

AEOI Update

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Singapore

FATCA & CRS Updates

Last month, the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore (IRAS) provided updated information with respect to the FATCA and CRS regimes, touching on several key issues.

1. Increase in Penalties

IRAS announced an increase in penalties for **CRS** non-regulation and non-filing offences to \$5,000 upon conviction, and a further fine of \$100 per day for a continuing offence. For **FATCA**, penalties for non-filing offences have also been increased to the same monetary amounts (i.e., \$5,000 upon conviction, and a further fine of \$100 per day for a continuing offence). These changes for FATCA and CRS are with effect from <u>16 November 2021</u>.

You may refer to the announcement <u>here</u> for FATCA and <u>here</u> for CRS.

2. Updates to e-Tax Guides

In the e-Tax guide for **CRS** (available <u>here</u>), IRAS:

- Amended paragraph 9.4.1 to expand the list of excluded accounts to include accounts in which moneys are deposited from maintenance funds (established by developers), management funds or sinking funds (established by management corporations or subsidiary management corporations) that are regulated under the Building Maintenance and Strata Management Act (BMSMA). This is with effect from <u>1 December 2021</u>. You may also refer to Regulation 11(2)(l), 11(2)(m) and 11(2)(n) of the <u>CRS</u>.
 <u>Regulations</u> which has been updated following this expanded definition of "Excluded Accounts".
- Amended paragraph 10.5.6 to update the legislative reference based on the Income Tax Act (Cap. 134)
- Updated its contact information (<u>https://www.iras.gov.sg/contact-us/international-tax</u>) in paragraph 13
- Made minor editorial changes in paragraph 3 (Glossary)

Contact us if you have questions about this update.



In the e-Tax guide for **FATCA** (available <u>here</u>), IRAS:

- Amended paragraph 11.4.2 to reflect the revised penalty amounts for non-filing offences under the Income Tax Act (Cap. 134)
- Updated its contact information (<u>https://www.iras.gov.sg/contact-us/international-tax</u>) in paragraph 13
- Made minor editorial changes in paragraph 3 (Glossary)
- Made other minor editorial changes

3. Form for Voluntary Disclosure of Errors

IRAS encourages Reporting SGFIs that have made errors in their FATCA/CRS returns to come forward voluntarily as soon as they have uncovered the error to disclose these errors or omissions and get their obligations right. Such voluntary disclosure can be submitted via a form which can be found <u>here</u>.

4. Form for Reporting of FATCA/CRS Non-compliance

If Reporting SGFIs are aware of any potential FATCA/CRS non-compliance, including the use of abusive schemes to circumvent reporting or intentional provision of false information to IRAS, they are encouraged to notify IRAS via the form found <u>here</u>.

5. Newly published user guides related to registration and reporting

(<u>https://www.iras.gov.sg/digital-services/automatic-exchange-of-information-(crs-and-fatca)</u>)

User Guide	Description	Link
Check CRS	For members of the public	https://www.iras.gov.sg/media/doc
Registration	to check if an entity is	s/default-source/uploadedfiles/pdf
Status	Registered with IRAS as a	/check-crs-registration-status-e-svc
	Reporting SGFI for CRS	-user-guide.pdf?sfvrsn=a47d3ff5_5
	purposes	
View/Update FI AEOI	For Reporting SGFIs to	https://www.iras.gov.sg/media/doc
profile	view their AEOI registration	s/default-source/uploadedfiles/pdf
	details	/view-or-update-fi-aeoi-profile-e-sv
		<u>c-user-guide.pdf?sfvrsn=7e9a95e8_</u>
		<u>5</u>
View/Update My	For users of the AEOI	https://www.iras.gov.sg/media/doc
Profile	e-Services to update their	s/default-source/uploadedfiles/pdf
	designation and contact	/view-or-update-my-profile-e-svc-u
	details with IRAS	<pre>ser-guide.pdf?sfvrsn=f7fbc82a_5</pre>

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User Guide	Description	Link
View/Edit	For Reporting SGFIs that	https://www.iras.gov.sg/media/doc
Trustee-Documented	are trustees and have	s/default-source/uploadedfiles/pdf
Trusts	agreed to assume the	/view-and-edit-tdt-e-svc-user-guide
	reporting obligations of a	.pdf?sfvrsn=24d8f972_5
	Trustee-Documented Trust	
	(TDT), to maintain a record	
	of the TDT with IRAS for	
	AEOI reporting	
View AEOI e-Service	For Reporting SGFIs to	https://www.iras.gov.sg/media/doc
Transaction History	search the AEOI e-Services	s/default-source/uploadedfiles/pdf
	transactions that were	/view-aeoi-e-service-transaction-hi
	performed by their	<pre>story-e-svc-user-guide.pdf?sfvrsn=3</pre>
	authorised users	<u>5affa5e_5</u>
CRS fillable PDF	For Reporting SGFIs which	https://www.iras.gov.sg/media/doc
return form version	submit their CRS Returns	s/default-source/uploadedfiles/pdf
2.0	using fillable PDF forms	/crs_return_form-v2-0.pdf?sfvrsn=2
		<u>55ea17e_2</u>
View Submitted	For Reporting SGFIs to	https://www.iras.gov.sg/media/doc
Financial Account	view the (i) status or	s/default-source/uploadedfiles/pdf
Report	(ii) the details of the	/view-submitted-financial-account-
	Account Reports that have	reports-e-svc-user-guide.pdf?sfvrsn
	been submitted to IRAS	<u>=eb674778_5</u>

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