

PKF Nepal Updates

New staff welcomed to PKF Nepal

PKF Nepal welcomes Upendra Lama, Saloni Singh, Sanjeeta Karki, Bibek Adhikari and Binu KC to the PKF family.

Staff leaving PKF Nepal

PKF Nepal extends farewell to PKF family members viz. Nitish Jha and Kalpana Niraula who have decided to move on for career enhancement with other entities. PKF Nepal expresses gratitude for their valuable contribution to the firm.

Birthdays



PKF Nepal extends birthday wishes to PKF family members viz. Tirth Raj Upadhyay (Senior Partner), Albina Maharjan, Shreedevi Sharma, Rishav Pokharel, Mahesh Kaffle, Ria Sharma, Kailash Raj Pandeya and Abhishek

Kumar Karn whose birthdays were in the month of February.

Staff representing ICAN in Colombo

PKF Nepal proudly announces that Ashirwad Gautam, 3rd year article, is participating in the 36th International CA Student's Conference 2022 organized by the Chartered Accountants Student's Society (CASS), Sri Lanka. The event is being held at Colombo, Sri Lanka from 1 March 2022.

Updates

Notices issued by Nepal Rastra Bank

Notice on deposit not claimed

Amendment in FXMD Circulars 2078

Directive 01/ 2078 clause 1.17: The list of items along with harmonic codes for which compulsory percentage margin on import is specified has been updated by Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB) through amendment in its circular published on 9 February 2022.

Additionally, NRB has announced inapplicability of the conditions mentioned in the clause for import of raw materials by industries for self-consumption, items of medicinal use, items mentioned in serial numbers 1 to 20 and 21 to 47 if instruments such as letter of credit, bank guarantee, standby letter of credit, draft/ TT has already been taken on or prior to 2078/09/05 and 2078/10/26 respectively. For notice [click here](#).

Publication of Unified Circular 2078 for Infrastructure Development Bank

On 10 February 2022, NRB published the Unified Circular 2078 issued to Infrastructure Development Banks incorporating all the amendments, additions and deletion made up to 26 Magh 2078 (9 February 2022). For updated circular [click here](#).

Publication of Guideline on Environmental and Social Risk Management (ERSM), 2022

On 13 February 2022, NRB issued a notice announcing the publication of Guideline on Environmental and Social Risk Management (ERSM) for BFIs, 2022.

Addressing the need of sustainable development and the role of BFIs in assisting other sectors as well as lunging forward themselves in the same, the guideline focuses on:

- Environmental, social, and climatic risks related to the business activities of the BFI's client,
- Defines its scope of applicability,
- Adherence to international standards on environment and social sustainability and so on.

For updated guideline [click here](#).

Amendment in directive issued to Infrastructure Development Banks

Directive 16 clause 3: On 23 February 2022, NRB issued a notice informing amendment on arrangements for issuance of debentures and other loan instruments by licensed infrastructure development banks.

For instance, licensed infrastructure development banks that have not accumulated losses and have been listed in the stock

exchange market by issuing ordinary shares shall submit an application to NRB for approval to issue debentures / other loan instruments up to 100% of its initial capital. After conducting necessary investigation on such application and deeming it appropriate, NRB may approve issuance of debentures and other loan instruments. For notice [click here](#).

Amendment in directive issued to "A", "B" & "C" class BFIs

NRB using power conferred to it by section 79 of Nepal Rastra Bank Act, 2058 has issued a notice dated 11th Falgun 2078 announcing additions and amendments in the Unified Directive, 2078 issued to "A", "B" and "C" class BFIs.

Few of the amendments and additions include:

- In case shareholders holding 1% or more promoter shares of any BFI wishes to acquire/ sell any number of promoter shares of any other BFI will compulsorily require permission from NRB.
- In case instructions for additional loan loss provision have been obtained through an inspection report before the publication of the quarterly or annual financial statement, the financial statement will have to be published only after recognition of the loan loss provision as per the instructions.
- The interest rate on loans disbursed to BFIs by NRB has been increased from 5% to 7%.

For notice [click here](#).

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Notice on domestic remittance

The allowable transaction limit of **domestic remittance** carried out by licensed remittance companies, its sub-agents/ sub-representatives has been decreased from **Rs 100,000** per person, per transaction, per day to **Rs 25,000** only. Such limit shall be applicable from 18 Falgun 2078 (2 March 2022).

The maximum limit of international remittance to Nepal allowed for payment in cash has not been altered. For notice [click here](#).

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