

Newsletter – August 2020

COVID-19 update in Nepal

The Government of Nepal (GoN) has lifted the lockdown from 22 July 2020. The GoN has permitted opening of the offices, restaurants and hotels. Public vehicles are also allowed to operate within the district. However, owing to the increasing case of COVID-19, GoN has decided to allow the transportation service under odd and even number plates from 8 August 2020. Long route transportation services and domestic as well as international flights, other than emergency ones continue to remain suspended. Educational institutions, places of mass public gathering, worship and entertainment activities are still closed.

The number of COVID-19 cases in Nepal has been rising day by day. COVID-19 has spread across the country and has had a total number of 21,750 confirmed cases of corona virus infections as of 6 August 2020 with 65 deaths so far. Total number of recovered cases has reached to 15,389.

PKF update in Nepal

Staff leaving PKF Nepal

PKF Nepal expresses its gratitude to PKF family member Sakar Koirala who decided to pursue his further career in another entity. PKF Nepal expresses its gratitude for his valuable contribution to the firm during his stay period.

Recent Updates

Notices issued by Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB)

Announcement of Monetary Policy

NRB (Central Bank) announced the monetary policy for the fiscal year 2020/21 (FY 2077/78) on 17 July 2020. Monetary policy has attempted to address challenges created by COVID-19 maintaining external stability to achieve long and sustainable economic growth as envisioned in the budget. PKF Nepal's summary of the monetary policy can be accessed [here](#)

Refinancing Procedures 2077 published by NRB

NRB, on 2077/04/06, issued the Refinancing Procedures 2077 to all Banks & Financial Institutions (BFIs) for them to apply to avail loans under the refinancing facility as announced in the monetary policy. Refinancing facility has been provided to micro, small & cottage industries, industries affected by the COVID-19 & other general industries. Loans in personal nature, tobacco & alcohol based business, business having ROE \geq 20% are not eligible for refinancing facility. For PKF Nepal's summary of the procedures [click here](#)

Amendment in Unified Directives, 2076

NRB has made certain amendments in Unified Directives, 2076 issued to 'D' class microfinance institutions and A, B and C class BFIs. After these amendments, D class microfinance institutions involved in retail loan transactions and collecting deposit from general public should prepare financial statements based on NFRS in addition to NRB prescribed format. These amendments have also provided some relaxations in loan loss provisioning requirements and other areas of compliance.



Notices issued by Inland Revenue Department (IRD)

Online System for small taxpayers

With effect from 1 Shrawan 2077 IRD has launched an online platform to submit tax and income details through financial institutions. Furthermore, an arrangement for small taxpayers to get tax clearance certificate immediately after submitting the tax and income details through the bank has been established. For notice [click here](#)

For detail procedure [click here](#)

List of approved software

IRD has released list of approved softwares and instruments for electronic billing as per Electronic Billing Procedures 2074. For list [click here](#)

Notice issued by Securities Board of Nepal (SEBON)

Amendment to Specialized Investment Fund Regulation, 2075

SEBON has amended Specialized Investment Fund Regulation, 2075 and issued Specialized Investment Fund (Amendment) Regulation, 2077 with effect from 1 Shrawan 2077. Regulation issued contains provision related to facilitating the fund or fund manager established outside Nepal to establish or manage fund in Nepal, enhancing the scope of private equity fund and venture capital fund. For more details [click here](#)

Notice issued by Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal (ICAN)

Notice related to UDIN

ICAN has issued notice on 30 Ashad 2077 regarding use of Unique Document Identification Number (UDIN) to its member. ICAN has requested to use UDIN number for every certifications and audits by a practicing member of ICAN. ICAN has also requested not to use same UDIN number for different audit & certification as double use of UDIN are observed. For notice [click here](#)

Notice issued by Department of Commerce

Online submission of application to Department of Commerce

To ease the situation created by COVID- 19, Department of Commerce has initiated online system for registration, updation & cancellation of private firm, partnership firm, company & agency. Such application can be made by visiting official website doc.gov.np. For notice [click here](#)


Notice issued by Insurance Board

CORONA Insurance Standard 2077/78

Insurance Board has released Corona Insurance Standard 2077/78 in line with budget announcement 2077/78. Standard has been formulated to provide clarity regarding insurance policy & to provide financial security to the insured. For standard [click here](#)

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