Tax Affairs Division (ITAD) prior to the occurrence of the first taxable event to enjoy the benefits of the tax treaty.
² This column does not include exemptions provided under the treaties on certain types of interest such as interest paid to governments, etc.
³ The 15% rate applies to interest arising in the Philippines from publicly issued bonds, debentures or similar obligations.
⁴ The 15% rate applies to troatine the Philippines from publicly issued bonds, debentures or similar obligations.
⁶ The 15% rate applies to troating to provide you and the strave registered with the Philippine Board of Investments (BOI) and engaged in preferred areas of activities. For the USA, the treaty provides a most-favored-nation clause.
⁶ The treaty provides certain conditions to be met before the exemption can be applied.
⁷ The 10% rate applies of the beneficial owner is a company that holds directly at least 10% either of the voting shares of the company paying the dividends. For Japan, the 10% rate also applies to dividends paid by an enterprise registered with the BOI and engaged in preferred areas of activities.

dividends. For Japan, the 10% rate also applies to dividends paid by an enterprise registered with the bot and engaged in protected activities. ⁴⁷ The 10% rate applies to interest arising in the Philippines from publicly issued bonds, debentures or similar obligations. The 10% rate likewise applies to interest paid by an enterprise registered with the BOI and engaged in preferred areas of activities. ¹⁹ The 10% rate applies to royalites paid by an enterprise registered with the BOI and engaged in preferred areas of activities. ¹⁰ The 10% rate applies for hypothes paid by an enterprise registered with the BOI and engaged in preferred areas of activities. ¹⁰ The 10% rate applies for hypothes paid by an enterprise registered with the BOI and engaged in preferred areas of activities. ¹⁰ The 10% rate applies for avoiding a company that holds directly at least 10% of the capital of the paying company. Except for Belgium, China and Czech Republic, the treaties exclude partnership. For France and Spain, the rate applies to voting shares (vis-à-vis capital). ¹¹ The 15% rate applies fir sing from the use of, or the right to use, any copyrighted work including cinematograph films or tapes for televisio or broadcasting while the 10% rate applies in all other cases. For China and Germany, the 10% rate applies to royalties arising from the use of or the right to use, any patent, trade mark, design or model, plan, secret formula or process, or from the use of, or the right to use, industrial, commercial, or scientific experience. Further, for technology transfers which are subject to approval under Philippine law, the contract giving rise to such royalties must be approved by the Philippine competent authorities. ¹² The 10% rate annies if the heneficial owner is a company (excluding partnerships) that holds directly at least 25% of the capital of the payin

transfers which are subject to approval under Philippine law, the contract giving rise to such royalites must be approved by the Philippine competent authorities. ¹¹ The 10% rate applies if the beneficial owner is a company (excluding partnerships) that holds directly at least 25% of the capital of the paying company. For Germany, the rate applies to ownership (vis-à-vis holding). ¹¹ The 15% rate applies if the beneficial owner is a company, For Brazil, it includes a partnership. ¹⁴ The 25% rate applies to royalties arising from the use or the right to use trade marks and cinematograph films, films or tapes for television or radio broadcasting. ¹⁶ For Canada, the 15% rate applies if the company controls at least 10% of the voting power of the company paying the dividend. For Norway ¹⁶ For Canada, the 15% rate applies if the beneficial owner is a company that controls directly or indirectly at least 10% of the voting power in the company paying the dividends. For Finland, the 15% rate applies if the beneficial owner is a company that control directly or indirectly at least 10% of the voting stock of the company paying the dividends. For India, the 15% rate applies if the beneficial owner is a company (excluding partnership) owning at least 10% of the voting stock of the company paying the dividends. ¹⁶ For India, the 15% rate applies if the beneficial owner is a company that owns at least 10% of the store orden pay paying the dividends. ¹⁶ For tracta or process, or from the use of, or the right to use, any copyright of a company paying the use of, or the right to use, any copyright of cinematograph films, and films or tapes for television or radio broadcasting as 15% rate applies to the same), any patent, trade mark, design or model, plan, scret formula or process, or from the use of, or the right to use, any copyrighted work. ²⁸ The tops rate applies if such interest is paid in connection or scientific experimence. ²⁰ The trate applies if or volaties paid by an enterprise registered w

any loan of whatever kind granted by a bank (including other financial institutions for Netherlands), or on publicly issued bonds, debentures or similar obligations. ²¹ The 15% rate applies if the beneficial owner is a company that holds directly at least 25% of the capital of the paying company. ²² The 10% rate applies if the interest is received by a financial institution (including insurance companies). The same applies to interest arising from publicly issued bonds, debentures or similar obligations. ²⁴ The 15% rate applies if the interest is received by a financial institution (including insurance companies). The same applies to interest arising from publicly issued bonds, debentures or similar obligations. ²⁴ The 15% rate applies to royalties paid by an enterprise which is registered with the BOI. ²⁴ The 15% rate applies if the recipient is the beneficial owner of the interest. However, interest arising in a Contracting State and paid to a resident of the other Contracting State shall be taxable only in the other State, if the interest is paid in respect of (i) a bond, debenture or othe similar obligation of the government of that State or a political subdivision or local authority thereof; or (ii) a loan made, guaranteed or insured, or a credit extended, guaranteed or insured by the Central Bank of the Philippines (BSP), or the 'Bank Indonesia' (the Central Bank of Indonesis or any other lending institution, as may be specified and agreed in letters exchanged between the competent authorities of the Contracting States. States

or any other lending institution, as may be specified and agreed in letters exchanged between the competent authorities of the Contracting States. ³⁹ The 15% rate applies to royalties paid by an enterprise registered with the BOI and engaged in preferred areas of activities. ³⁰ The 15% rate applies to royalties paid by an enterprise registered with the BOI and engaged in preferred areas of activities and also to royaltes on iomandographic films or tapes for television or broadcasting. ³⁰ The 15% rate applies if the royalties are paid in respect of the use of or the right to use cinematograph films and films or tapes for radio or theologating. ³⁰ The 15% rate applies if the beneficial owner is a company (other than a partnership) that holds directly at least 25% of the capital of the company paying the dividends. The rate also applies to dividends paid by enterprises registered with the BOI and engaged preferred pioneer areas of investment. ³⁰ The 15% rate applies if the techeficial owner is a company tother than a partnership) that holds directly at least 25% of the capital of the company paying the dividends. The rate also applies to dividends paid by enterprises registered with the BOI and engaged preferred pioneer areas of investment. ³⁰ The 15% rate applies if the recipient is a company the capital of which is wholly or partially divided into shares and which holds directly at least 10% of the capital of the company paying the dividends. ³¹ The 15% rate applies if the company paying the dividends. ³² The 25% rate generally applies to royalties including rental and those paid for the use of, or the right to use, motion picture films, films or tapes for radio or television broadcasting. ³⁴ The 15% rate applies if the beneficial owner is a company (excluding partnership) which holds directly at least 25% of the capital of the paying company is taxable year which precedes the date of payment of the dividends and during the whole of its prior taxable year (if any), owns at least 25% of the capi

15% rate applies if royalties are, in respect of cinematographic tims and tapes to television to indedeating. The 20% tote applies in an extent asset. ³⁸ The 15% rate applies if the recipient is a company (including partnership) and during the part of the paying company's taxable year which precedes the date of payment of the dividend and during the whole of its prior taxable year (if any), owns at least 15% of the outstanding shares of the voting stock of the paying company. ³⁷ The 15% rate applies where the royalties are paid by an enterprise registered with the BOI and engaged in preferred areas of activities and also royalties in respect of cinematographic films or tapes for television or broadcasting. ³⁸ The 10% rate applies in respect of cinematographic films or tapes for television or broadcasting. ³⁹ The 15% rate applies in the company paying the dividends is a Philippine company engaged in an industrial undertaking. ⁴⁰ The 20% rate applies when the recipient is a corporation and during the part of the paying corporation's taxable year which precedes the date of payment of the dividend and during the whole of its prior taxable year (if any), owns at least 10% of the outstanding shares of the voting stock of the paying corporation.

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