



LEGISLATION UPDATE

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*Tax exemptions
for media subjects*

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Revised Law on State of emergency

Updates

Additions have been made to the Tax Code providing exemptions from income tax, profit tax, VAT and simplified tax for subjects of media.

For further details:

<https://president.az/az/articles/view/59280>

The amendments have been made to the number of Laws of Azerbaijan Republic about media. According to the amendments, the words "means of mass communication" were replaced by the word "media".

The relevant amendments have been made to the following Laws: Civil Code, Criminal Code, Tax Code, Code of Administrative Procedure, Migration Code, Urban Planning and Construction Code, the Law on "Courts and judges", the Law on "Insolvency and bankruptcy", the Law on "Information, informatization and information protection", the Law on "Freedom of information", the Law on "Investment funds", the Law on "Lotteries", the Law on "Electronic signature and electronic document", the Law on "Traffic", the Law on "Mortgage" and etc.

For further details:

<https://president.az/az/articles/view/59326>

Fundamental amendments have been made to the Law on "Civil service". The preamble and basic concepts have been revised, definitions expanded and amendments made to a number of articles.

For further details:

<https://president.az/az/articles/view/59351>

The Law on State of Emergency has been renamed as follows: "Law on State emergency and the emergency environment of a social nature".

With this, the scope of the law has been relevantly expanded to include the definition of the emergency environment of a social nature. A number of regulations have been reflected in the revised version of the Law including the chapter "Regime of environment of social emergency character".

17 April, 2023
Amendments to the social Laws

For further details:

<https://president.az/az/articles/view/59363>

With the new amendments to the Law on "Social insurance", definitions were revised and expanded. Besides, new regulations added with regards to the investment of free funds.

Similar amendments, along with the new definitions of "unemployment insurance fund", "free funds", "return on investment" have been made to the Law on "Unemployment insurance".

For further details:

<https://president.az/az/articles/view/59427>

19 April, 2023
Approval of international document

The Parliament of Azerbaijan Republic has decided to approve the Protocol No. 16 of the Convention "On the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms" signed in Strasbourg on October 2, 2013.

For further details:

<https://president.az/az/articles/view/59467>

25 April, 2023
*Responsibility for violation
of media legislation*

Amendments have been made to the Code of Administrative Offenses regulating responsibility for the violation of media legislation.

The Article 381 is amended and now comprises responsibilities for a number of violations in the field of media. Amended Article 388 regulates responsibility for abuse of media freedom and journalistic rights.

For further details:

<https://president.az/az/articles/view/59485>

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