



Guideline for Real Estate Activities Sector



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1. Introduction

1.1. About Zakat

Zakat is the third pillar of Islam. It is the most important financial way of worship at all. Therefore, it was mentioned repeatedly in the Glorious Qur'an. Allah Almighty has associated it with prayer in more than eighty verses. It is one of the key pillars that distinguishes a Muslim community from others, and a manifestation of the supremacy of Islamic legislations. It represents a successful way to fight poverty, alleviate the suffering of the needy, which lead to achievement of social solidarity.

1.2 Levy of Zakat

As an indication of the great status of Zakat in Islam; the government is entrusted with administering and supervising the collection of Zakat on declared funds and its distribution to its beneficiaries. The government is authorized to collect the Zakat on the declared funds and distribute it to the eligible beneficiaries, by entrusting some workers (employees engaged for zakat collection purposes) to go through the owners of funds, throughout the country, and calculate the amount of Zakat, and then collect it from them, and oversee the disbursement and distribution to eligible persons.

The General Authority of Zakat & Tax (the Authority) is responsible for levying and collection of Zakat. All procedures relating to the Zakat account of the Zakat payer, from the registration of the Zakat payer, to the process of calculating the amount of Zakat, which includes supervising the submission of Zakat declarations, payment procedures, examination of data provided, and verification by the Authority's staff, until issuance of the final Zakat certificate, including the investigation of any objections that may be raised by the Zakat payer with regard to the Authority's assessment.



1.3 Application of Zakat Levy in Saudi Arabia

The collection and disbursement of Zakat to the beneficiaries is one of the basic tasks of the state as stipulated in the Basic Law of Governance, and stated in Article (21): (Zakat shall be collected and spent as prescribed by the Islamic Shari'ah). Article (7) thereof indicated that the state shall oversee of Islamic Shari'ah obligations in general, which includes levying of Zakat and its disbursement to the designed beneficiaries, where it states: (Governance in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia derives its authority from the Holy Quran as revealed by the God Most High and the Sunnah of his Messenger [peace and blessings be upon him], both of which govern this Law and all the laws of the State).

To confirm this, Royal Decree No. (178634/ 28/ 2) dated 29/ 6/ 1370 H (corresponding to 6 April 1951) was issued during the reign of the founder King Abdul Aziz (may God rest his soul), which included the order for the levying of Zakat. This was emphasized in many subsequent royal decrees, implementing ministerial decisions and interpreting regulations and circulars, including Royal Decree No. (M/40), dated 7/ 2/ 1405 H and its Implementing Regulations for levy of Zakat issued under Ministerial Decree No. (2082) dated 6/ 1/ 1438H (28 February 2017) and the Implementing Regulations for Zakat Levy issued under Ministerial Decree No. (2216) dated 7/ 7/ 1440H corresponding to (14 March 2019), which shall apply to the Zakat years starting from 1 January 2019 for all Zakat payers, except those who are accounted for on deemed basis in accordance with section 4 of the Regulations whose declarations shall be subject to the regulations after 31 December 2019. Therefore, the Implementing Regulation for Zakat Levy issued on 7/ 7/ 1440H [14 Mary 2019-] shall not apply to financial years prior to this date. Prior years are to be assessed in accordance with the regulations and instructions preceded that date.

The Implementing Regulations for Zakat levy have specifically focused on the Zakat collection regulations in the commercial activities apart from other Zakatable funds together with the requirements for filing Zakat declaration, the procedures of assessment, examination and payment, and their time periods.

The Zakat collected by The General Authority of Zakat & Tax shall be deposited in the Social Security Account, which shall distribute this to the poor and needy in accordance with Royal Decree No. 1615// dated 31/ 5/ 1383H (28 May 1963). Paragraph (1) thereof stated "Zakat shall be collected in full from all joint stock companies and others and individuals subject to Zakat". In paragraph (2): "All the amounts collected shall be given to the Social Security Fund".



1.4 General Authority for Zakat & Tax

- The General Authority of Zakat & Tax is the agency authorized to collect Zakat in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which is entrusted with levying of Zakat in accordance with the Royal Decree No (178634/ 28/ 2), dated 29/ 6/ 1370 H, which provides for levying of Zakat from those who hold Saudi citizenship.
- Established by Ministerial Resolution No. (394), dated 7/ 8/ 1370H, as one of the government bodies under the Ministry of Finance, and was entrusted with the task of the levying of Zakat.
- Royal Decree No. (61) dated 31/ 3/ 1383H was issued, which ordered the levying of Zakat in full and transferring or paying it to the Social Security Organization.
- A number of royal decrees and ministerial resolutions regulating Zakat collection activities were issued thereafter, including Royal Decree No. (M/40) dated 2/ 7/ 1407H, which included the order to collect Zakat in full from all companies, institutions and others and individuals who are subject to Zakat. Then, the Implementing Regulation of the Royal Decree (M/40) was issued under Ministerial Resolution No. (2082) dated 11/ 6/ 1438H.
- On 20/ 7/ 1438H, The General Authority of Zakat & Tax was formed pursuant to the Council of Ministers Resolution No. (465) adopting the Authority's law and organization.



1.5 Functions of the General Authority of Zakat & Tax

ZATCA's Regulations defined the tasks of ZATCA in Article (3) thereof, which include the following:

- Collect Zakat and taxes from the Zakat payer in accordance with the relevant regulations, rules and instructions.
- Provide high quality services to the Zakat payer to help zakat payers fulfill their duties.
- Follow up the Zakat payer and take the necessary actions to ensure levying of the payable amounts.
- Work to raise awareness of the Zakat payer and strengthen the degree of voluntary commitment and ensure his compliance with the instructions and guidelines issued by the Authority in its jurisdiction.
- Cooperate and exchange expertise with regional and international bodies and organizations, and specialized expertise organizations inside and outside the Kingdom, within the limits of the Authority's jurisdiction.
- Represent the Kingdom at regional and international organizations, bodies, forums and conferences that are related to the Authority's jurisdiction.



ZATCA's Functions & Tasks



Collect Zakat and Taxes



Providing high quality services to the Zakat payer to help him



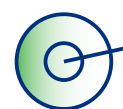
Follow up on the Zakat payer to ensure collection of the payable amounts



Raise awareness of the Zakat payer and strengthen the degree of commitment and ensure his compliance with the instructions and guidelines issued by Zatca



Cooperation and exchange of experiences with regional and international organizations



Represent the Kingdom at regional and international organizations, bodies, forums and conferences that are related to Zatca's jurisdiction

1.6 Overview of the General Zakat Guide

The guide provides guidance and basic information on the requirements of Zakat levy, the procedures of its application and the obligations of persons subject to Zakat (Zakat payers) of other sectors except financing activities and insurance companies sectors where the Authority has issued special guidelines for both of them. This guide sheds light and provides guidelines on the practical application of Zakat levy in Saudi Arabia.

This guide represents the concept and interpretation of the Authority on how to apply the Implementing Regulations for levy of Zakat issued on 7/ 7/ 1440H. It is worth mentioning that this guide is not a legal document, and its content are for offering instructions only. It is not intended to include all the relevant provisions of the Zakat Levy Implementing Regulations. Although these guidelines are not binding to the Authority or any other body in respect of any performed transaction, they provide general guidance on how the Authority treats Zakat-related procedures in practice.

For instructions on any specific transaction, you can visit the official website of the Authority (zatca.gov.sa), which offers a wide range of tools and information tailored to assist Zakat payers, including visual guidance materials and all relevant data, as well as FAQs.



2. Zakat Concepts, Terminology and Calculation Methods

The “Regulations”:

The Implementing Regulation for Zakat levy issued under Ministerial Resolution No. (2216), dated 7/ 7/ 1440H.

A. Collection of Zakat:

The State shall calculate the Zakat of funds subject to the Zakat, collect such funds from the Zakat payers subject to it, and transfer to the Social Security Agency for disbursement to the beneficiaries of social security.

Zakat collection is the state’s mission. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) used to send messengers every year to collect Zakat from all Muslims. At this time, it is carried out by The General Authority of Zakat & Tax on behalf of the state, in accordance with the relevant laws, regulations and rules. The Authority has issued regulations and rules governing Zakat levy and has provided high-quality services to the Zakat payers to help them fulfill their duties.

B. Taxpayer:

A natural or legal person who carries out an activity subject to levy of Zakat under the Regulation, whether it is a sole proprietorship, a company, or whoever carries out business activity under a license issued by a competent authority.

C. Taxpayer not subject to Zakat:

A Zakat payer that acquires a certificate not to be subject to levy of Zakat, in accordance with the Authority procedures.

D. Resident:

A natural or legal person to whom the residency requirements specified in Article (3) of the Regulation apply.

E. Non-resident:

Any person who does not qualify as a resident.



F. The "Zakat Year/ZY":

The fiscal year of the Zakat payer, whether Hijri or Gregorian, short or long, at the beginning or end of activity.

Example (1):

A company was incorporated on 10/ 12/ 2018G (the date of issuance of the Commercial Registration). According to Articles of Association, the first financial year of the company starts from the date of issuance of the Commercial Registration and ends on 31/ 12/ 2019G.

Hence, the first financial year of the company will be from 10/ 12/ 2018 G to 31/ 12/ 2019G.

G. Zakatable year (Al Hawl):

Twelve lunar months (354 days) «zakatable funds». It is a condition for Zakat and payment it in full. Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "There is no Zakat on funds until they have completed Al Hawl" If the Zakat year is different than the Hijri year, Zakat payer should pay the due Zakat in proportion with the number of days of the year, according to the following method:

Divide two and a half percent (2.5%) by the number of days of the Hijri year (354), and multiply by the number of actual days of the Zakat year for the Zakat payer.

$$\text{Number of actual days of the Zakat year for the Zakat payer} \times \frac{2.5\%}{\text{Number of Hijri year days}}$$



The reason for accounting based on a daily basis is the inability to complete one Hijri year for every Zakatable fund, the difficulty of tracking the internal operations (transactions) of the entity, and inability to oblige the entity to issue financial statements for Zakat purposes only.

Completing Al-Hawl (one Hijri year) is not a condition for the profits generated during the year, as their Hawl (year) is related to their asset, where profits are subject to the full percentage of Zakat (2.5%), and the previous formula shall not apply to them.

How to calculate completion of the Hijri year



Twelve lunar months (354) days
have passed since the Zakatable
fund (Nisab)

2.5% X



The number of actual days of the
Zakat year for the Zakat payer

Number of Hijri year days (354)



Example (2):

The financial year of the company (S) for grains starts on 12/ 1/ 2019 and ends on 31/ 12/ 2019 in the same year (Gregorian year). The Zakat base of the Company for the year was SAR 2,500,000, including an adjusted profit for Zakat of SAR 900,000.

How to calculate the Zakat base of the company?

Zakat is calculated based on the Zakat base in the following manner:

2.5 %		Number of actual days of the Zakat year for Zakat payer		Base value excluding adjusted profit		****
Number of Hijri days	x		x		=	
354 ÷ 2.5%	x	365	x	1,600,000	x	41,242.9
Zakat Profit	x	2.5%	x	900,000	x	22,500
Total				2,500,000		63,742.9

H. Business activities:

All forms of business, whether commercial, service, or other works intended to generate profit. Commercial activities include real estate, commodity trading, provision of service, securities, finance, insurance and all banking activities.

The Shariah imposes Zakat on all forms of commercial activities according to the Hadeeth of Jabir bin Samra - may Allah be pleased with him- who narrated (The Messenger of Allah - peace be upon him - ordered us to pay Zakat against what we prepare for sale).



I. Terms of obligations and their impact on Zakat:

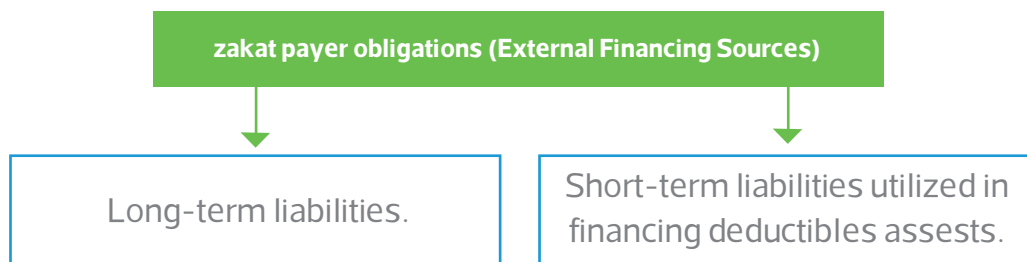
Zakat-related obligations are divided into two parts:

Obligations by Zakat payer

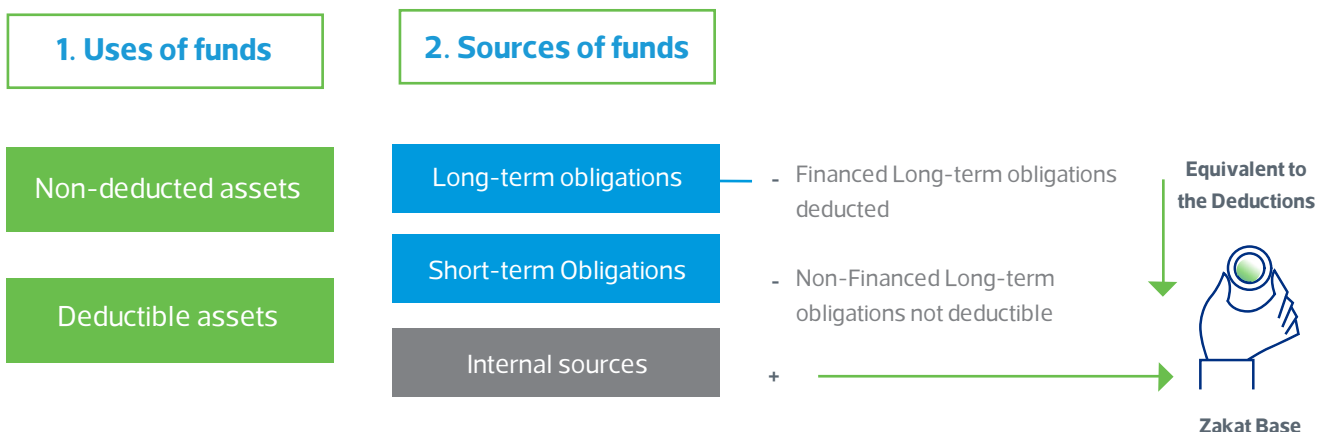
They are loans, creditors, notes payable, government and commercial financing, and the like.

In general, Zakat payer's obligations reduces Zakat base of the Zakat payer, by not adding them to the base, according to the method adopted by the Authority. However, there is a difference in the accounting treatment between short-term and long-term liabilities.

Short-term liabilities that have financed a deductible asset will be added to the Zakat base components, unlike those that have not financed a deductible asset, which will not be added to the base. Long-term obligations are added to the components of the base, provided that the total obligations shall not exceed the amount of the deductible assets. This is adopted in order to ensure that the Zakat funds shall not be utilized in debt. The debts are secured by fixed assets and equivalent deductible assets even if it did not finance such assets to fulfill balance and justice and to avoid double deduction. Accordingly, the long-term obligations reduce the Zakat base of the excess amount.

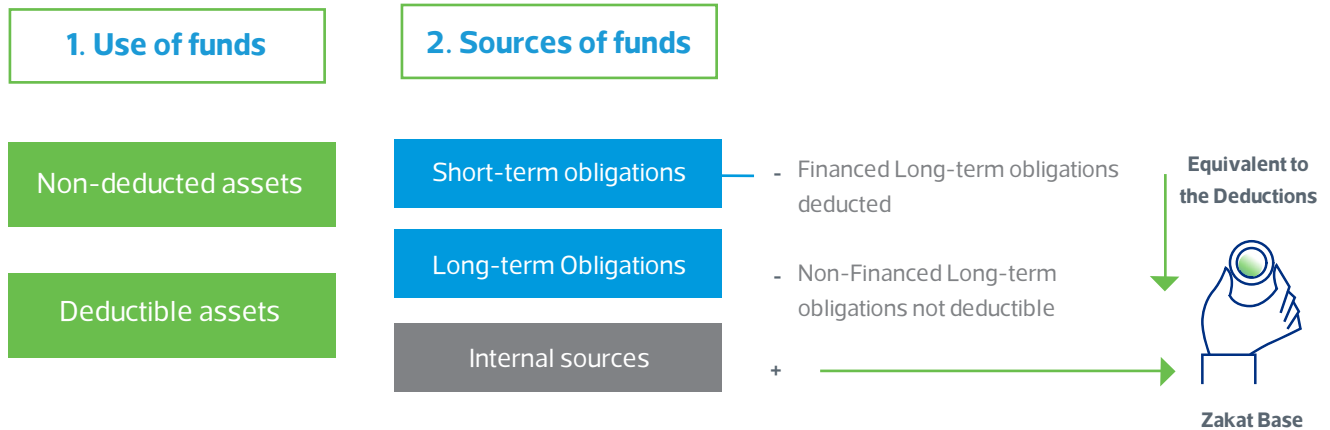


Guidelines for adding Long-Term Obligations to the Base





Guidelines for adding Short-Term Obligations to the Base



Zakat Payer's Obligations

They include accounts receivable, notes receivables, advances, and so on. Zakat is paid on what is funded by an internal source of funding.

J. Zakat Declaration:

items, must be filled out and submitted by each Zakat payer. The purpose of the declaration and its submission is to indicate the amount of Zakat base of the entity and enable the Authority to make the assessment in accordance with the declaration data. The types of declaration are:

- **Type I:** A declaration for the taxpayer who maintains commercial books and regular accounts, and issues financial statements that comply with the legal requirements.
- **Type II:** A declaration of the Zakat payer who is accounted for on deemed basis and does not maintain commercial books and statutory accounts.
- **Type III:** Information Declaration for the Zakat payers exempted from levy of Zakat, or a subsidiary that was consolidated (consolidated) and zakat was paid per the holding company's consolidated declaration, or consortium consortia. Such Zakat payer must provide a declaration that includes the disclosure of its data.



K. Assessment:

A decision by the Authority indicating its acceptance or amendment of the declaration, in accordance with the information available to it at the time.

L. Commercial Books:

A set of commercial books maintained by the Zakat payer, which record all commercial transactions, as described by the commercial books law issued by Royal Decree No. (M/61) dated 17140912//H, and its implementing regulations and any amendments thereto.

M. Methods of Zakat Calculation for Companies:

Zakat for existing companies is calculated in one of two methods:

- Direct method (net of Zakat able assets method).
- Indirect method (sources of funds method).

The procedures of each the methods differ and the items used for the purposes of calculating Zakat as well, but both match in the result (Zakat base). Both methods reach the same result if they are applied correctly and use the same standards and criteria. Following is a summary of the two methods:

Direct Method (the of Zakatable assets method):

This method is based on two basic procedures:

- Addition of all Zakatable assets of the entity, including accounts receivables for the Zakat payer.
- Deduction of the value of the obligations that funded the Zakat assets. The result of this formula is the Zakat base of the Zakat payer.

$$\text{ZB} = \text{Zakatable Assets} - \text{Obligations Financed}$$



Indirect method (sources of funds method):

This method is based on two basic procedures:

- Addition of all Zakatable assets of the entity, including accounts receivables for the Zakat payer.
- Deduction of the value of the obligations that funded the Zakat assets. The result of this formula is the Zakat base of the Zakat payer. $ZB = \text{Zakatable Assets} - \text{Obligations Financed}$

$$\text{Zakat base} = \text{All Zakatable assets} - \text{All obligations that funded them}$$

Indirect method (sources of funds method):

This method is based on two basic procedures:

Add:

- Sources of external funds utilized for the component deductible from the base, which include long-term liabilities and obligations that are known to have financed deductible assets. Such liabilities are added to the limit without exceeding the deductible assets
- All sources of internal funds of the entity (capital, retained earnings,).
- Adjusted net profit for the year subject to the audit.

Deduct:

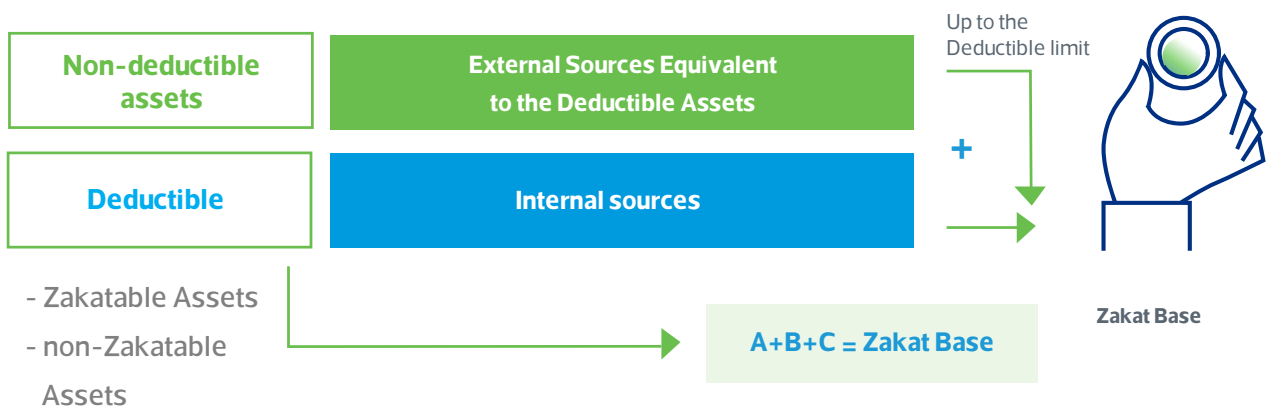
- The value of non-Zakatable assets of the entity to be deducted in accordance with the conditions of the Regulations.
- The value of the Zakatable assets in other entities, such as: (investment in the shares of Saudi companies).

The result of this formula is the Zakat base for the Zakat payer. This method is followed by the General Authority of Zakat and Tax



ZB = internal sources of funds (equity, provisions, net profit, and adjusted profit for the year) + external sources of funds not exceeding deductible assets (long-term obligations and obligations known to have financed deductibles) - non-zakatable assets - zakatable assets, or adjusted net profit for the year; whichever is greater.

ZATCA's method to Calculate Zakat Base





Example (3):

The following data is for a company as at the end of the fiscal year:

Statement of Financial Position			
Assets		Liabilities and Equity	
SAR		SAR	
Current Assets	9,000	Current Liabilities	6,000
Long-Term Assets (Property and Equipment)	8,000	Long-Term Liabilities	7,000
		Equity	4,000
Total	17,000	Total	17,000

(A) Indirect calculation of the Base:

Item	SAR
Long-Term Liabilities	7,000
Equity	4,000
Less: Long-term assets	(8,000)
Zakat Base	3,000

External sources of funding are added to the base first to meet them with deductions, not exceeding the total value of the deductions and then internal sources of funding are added. Therefore, in the example above, long-term liabilities for the entire base were added because they are less than the deductions, and then equity was added.



(B) Direct recalculation of the Base:

Item	SAR
Current Assets	9,000
Less: Current Liabilities	(6,000)
Zakat Base	3,000

N. Deemed Calculation

A method used by the Authority to account for the Zakat payer who does not maintain commercial books and statutory accounts. This is because the origin of the Zakat base of the Zakat payer is that it is based on its statutory records containing the data through which the base can be identified. When this is not achieved, the Authority shall form a Zakat base according to the available information, so that the Zakat base can be estimated as closely as possible.

The Authority resorts to the deemed method when the Zakat payer does not comply with the deadlines set for filing the declaration, or there are problems related to the confidence of the Authority in the accuracy of the data provided by the Zakat payer, according to the zakat payer records, in order to approach as close as possible to his correct base.

O. The Basis of Zakat Calculation:

The calculation of Zakat of existing companies is generally based on the overall accounting principles and standards, as the concepts of the accounting standards applicable to Zakat can be applied to companies that prepare financial statements according to the accounting principles observed in Saudi Arabia, while verifying that the Zakat payer complies with the standard of presentation and disclosure and accuracy of such disclosures, such as the distinction between fixed assets and current assets, with the addition of certain requirements relating to increased disclosure of the entity, such as the type of investments owned by the entity, and whether or not they are subject to Zakat, as they do not appear in the financial statements, but they are necessary for the purpose of forming the Zakat base



3. Identify Zakat Base for Zakat Payer Maintaining Commercial Books

The Zakat base for the Zakat payer who maintains commercial books shall be determined according to the method of the Authority in collecting Zakat which is explained in Section 2 of this guide¹. According to this method, the internal sources of the Zakat payer's funds and the part of his external sources of funds utilized in financing deductible assets shall be added to Zakat base (additions), whereas the Non-Zakatable assets are deducted from Zakat base (deductions)².

3.1 Components of Zakat Base (Additions)

Additions to the Zakat base for the Zakat payer who maintains business books, consists of internal sources of funds (equity) and external sources of funds that have financed deductible assets³.

Reasons for adding to the Zakat base:

- Offsetting the deductible assets against the obligations thereto.
- Determine Zakatable assets financed from internal sources of funds.

1) Article 4 of the Implementing Regulations: Identifying additions and deductions to Zakat base

2) Article 5 of the Implementing Regulations: Identifying Zakat base for those who keep commercial books - Sources of funds method

3) Article 4 of the Implementing Regulations: Identifying Zakat base for those who keep commercial books - Sources of funds method-Funds that compose Zakat base



Example (4):

The following data is for a company as at the end of the fiscal year:

Statement of Financial Position			
Assets		Liabilities and Equity	
SAR		SAR	
Current Assets	10,000	Current Liabilities	8,000
	5,000	Long-term liabilities	2,000
Long-Term Assets (Property and Equipment)		Equity	5,000
Total	15,000	Total	15,000

(A) Calculation of the Base:

Item	SAR
Long-Term Liabilities	2,000
Equity	5,000
Less: Long-term assets	(5,000)
Zakat Base	2,000

External sources of funding are added to the base first, to meet them with deduction, and then internal sources of funding are added. In the above example, long-term liabilities for the entire base were added, and then equity is added.



Reasons for inclusion in additions to the Zakat Base

Define Zakatable assets financed from internal sources of funds

Offsetting the deductible assets against the obligations thereto

Meeting deductible assets including the obligations it utilized



3.1.1. Concepts Related to Additions

The Authority's method of calculating Zakat base is based on identifying all sources of internal funds and what has financed deductible assets from the sources of external funds.

Zakat base calculation:

When building Zakat base, the obligations of the Zakat payer (external sources of finance) should be added initially, assuming their priority in financing the deductible items before the internal sources of funding, in the following order:

- **Sources of external funds (maximum limit is the value of deductible assets):**
 1. Obligations that are known to have financed deductible assets, such as: Loans for the purchase of a fixed asset.
 2. Long-term liabilities (given debt term), such as (loans with a term longer than 354 days).

Example (5)

The following data is for a company as at the end of the fiscal year:

Statement of Financial Position			
Assets		Liabilities and Equity	
SAR		SAR	
Current Assets	8,000	Current Liabilities	3,000
	6,000	Long-Term Liabilities	7,000
Long-Term Assets (Property and Equipment)		Equity	4,000
Total	14,000	Total	14,000



(A) Indirect calculation of the Base

Item	SAR
Long-Term Liabilities (not to exceed deductions)	6,000
Equity	4,000
Less: Long-term assets	(6,000)
Zakat Base	4,000

External sources of financing are added to the base first, but not exceed the total value of deductible assets, and then internal sources of funding are added. In the above example, longterm liabilities for the base were added up to the value of deductible assets, and then equity is added.

- **Internal sources of funds:**

1. Equity, such as (capital, reserves, retained earnings).
2. Accumulated provisions after deduction of what was used during the year, such as: (end of service provision after deduction of what was used during the year).



3.1.2. What is added to the Zakat Base:

Below are examples of items to be added to the Zakat base with some guidelines mentioned in the next section, and some examples for further clarification:

Group	Item	Amount
Equity and equivalent	Increase in capital during the year	xx
	Reserves carried forward from previous years	xx
	Retained earnings from previous years	xx
	Adjusted net profit for Zakat collection purposes	xx
	Change in fair value resulting from revaluation	xx
	Change in fair value resulting from the revaluation	xx
Obligations of the Zakat payer classified as long - term and equivalent	Creditors	xx
	Notes payable	xx
	Loans + current installment of the loan	xx
	Partner or Owners' Loans	xx
	Retained amounts from contractors (performance bond)	xx
	Amounts due to related parties	xx
	Profits under distribution	xx
	Deferred long-term tax liability	xx
Provisions	Opening provisions after deducting the used part during the year	xx



3.1.3. Items to be excluded from Zakat base

The following are examples of items that are not to be added to the Zakat Base:

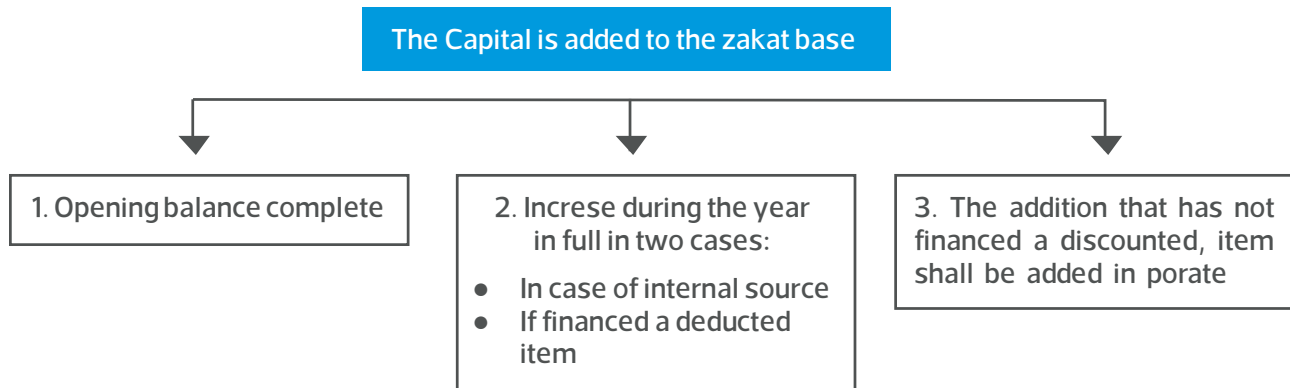
Group	Item	Amount
Obligations of the Zakat payer classified as short- term and equivalent unless it is known that they were used for financing deductible assets	Loans	xx
	Creditors	xx
	Accrued expenses	xx
	Notes payable	xx
	Overdraft account	xx
	Retention payable	xx
	Amount due to related parties	xx

3.1.4. Guidelines for Addition to Zakat Base

- **The capital shall be added to the Zakat base according to the following guidelines:**
 1. The opening balance shall be added.
 2. The increase in the capital during the year shall be added in full if its source is internal (equity).
 3. The capital increase during the whole year shall be added if it finances any of the deductible items from the Zakat base.
 4. The increase in capital shall be added if it is not financed a deductible asset from the base in proportion with the number of days of the Zakatable year. It shall be treated as a finance source referred to in Article 4, paragraph (3/a) of the implementing regulations



Cases where Capital is added to Zakat Base



Example (6)

A company increased its capital during the year by SR10,000,000 as of 120/7/XXG as follows:

1. SAR 3,000,000 transfer from the general reserve.
2. SAR 7,000,000 increment in the capital contributed by one of the partners, of which SAR 5,000,000 was used to purchase a new production line and SAR 2,000,000 to finance the purchase of goods and raw materials.

What is the amount that should be added to the Zakat base?

1. The amount of SR 3,000,000, which is the increase taken from the general reserve shall be added to the Zakat base as it is an internal transfer from an element of the equity.
2. The amount of SR 5,000,000, which is the increase made to finance the purchase of a new production line shall be added to the Zakat base because it financed deductible asset.
3. The amount of the increase made to finance the purchase of goods and raw materials (SAR 2,000,000) shall be added by the number of days, as it is a source of other financing sources. It is treated as an obligation of the Zakat payer. Consequently, an amount of SAR 1,000,000 is added as calculated below with the obligations not exceeding the deductibles amount from the base as follows:



Number of Days Left remaining until the end of the Fiscal Year	×	The increase value	=	****
Number of the Year days 365				
183	×	2,000,000	=	1,000,000
365				

Reserves:

1. The balance of the first period shall be added if the balance remains until the end of the year, and if it is disposed of during the year, such as cash and other distributions, the portion disposed of shall not be added to the Zakat Base
2. If the reserves are transferred to an equity account, they shall be added to the base for the full term within the equity.

Example (7)

A company has a general reserve balance of SAR 10,000,000, of which SAR 5,000,000 has been used for capital increase and SAR 2,000,000. How much should be added to the base?

SAR 5,000,000 of the reserves used to increase the capital shall be added to the base, in addition to the remaining balance of the reserves, after deducting the the withdrawn from the reserve balance as follows:

Opening balance of the year the withdrawn from the reserve balance during the year:
 $5,000,000 + 3,000,000 (5,000,000 - 2,000,000) = 8,000,000$ Saudi Riyals



Guidelines for adding reserves to the Zakat Base

- a. To add to the base reserve at the beginning of the period, if the balance exists at the year end.
- b. If reserves are transferred to one of the equity accounts, they shall be added to the base for the whole period within equity.
- c. If the balance is disposed by year end it will not be added to the base



Retained earnings:

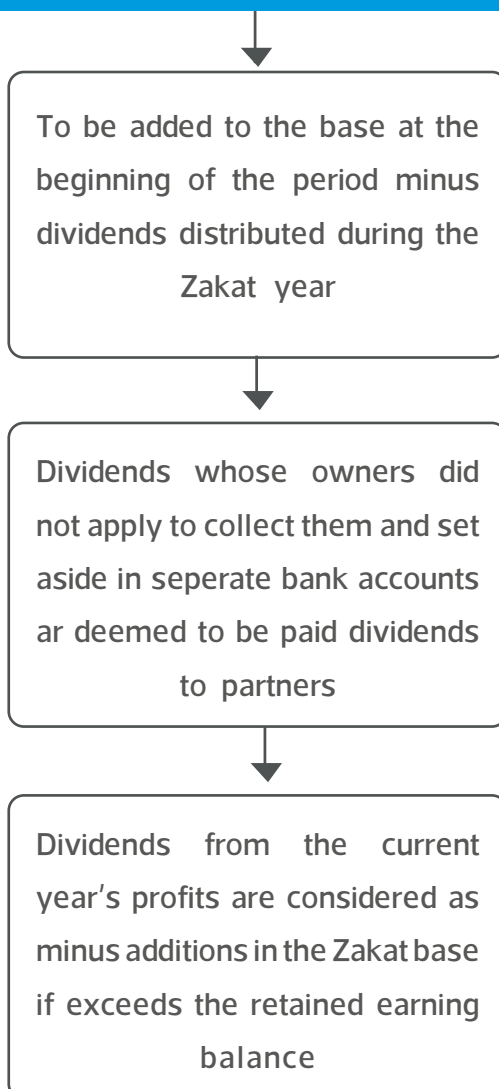
1. They shall be added to the Zakat base at the opening balance of the period less dividends paid during the Zakat year.
2. Distributions not claimed by owners and have been provided in separate bank accounts, will be considered as dividends paid to partners.
3. Dividends from the current year are considered among the negative additions in the Zakat base if they exceed the balance of the retained earnings.

Example (8)

The opening balance of the retained earnings for the period amounted to SAR 5,000,000. The Company distributed cash dividends during the year amounting to SAR 6,000,000.
How much should be added to the base?



Guidelines for adding Retained Earnings to the Zakat Base



The balance of the retained earnings shall be added to the base after deducting the cash dividends distributed during the year as follows:

The opening balance of the year less cash dividends during the year: $5,000,000 - 6,000,000 = (1,000,000)$ Saudi Riyals

In this case, the amount of cash dividends is more than the balance of the retained earnings during the year, thus the negative amount is added to the base.



Obligations of the Zakat payer:

- Obligations of the Zakat payer and equivalents referred to in the additions above shall be added to the Zakat base in accordance with the following guidelines:
 1. Obligations of (354) days and more, as well as obligations that are (354) days and overlapping between more than one Zakatable year; shall be added to the base proportionally with the number of days of the Zakat year.
 2. Short-term obligations that financed deductible assets are added.
 3. The hijri year (Al Hawl) shall not be interrupted by the renewal or replacement of obligations by other obligations or sources of financing that finance what have been financed by these obligations, nor by the rescheduling the obligations with the same creditor.
 4. The total amount of the obligations added to the Zakat base as stated in the above items shall not exceed the total deductions from the base.

Note that the obligations on the Zakat payer that are classified as short-term (less than a lunar year), are not added to the Zakat base unless they are to finance the assets deducted from the base



Guidelines for adding the obligations on the Zakat payer

Obligations of the Zakat payer and equivalents referred to in the additions above shall be added to the zakat base in accordance with the following guidelines

Obligations of (354) days and more, as well as obligations that are (354) days and overlapping between more than one Zakatable year, shall be added to the base proportionally with the number of days of the Zakat year

Short-term obligations that financed deductible assets are added

The Total Amount of the obligations added to the Zakat base as stated in the above items shall not exceed the total deductions from the base

The Hijara year (Al Hawl) shall not be interrupted by the renewal or replacement of obligations by other obligations or sources of financing that finance what have been financed by these obligations, not by the rescheduling the obligations with the same creditor

Example (9)

A company has secured a long-term loan amounting to SAR 1,000,000 on 20/ 8/ 2019. The end of the financial year of the company is 31/ 12/ 2019 . The company has a short-term six-month loan of SAR 2,000,000 acquired on 1/ 1/ 2019 and rescheduled for another six months. How does it determine what loans to be added to the base?



The long-term loan shall be added to the base based on the number of days of the Zakat year, as follows:

Number of Days remaining until the end of the Fiscal Year	×	Debt amount	=	*****
Number of the Year days 365				
133	×	1,000,000	=	364,384
365				

The short-term loan shall be added to the base entirely on the basis that the year is not interrupted by rescheduling the debt with the same creditor. Accordingly, an additional full amount of SAR 2,000,000 is added to the base.

Example (10)

A company acquired a loan of SAR 2,000,000 on 10/ 2/ 2019 which is repayable on 1/ 2/ 2020. Knowing that the end of the fiscal year is 31/ 1/ 2020, how does it determine what to be added to the base?

The short-term loan shall be added to the base based on the number of days of the Zakat year, as follows:

Number of Days remaining until the end of the Fiscal Year	×	Debt amount	=	*****
Number of the Year days 365				
335	×	2,000,000	=	1,945,205
365				

The short-term loan was added because it lasts more than (354 days) and overlaps with more than one Zakat year, pursuant to paragraph (A/3) of Article (4) of the Implementing Regulations for the collection of Zakat.



Example (11)

A company acquired short-term loans (less than 354 days) as follows:

1. SAR 3,000,000 used to finance the purchase of a plot of land.
2. SAR 2,000,000 used to finance the purchase of goods.
3. SAR 1,000,000 used to meet multiple commitments in the business

What amount should be added to the base in each case?

1. The amount of SAR 3,000,000 shall be added to the Zakat base where it was used to finance a deductible asset (fixed asset).
2. The amount of SAR 2,000,000 shall not be added being a short-term loan and has not financed a deductible item (fixed asset).
3. The amount of SAR 1,000,000 shall not be added being a short-term loan and has been used in multiple commitments in the business and does not include financing of a deductible item.

- **Provisions**

1. The provision set a side during the Zakat year shall be (Added to /deducted from) the (profit/ loss).
2. The opening balance shall be added to the base less the used amount during the year.
3. If the Zakat base is the minimum limit (adjusted profits), the used amount is deducted from the adjusted net profit as a deductible expense, provided that the net profit is compared to the base after the deduction has been made (upon reversing the effect of the used amount on the base provision) and the greater of the two is considered.



Provisions



The provision set a side during the Zakat year shall be
(Added to / deducted from) the (profit/loss)



The opening balance shall be added to the base less
the used amount during the year



If the Zakat base is set at the minimum limit (adjusted profits), it is not allowed to deduct the used amount from the provisions, as it is deducted from the balance of the provisions at the beginning of the year



Example (12)

The table below shows the movement of provisions during the year:

Description	Opening Balance	Provided During the Year	Utilized During the Year	Closing Balance
	SAR	SAR	SAR	SAR
End-of-Service Benefits	2,000,000	500,000	300,000	2,200,000
Provision for Doubtful Obligations	1,000,000	200,000	-	1,200,000
Total	3,000,000	700,000	300,000	3,400,000

What amount should be added to modify activity result?

Item	Amount
Amount of Provisions provided during the year	700,000

What amount should be added to the base?

Item	Amount
Opening balance of provisions	3,000,000
The utilized amount of provisions during the year shall be deducted	300,000
Provisions balance which should be added to the base	2,700,000

The change in the fair value calculated in accordance with paragraph (6) of Article VI of the Regulation shall be added to the components of the Zakat base.



3.2 Items of Zakat Base (Deductibles)

The deductible items consist of the Zakat base for the Zakat payer who maintains commercial books of non-Zakatable assets, such as fixed assets, assets subject to levy of Zakat in another base such as investments in the capital of companies subject to Zakat in the Kingdom, or which the Zakat payer has paid their Zakat independently, and some other assets specified in the Regulation⁴.

3.2.1. Concepts related to deductions

The Authority's method of calculating Zakat base includes deduction of all non-Zakatable assets, assets which have their Zakat paid independently and certain other items.

The main deductible items consist of the following:

1. Non-Zakatable assets, including fixed assets, such as buildings, machinery and equipment, furniture, intangible assets, etc.
2. Zakatable assets, including investment in shares of Saudi companies or foreign companies subjected to Zakat independently in accordance with the rules specified in the Regulations.

4) Article 5 Paragraph (9) The value of properties under development and intended for sale, which are classified as non-current assets in the financial statements and intended to be sold after completion of their development, unless they are offered for sale as is or the total sales and advances received from customers exceed twenty five percent (25%) of their value shown in the financial statements of the Zakat year in question. The Authority may review the amendment of this percentage according to the state of the market and its conditions.



Items of deducted Assets

In general, the main deducted items are:

Non-Zakatable assets

- Include fixed assets (e.g. buildings, machines and equipment, furniture, intangible assets, etc)



Intangible
Assets



Furniture



Machine
and
Equipment



Buildings

Zakatable assets

- Include investment in Saudi of foreign companies subjected to Zakat independently in accordance with the guidelines of the Implementing Regulations



Investment in shares



3.2.2 Items to be deducted from the base

The following table shows examples of items that shall be deducted from the base:

Item	Amount
Net fixed assets and equivalents	(xx)
Capital work in progress	(xx)
Intangible assets	(xx)
Investments in entities inside and outside the Kingdom for non-trading in accordance with the rules mentioned below	(xx)
Net incorporation and pre-operating expenses and equivalent capital expenses	(xx)
Adjusted net loss in the Zakat year adjusted for Zakat purposes	(xx)
Adjusted net accumulated loss for Zakat collection purposes in accordance with the guidelines specified below	(xx)
Net value of properties under development for sale in accordance with the guidelines specified below	(xx)
Statutory deposit of insurance and reinsurance companies	(xx)
Inventories of agricultural inputs purchased for use in production	(xx)
Deferred tax long term asset	(xx)
Deferred tax long term asset	(xx)



3.2.3 Guidelines for Deduction from the Zakat Base

1. Fixed assets and equivalent shall be deducted at net value recognized in the accounts provided that they are used in the Zakat payer's activity. The assets include the following:
 - Spare parts and materials not intended for sale.
 - Payments for the purchase of fixed assets.
 - Assets financed for the Lessee in the financing lease contracts in Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT), Build-Own-Operate (BOO), Build-Own-Operate-Transfer Contracts (BOOT) contracts and other similar form of contracts

Guidelines for deduction from Zakat base

- Fixed assets and equivalents shall be deducted at net book value recognized in the accounts provided that they are used in the Zakat payer's activity. The items that are treated like assets include:
 2. Spare parts and materials not held for sale.
 3. Payments to purchase fixed assets.
 4. Assets financed for the lessee in financial lease contracts for BOT, BOO, BOOT projects and similar ones.

Example (13)

A company in contract with the General Authority of Civil Aviation to construct an airport in Al- Jouf. The contract was in the form of Build-Own-Operate-Transfer Contracts (BOOT) contracts, so that the company builds and owns the airport for a period of ten years during which the airport is operated in favor of the company. At the end of the contract term (ten years) the ownership will be transferred to the General Authority of Civil Aviation. The company spent in the first year SAR 24,000,000 to build the project.

The company has the right to deduct the cost of the project (SAR 24,000,000) from the Zakat base for this year.



Example (13)

A company in contract with the General Authority of Civil Aviation to construct an airport in Al- Jouf. The contract was in the form of Build-Own-Operate-Transfer Contracts (BOOT) contracts, so that the company builds and owns the airport for a period of ten years during which the airport is operated in favor of the company. At the end of the contract term (ten years) the ownership will be transferred to the General Authority of Civil Aviation. The company spent in the first year SAR 24,000,000 to build the project.

The company has the right to deduct the cost of the project (SAR 24,000,000) from the Zakat base for this year.

Example (14)

A company in contract with the Electricity Company to establish a power station in the Taif region. The contract was in the form of construct-Build-operate and transfer (BOT). In the first year, the company spent SAR 50,000,000 on the project.

The company has the right to deduct what it spent on the project (SAR 50,000,000) from the Zakat base for this year

Example (15)

A company in contract with the Development Authority to build a hotel in Riyadh. The contract was in the form of build-own and operate (BOO), so that the company builds, owns and operates the hotel in its favor. The company has spent SR 100,000,000 to build the hotel.

The company has the right to deduct the cost of establishing the hotel (SAR 100,000,000) from the Zakat base for this year

- Capital constructions and projects underway that are established for use in the business activity and not for sale shall be deducted from the Zakat base.
- Long-term non-trading investments in establishments within the Kingdom shall be deducted if they are represented in the shares of companies subject to the provisions of Zakat levy, i.e. they represent Zakat assets with the investees.



Investments in establishments outside the Kingdom are deducted as follows:

1. Investments shall be in non-trading companies' shares
 2. The Zakat payer shall pay the Zakat of these investments to the Authority according as certified by a public accountant registered in the Kingdom.
 3. The minimum Zakat base for these investments shall equal, at least, Zakat payer's share of accounting profit reported in the financial statements.
- The net accumulated loss under the Authority's assessment after adding back the lower of provisions utilized previously to reduce the loss for the year during which the provisions have been created and accumulated loss per Zakat payer's accounting books, whichever is less. Note that accumulated losses and losses for the year should be accounted for as negative additions to the elements of equity due to their nature and not within the deduction items from the base



Guidelines for deducting investments from the Zakat base

Investments in entities outside the kingdom are deducted as follows:

The minimum Zakat base for these investments shall equal, at least, Zakat payer's share of accounting profit reported in the financial statements



Zakat payer shall pay the Zakat of these investments to the Authority according to a certificate certified by a licensed certified public accountant licensed in the Kingdom



Investments shall be in non-trading companies' shares



Example (16):

The following data are for a company as of 3120/12/XX

Share Capital; SAR 2,000,000.

Statutory reserve: SAR 500,000.

Accumulated losses according to the assessment: SAR 900,000.

Accumulated losses as per books: SAR 750,000.

Adjusted loss for the year: SAR 450,000.

Fixed Assets: SAR 800,000

How to add the above items to the Zakat base?

Item	Amount
Additions	
Capital	2,000,000
Statutory reserve	500,000
Accumulated losses	(750,000)
Adjusted loss for the year	(450,000)
Total additions to the base	1,300,000
Deductions	
Fixed assets	800,000
Total Deductions	800,000
Less: Long-term assets	(8,000)
Zakat base	500,000



- Properties under development for sale are deducted according to the following:
 1. They shall be classified as non-current assets in the financial statements.
 2. They shall be intended for sale once development is completed.
 3. They shall not be available for sale as is.
 4. The total sale amount and customers advances received out of it exceeds twenty five percent (25%) of their value reflected in the financial statements for the year of respective declaration. This is through consideration of the value of exclusions (sales) at cost, to the total value of the project shown in the financial statements. The Authority may revise such percentage depending on the market condition, Taking into account the value of the exclusions (sales) at cost, to the total value of the project shown in the financial statement.

Guidelines for deducting properties under development from the base

They shall be classified as non-current assets in the financial statements

Properties under development for sale are deducted according to the following

They shall be intended for sale once development is completed

The total sale amount and customers advances received out of it exceeds twenty five percent (25%) of their value reflected in the financial statements for the year of respective declaration. The Authority may revise such percentage depending on the market condition, taking into account that the 25% is for each project separately, and not for the total item reflected in the financial statement

They shall not be available for sale as is



Example (17)

A company operating in the field of real estate investment, where the balance of projects under development classified under non-current assets amounted to SAR 1,000,000, and the value of sales excluded at cost from the balance of properties under development was equivalent to 20% of the balance of real estate projects under development.

Due to the fact that the projects are classified as non-current assets and the value of sales excluded at cost made from the projects during the year is less than 25%, therefore, the total amount of SAR 1,000,000 shall be deducted from the Zakat base.

- Agricultural inputs (in stock) purchased for use in production purposes shall be deducted, as they are subject to Zakat in agricultural activities

3.2.4 Items that are not deducted from the Zakat base

Below are examples of items that are not deductible from the Zakat Base:

Group	Items that are not deductible from the Zakat Base	Amount
Not deductible assets	Cash and cash equivalents	(xx)
	Inventory	(xx)
	Obligations of the Zakat payer, whatever their duration or nature	(xx)
	Investments in Sukuk and Bonds	(xx)
	Investments in companies outside the Kingdom unless Zakat is paid	(xx)
	Investments in properties under development that do not meet the conditions specified in the Regulations	(xx)
	Spare parts held for sale	(xx)



	Intangible assets purchased for trading	(xx)
	Investment in deposits or forward transactions	(xx)
	Statutory deposits excluding statutory deposits of insurance and reinsurance companies	(xx)
	Investments for trading	(xx)

- **Items that are not deducted from the Zakat base**

The Zakar payer's obligations include:

Notes Receivable

Advance payments receivable

Receivables

Receivables from goverment

Dues from related parties



3.2.5 Other general guidelines regarding Zakat base

- Zakat base shall not be less than the net profit adjusted for the purpose of Zakat levy⁵.

Example (18)

Zakat base of one of the Zakat payers was SAR 1,000,000 and the adjusted profit was SAR 1,100,000 for the period from 120/1/XX to 3120/12/XX of the same year.

What is the Zakat Base of the Company?

Since Zakat is less than the adjusted profit, Zakat should be calculated based on the adjusted profit.

Adjusted profit \times 2.5% = Zakat amount due $1,100,000 \times 2.5\% = \text{SAR } 27,500$

- The Zakat payer shall be held accountable for Zakat of the entire Zakat year in which one of the partners died or waived his share and the entry of others to replace him, whether heirs or others, if the Zakat payer continues activity.

Example (19)

A joint venture company whose financial year ends on 31/ 12/ 2019. On 1/ 7/ 2019 , one partner assigned its stake in the company to another partner.

How does the company be accountable for Zakat this year?

As long as the activity continues, the Zakat base is not affected by the entry or exit of a partner. Accordingly, the Company is accountable for the entire Zakat year in accordance with the Regulation and the continuation of business.

- A sole proprietorship entity shall be accounted for the Zakat year during which ownership is fully transferred to other owners in proportion to the financial period, whether transfer of ownership was by sale, assignment or otherwise.

5) Article 6, Specific Controls for Zakat Base, Implementing Regulations



Example (20)

A sole proprietorship entity transferred to a new owner on 1/ 7/ 2019 noting that the financial year ends on 31/ 12/ 2019.

How will the entity be charged this year on the assumption that the calculated Zakat base was SAR 10,000,000?

The old owner will be charged proportionally from the beginning of the year until the date of transfer of ownership on 30/ 6/ 2019 .

The new owner will be charged proportionally from the date of transfer of ownership (1/ 7/ 2019) to the end of the year (31/ 9/ 2019)

Calculation of the Zakat base for both the old and the new owners:

Number of days before and after ownership transfer	×	Zakat base	=	*****
Days of the year 365				
183	×	10,000,000	=	5,000,000
365				

- In the event that the Zakat payer is converted from one legal form to another in any way, the accounting shall not be applied in a pro rata basis other than what is mentioned in paragraph (3) above.



The table below shows the Zakat treatment in cases of conversion from one legal entity to another as follows:

Conversion of the legal entity		Zakat Transaction
From	To	
Finance Company/ Persons	Sole proprietorship	Zakat transaction is not affected
Sole proprietorship	Finance Company/ Persons	Zakat transaction is not affected
Finance Company/ Persons	Finance Company/ Persons	Zakat transaction is not affected
Sole proprietorship	Sole proprietorship	The period between the old owner and the new owner is divided in pro rata basis and is charged accordingly

- There shall be no clearing or settlement between the payable balances of owners or partners (including their current accounts) and debits to other owners or partners (including their current accounts). Clearing or settlement may be made between the balances of owner and the same owner (or the balances of the partner or the same partner).
- For Zakat purposes, the revaluation results are taken into account in accordance with the fair value shown in the financial statements.

Example (21)

Al Bahr Company owns shares in Al Salam Company (a Saudi joint stock company listed on the Exchange) and is classified as long-term investment.

The fair value of investments in Al Salam Company amounted to SAR 1,000,000 at the beginning of the Zakat year. However, the fair value increased to SAR 1,500,000 at the end of the year. The increase in fair value (SAR 500,000) is included in the other overall income statement.

How the investment in Al Salam Company is treated in the Zakat Declaration?



Item	Amount (SAR)
Value of the investment deducted from the Zakat base	1,500,000
Change in fair value added to Zakat base	500,000

3.2.6 Practical Examples

The data below are for a company as at 31/12/2019. Zakat calculation is required accordingly.

Balance Sheet (Statement of Financial Position)

As of December 31, 2019

(Amounts in SAR)

Assets	2019	2018
	SAR	SAR
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash in hand and at banks	400,000	350,000
Investments recognized at fair value through profit or loss	2,000,000	1,600,000
Trade and other receivables	2,000,000	2,300,000
Inventory	6,100,000	6,200,000
Prepaid expenses and other receivables	500,000	650,000
Total current assets	11,000,000	11,100,000



Non-current assets		
Receivable from Related Parties	4,000,000	3,800,000
Projects under construction	3,000,000	2,400,000
Investments in subsidiaries	5,000,000	5,300,000
Real estate investments	5,000,000	5,000,000
Property, plant and equipment	9,000,000	8,700,000
Goodwill and intangible assets	4,000,000	4,000,000
Other long-term assets	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total non-current assets	31,500,000	30,200,000
Total assets	42,500,000	41,300,000

Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	2019	2018
Current liabilities	SAR	SAR
Due to banks	500,000	700,000
Accounts payable	500,000	600,000
Accrued expenses and other credit balances	800,000	700,000
Deferred revenue	1,500,000	1,200,000
Advances from customers	1,300,000	1,800,000
Dividend payable	3,500,000	-
Provision for Zakat	225,000	-



Obligations under a capital lease	500,000	600,000
Current portion of term loan	400,000	500,000
Total Current Liabilities	9,225,000	6,100,000
Non - current liabilities		
Provision for end of service benefits	2,000,000	1,800,000
Term loan	3,400,000	-
Due from related parties	6,100,000	10,500,000
Obligations under a capital lease	3,000,000	3,100,000
Total Liabilities	23,725,000	21,500,000
Shareholders' equity		
Capital	10,000,000	10,000,000
Statutory reserve	5,000,000	5,000,000
Retained earnings	3,775,000	4,800,000
Total shareholders' equity	18,775,000	19,800,000
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	42,500,000	41,300,000

Income Statement

For the period from 12019/1/ to 312019/12/
(Amounts in SAR)



	2019
	SAR
Revenues	50,000,000
Cost of Revenues	(45,000,000)
Gross profit	5,000,000
General, administrative and marketing expenses	(2,000,000)
Share in (losses) of subsidiaries	(500,000)
Share in results of invested companies by equity method	800,000
Other loss, net	(300,000)
Income from operations	3,000,000
Finance charges, net	(300,000)
Profit before Zakat and income tax	2,700,000
Zakat	(225,000)
Profit for the year	2,475,000



Movement of the Provision:

Description	Opening Balance	Provided during the year	Utilized during the year	Closing balance
	SAR	SAR	SAR	SAR
End of service benefits	1,800,000	400,000	200,000	2,000,000
Provision for doubtful obligations	300,000	300,000	-	600,000
Total	2,100,000	700,000	200,000	2,600,000

Zakat calculation:

Item	2018
Adjustment to activity result	SAR
Net profit before Zakat	2,700,000
Add: Provision for end of service provided during the year	400,000
Add: Provision for doubtful liabilities provided during the year	300,000
Add: Share in (losses) of companies subject to Zakat	500,000
Excludes: Share in profit of companies subject to Zakat	(800,000)
Total adjusted zakatable profit	3,100,000



Additions to the base	
Equity	SAR
Capital	10,000,000
Statutory reserve	5,000,000
Retained earnings less dividends	1,300,000
Dividend payable	3,500,000
Provision for doubtful obligations at the beginning of the year	300,000
Total	20,100,000
Obligations on the Zakat payer	
Deferred revenue	1,300,000
Advances from customers	1,300,000
Loans (obtained on 1 July 2019) (3653,800,000 * 183/)	1,905,206
Due from related parties	6,100,000
Obligations under a capital lease	3,500,000
Provision for end of service -Opening balance minus the utilized amount	1,600,000
Total additions to the base	35,705,206



Deductions from Zakat base	
	SAR
Projects under construction (assets)	3,000,000
Investments in local subsidiaries after excluding shares in profit and loss	5,200,000
Real Estate Investments (residential compounds for rent)	5,000,000
Property, plant and equipment	9,000,000
Goodwill and intangible assets	4,000,000
Total assets deducted	26,200,000
Zakat base without the adjusted profit for the year	9,505,206
Zakat at 2.578% of the Zakat base without the adjusted profit	245,044
adjusted profit	3,400,000
Zakat at 2.5% of the adjusted profit	85,000
Total Zakat	330,044



4. Adjustment to the Result of Business

Adjustment shall be made to the result of business (book profit or book loss) to reach the adjusted net profit for the following purposes⁶.

Item	2018
Net book profit or book loss for the year	xxx
Add: Non-deductible expenses	xxx
Net profit or loss adjusted for the purpose of Zakat	xxx

4.1 Expenses that may be deducted

The following expenses may be deducted to determine the results of the activity for the purposes of Zakat:

Expenses	Conditions to be met in expenses
Normal and necessary expenses necessary for the business	The expense shall be actual and supported by documents and evidence accepted by the Authority, and verifiable, even if it relates to previous years.
	The expenses shall be related to the business of the Zakat payer and shall not relate to personal expenses or other activities not related to the Zakat payer.
	They should not be of a capital nature. If capital expenditure is included in the expenses, it shall be adjusted as a result of the business activity and included in the fixed assets and depreciated within the depreciation of the asset.
Salaries and allowances of the owner or the partner	Salaries and allowances paid to the owner and partner may be declared if either is registered with the General Organization for Social Insurance.
Remuneration paid to the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and members of the Board from the owners or partners	May be deducted within the limits of remuneration paid to independent persons.

⁶) Article 8 of the Implementing Regulations, Result of Business



Bad debt	Should have been previously reported as revenue in the year the revenue had been derived.
	The Zakat payer shall provide a certificate from a chartered public accountant licensed in the Kingdom confirming that cancellation of such obligations has been made by a decision of the competent authority upon request by the Authority.
	Obligations shall not be due from related parties.
	The Zakat payer shall report the debts written off as revenue where such debts are recovered.
Annual installment depreciation on fixed assets	The assets shall be owned.
	The assets are intended for use in the business, as determined by the Zakat payer's business books.
	The installment depreciation shall be reasonable and not exaggerated
Donations	Donations must be paid to those authorized to receive donations inside the Kingdom and supported by relevant documents.
Provision for unearned premium and the existing risk reserve in the insurance companies (and / or) reinsurance companies (for further details refer to the insurance business manual)	Shall be returned to Zakat base during the following year.
	Shall be determined in accordance with the professional standards followed for this type of business, and in accordance with the prevailing regulations, bylaws and rules related to this type of business
School expenses paid to the children of the employees	Should have paid to an educational institution licensed in the Kingdom.
	Should be explicitly stated in the contract of employment or company's by-laws.
	Such expenses shall be capable of being evidenced by supporting payment documents acceptable to the Authority.



Guidelines of some expenses that may be deducted

Normal and necessary expenses necessary for the business

The expense shall be actual and supported by documents and evidence accepted by the Authority, and variable, even if it relates to previous years

The expenses shall be related to the business of the Zakat payer and shall not be related to personal expenses or other activities not related to the Zakat payer

They should not be of a capital nature. If capital expenditure is included in the expenses, it shall be adjusted as a result of the business activity and included in the fixed assets and depreciated within the depreciation of the asset

Bad Debt

Should have been previously reported as revenue in the year the revenue had been delivered

The Zakat payer shall provide a certificate from a chartered public accountant licensed in the Kingdom confirming that cancellation of such obligations have been made by a decision of the competent authority upon request by the Authority

The Zakat payer shall report the debts written off as revenue where such debts are recovered

Annual installment depreciation on fixed assets

The assets be owned

The assets are intended for use in the business, as determined by the Zakat payer's business books

The installment depreciation shall be reasonable and not exaggerated

Donations

Must be paid to those authorized to receive donations inside the Kingdom and supported by relevant documents



4.2 Non-deductible Expenses

The following expenses may not be deducted to determine the result of the business for the purposes of Zakat:

1. Expenses and costs not associated with the Zakat payer business, including the following:
 - Entertainment expenses.
 - Expenses of capital nature.
 - Salaries, wages and equivalent paid to the owner, partner or any member of his family other than what is registered with the social insurance.
 - Personal expenses related to partners.
2. Expenses not supported by other documents or evidence acceptable to the Authority.
3. Zakat or tax, payable or paid, except for VAT incurred by the Zakat payer.
4. Contribution of workers in pension and savings funds.
5. Provisions and reserves formed during the year.
6. Increase in material/service prices/rates provided/rendered by related parties or otherwise parties having direct/indirect influence on Zakat payer's acts/decisions compared to such prices/ rates used by independent parties in accordance with applicable regulations, related by-laws and rules.

Import differences and how to address them:

During the inspection stage, the Authority verifies the value of the import based on the customs declaration and compares the same with the value declared by the taxpayer. This will be done after deducting any imports added to the fixed assets during the Zakat year and any other imports identified by the Authority based on available information. The taxpayer will then be asked to explain any differences that arise. Some of these differences could be attributed to various factors, including differences in timing and registration, currency evaluation, and import through other companies or related companies. In order to resolve these discrepancies, supporting documents will be required for study and verification purposes.



In the event of import differences not supported by documentation, the difference is handled as follows:

- If the value of the import declared by the taxpayer is greater than its declared value in the customs declaration, the difference must be added in full to the net profit.
- If the value of the import declared by the taxpayer is lower than its declared value in the customs declaration, a profit for this difference shall be calculated in accordance with the procedures established by the Authority. The profit calculated will not be less than the ratio of the total profit of the declaration to the revenues, and the result will be adjusted accordingly.

Example A:

The import value of one of the companies as at 31 December 2019 amounted to SAR 80,000,000 according to the company's books, whereas the import, as per the customs declaration, was SAR 100,000,000, assuming that the percentage established by the Authority not less than the ratio of the total profit of the declaration to the revenues of the activity is 15%.

How to address the difference?

- **Imports on the items of the financial position or the items of the income statement:**
 1. In the previous example, the taxpayer matched the balance of the last period of the inventory in the declaration with the financial statements, and it was found that a portion of his purchases is added to the production stages, which appear within the inventory items in the statement of financial position; therefore, no import differences are calculated (with the right of the Authority to request the necessary samples to verify the validity of these differences).
 2. In the event that differences are not supported by documentation, this difference (amounting to SAR 20,000,000) shall be refunded, and a profit for this difference shall be calculated in the percentage established by the Authority at a rate not less than the ratio of the total profit of the declaration to the revenues of the activity, and the result of the activity shall be adjusted as follows:

Import difference × the percentage established by the Authority not less than the ratio of the total profit of the declaration to the revenues of the activity × 2.5% = Zakat value

$$20,000,000 \times 15\% \times 2.5\% = \text{SAR } 75,000$$



- **Import on behalf of other companies:**

1. In the previous example, after the review, the company submitted a statement of these differences, which is its import to a subsidiary company, which was then requested to provide the Authority with the names of the companies and their endorsements of these balances, and the review and verification are conducted to ensure that these companies included the imports within its statements and declarations.
2. In the event that differences are not supported by documentation, this difference (amounting to SAR 20,000,000) shall be refunded, and a profit for this difference shall be calculated in the percentage established by the Authority at a rate not less than the ratio of the total profit of the declaration to the revenues of the activity, and the result of the activity shall be adjusted as follows:

Import difference × the percentage established by the Authority not less than the ratio of the total profit of the declaration to the revenues of the activity × 2.5% = Zakat value
 $20,000,000 \times 15\% \times 2.5\% = \text{SAR } 75,000$

- **Timing and Registration Difference:**

In the previous example, the taxpayer submitted a statement of imports that were registered at the beginning of the following year with customs and appeared in the company's books for this year, while providing the Authority with invoices and registration restrictions with the books for this year, so the Authority verifies the authenticity of the submitted documents and import differences are not calculated because the invoices for purchases match the customs declaration.

Example B:

The import value of one of the companies as at 31 December 2019 amounted to SAR 100,000,000 according to the company's books, whereas the import according to the customs declaration was SAR 80,000,000.

How to address the difference?

- **Other companies importing on behalf of the company:**

In the previous example, after the review, the company submitted a statement of these



differences, which is another company that imports on its behalf, the company is requested to provide the Authority with the names of these companies and their endorsements of these balances, and the review and verification are conducted to ensure that these companies did not include these imports in their statements and declarations.

In the event that there are differences that are not supported by documentation, this difference (amounting to SAR 20,000,000) will be refunded and added to the net profit.

- **Timing and registration difference:**

In the previous example, the taxpayer submitted a statement of imports that were registered at the beginning of the following year with customs and appeared in the company's books for this year, while providing the Authority with invoices and registration restrictions with the books for this year, so the Authority verifies the authenticity of the submitted documents and import differences are not calculated because the invoices for purchases match the customs declaration

Non-deductible Expenses

The following expenses may not be deducted to determine the result of the business for the purposes of Zakat:

- Expenses and costs not associated with the Zakat payer business, including the following
 1. Expenses of capital nature
 2. Entertainment expenses
 3. Personal expenses related to partners
 4. Salaries, wages and equivalent paid to the owner partner or any member of his family other than what is registered with the social insurance
- Expenses not supported by other documents or evidence acceptable to the Authority
- Zakat or tax, payable or paid, except for VAT incurred by the Zakat payer
- Contribution of workers in pension and savings funds
- Provisions and reserves formed during the year
- Increase in material/service prices/rates provided/rendered by related parties or otherwise
- parties having direct/indirect influence on Zakat payer's acts/decisions compared to such prices/rates used by independent parties in accordance with applicable regulations, related by-laws and rule



Example (22)

The net profit of a company as at 31/12/XXG is SAR 10,000,000. If you know that the net profit

includes the following expenses:

- Entertainment expenses of SAR 40,000.
- Salaries paid to a partner not registered with social insurance SAR 400,000.
- Personal expenses related to one of the partners of SAR 30,000,
- End of service provision of SAR 100,000.
- Zakat amount of SAR 50,000.
- Commodity was purchased from related party in the amount of SAR 120,000. Note that the market value of this commodity is SAR 100,000.

How is the adjusted profit calculated for Zakat purposes?

The non-deductible expenses are returned to the net profit; to reach the adjusted net profit, as follows:

Item	SAR
Net profit	10,000,000
Add:	
Entertainment expenses	40,000
Salaries of partners not subject to social insurance	400,000
Personal expenses related to partners	30,000
Zakat expenses	50,000
Difference in the value of goods from a related party	20,000
Adjusted gross profit	10,660,000



Example (23)

The following table shows the movement of provisions for a company as at 31/2012//XX:

	Opening Balance	Provided during the year	Utilized during the year	Closing balance
	SAR	SAR	SAR	SAR
Provision for end of service	1,000,000	300,000	200,000	1,100,000
Provision for doubtful obligations	2,000,000	500,000	800,000	1,700,000
Provision for obsolete and slow- moving inventory	500,000	100,000	-	600,000
Total	3,500,00	900,000	1,000,000	3,400,000

If you know that the profit for the year amounted to SAR 8,000,000, calculate the adjusted profit for Zakat purposes.

	SAR
	SAR
Net profit for the year	8,000,000
Add:	
Provision for end of service component during the year	300,000
Provision for doubtful liabilities component during the year	500,000
Provision for obsolete and slow-moving inventory	100,000
Adjusted net profit	8,900,000



5. Real Estate Activities Sector

5.1 Definitions related to the sector

Sector definition

The real estate activities sector includes the activity of property lessors, real estate agents and/or real estate brokers in any of the following activities:

- Buying and selling real estates.
- Properties leasing.
- Providing other services related to real estate such as assessing the value of the property or acting as agents of the execution contract in the purchase of real estate properties.

Zakat issues pertaining to the sector

- Properties under development for sale

These are properties constructed and developed by the Zakat payer for sale.

Properties under development that are constructed and developed for the purpose of sale shall be deducted from the Zakat base in accordance with paragraph (9) of Article Five of the Implementing Regulations, which stipulates the rules for deducting the properties under development for sale.

They are as follows:

- They should be classified as non-current assets in the financial statements.
- They should be prepared for sale after completion of development.
- They should not be offered for sale in their current state.
- The total of sales and advance payments received from customers, shall not exceed twenty five percent (25%) of their value reflected in the financial statements of the relevant zakat year.



The percentage shall be calculated according to the following:

- A. Calculating twenty five percent (25%) of the values shown in the financial statements.
- B. The calculation of zakat for the declaration submitted of each project separately.
- C. The sales and advance payments are determined through the value of disposal at cost (sales) from the project account shown in the financial statements.
- D. To determine the total value of the real estate project under development available for sale by the sum of the balance at the beginning of the year and the value of additions during the year.

Accordingly, the percentage of sales and advance payments is calculated according to the following formula:

$$\text{The percentage of sales and advance payments} = \frac{\text{The value of disposals (sales) at cost}}{\text{(the beginning balance + additions during the year)}}$$

Also, real estate that becomes ready for sale after its completion and development is not deducted from zakat base.

Example (25)

Al-Amar Real Estate Company operates in the field of real estate investment. The balance of real estate under development classified as non-current assets amount of SR 1,000,000 and the total sales shown in the income statement amounted of SR 260,000 as of the date of the financial statements.

Given that the total value of advance payments and sales disposal at cost amount of SR 220,000 is less than 25% of the value of properties under development at the date of the financial statements, the total balance of SR 1,000,000 is deducted from the Zakat base.



Example (26)

Al-Amara Real Estate Company operates in the field of real estate development, and among its projects was project (A) which is committed to the implementation and construction of residential villas and project (B) which is committed to the implementation and construction of apartments. The total balance of real estate under development was SR 1,000,000.

Details of the item as follows:

1. Project A: The balance at the end of the period is SR 300,000

The balance at the beginning of the period: 250,000, additions: 100,000, disposal: 50,000

2. Project B: The balance at the end of the period is SR 700,000

The balance at the beginning of the period: 1,200,000, additions: 50,000, disposal: 550,000

Required: Calculating the amount deducted from the zakat base.

Project A: The percentage of sales and advance payments = $(50,000)/(100,000 = (250,000 + 14\%$

Project B: The percentage of sales and advance payments = $(550,000)/(50,00 = (1,200,000 + 44\%$

Given that the percentage of project sales (A) did not exceed 25%, then the balance of the project is deducted SR (300,000) from the zakat base, while project (B), the sales percentage reached 44% of the project, therefore the balance of SR (700,000) is not deductible from the Zakat base.

Example (27)

A company working in the field of real estate. The balance of real estate under development for one of the projects for the years 2019/2020/: SR 200,000 / SR 350,000 respectively, and the details as follows:

1. Year 2019: The balance at the end of the period is SR 200,000

The balance at the beginning of the period: 250,000, additions: 100,000, disposal: 150,000

2. Year 2020: The balance at the end of the period is SR 350,000

The balance at the beginning of the period: 200,000, additions: 200,000, disposal: 50,000



Required: Calculate the amount deducted from the zakat base.

Year 2019: The percentage of sales and advance payments =

$$150.000 / (100.000 + 250.000) = 43\%$$

Year 2020: The percentage of sales and advance payments =

$$50.000 / (200.000 + 200.000) = 12\%$$

In 2019, the percentage of sales from the project reached 43%, so it is not allowed to deduct the value of the project from the zakat base, while sales from the project in 2020 reached 12%, and thus the entity has the right to deduct the value of this project SR (350,000) from the zakat base.

- Real estate under development to which the above conditions apply, and has been classified as a current asset after IFRS implementation:

The implementing regulations stipulated that real estate under development available for sale is deducted from the base if it is classified as non-current assets. Since this condition was impacted by the transformation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from SOCPA standards to IFRS, then this item should be addressed by accepting the deduction of these properties classified as current assets and other deduction conditions applies to them under two conditions:

1. The current liabilities (if any) are added to the zakat base up to the maximum value of the properties under development.
2. The value of real estate under development deducted from the base be added to the upper limit referred to in paragraph (3 / c) of Article 4 (the higher limit of the additions increases by the value of the current assets deducted from the base).
3. The total of sales and advance payments received from customers, not to exceed twenty five percent (25%) of their value appearing in the financial statements of the zakat year of declaration submitted.

In any case, what is added to the zakat base from the current and non-current liabilities must not exceed the total items deducted from the zakat base, including the real estate under development. Accordingly, the Zakat base is calculated in accordance to the following formula:



Zakat base = (Obligations up to a maximum of deductions* + internal sources of funds) - Items deducted from the base**.

* The current liabilities, including advance payments, are added up to maximum of the properties under development deducted from the base.

**Real estate under development is calculated within deductions.

Example (28)

The following data is for a real estate development company as at the end of the financial year:

Statement of balance sheet			
Assets		Liabilities and Equity	
SAR		SAR	
Cash	1,000	Current Liabilities	2,000
Real estate under development for sale	6,000	Long-Term Liabilities	7,000
Long-term assets (property and equipment)	5,000	Equity	3,000
Total	12,000	Total	12,000

Item	SAR
Current liabilities	2,000
Long - term liabilities	7,000
Equity 3,000	5,000
Less: Real estate under development for sale *	(4,000)
Long-term assets	(5,000)
Zakat Base	3,000



The current liabilities have been added completely to the base and the long-term liabilities have been added completely as well. The maximum limit that is added to the base of liabilities has become the deductible (long-term) assets plus the current real estate under development for sale that are deductible from the base.

* The balance is for more than one project for a real estate under development for sale, SR 4,000 is the value of projects whose sales did not exceed 25%.

- Properties under development for the purpose of possession:

They are properties that are constructed and developed for the purpose of being held and used in the activity.

The properties under development for the purpose of possession are non-Zakatable assets deductible from the base as they are established and developed for the purpose of being held for use in the activity and in accordance with the Implementing Regulations.

Example (29)

A real estate development company has constructed a building for the purpose of being held and used in the activity of SR 1,000,000 as at the date of the statement of financial position.

Since the company has built the building for the purpose of being held and used in the activity, the total balance of SAR 1,000,000 shall be deducted from the Zakat base.

- Selling on a map

it is the sale of the real estate units on a map that have been constructed or completed, whatever its purpose, whether it is residential, commercial, investment, office, service, industrial, tourism or other, whatever the method of development or construction, in which the real estate developer aims to receive advance payments from the beneficiary the buyer or the financier of the project that is committed to building the real estate unit as planned and decreed on the map and in accordance with the contract details, where the real estate developer shows the advance payments received from customers on the side of the current liabilities, and the selling on a map on the side of the current assets, so they are not added current liabilities and current assets are not deducted.



Example (30)

the following data is for real estate development compagny as at the end of the financial year 31/ 12/ 2019

Statement of balance sheet			
Assets		Liabilities and Equity	
SAR		SAR	
Cash	2,000	Advance payments (or properties sold on a map)	14,000
Real estate under development for sale	13,000		
		Equity	1,000
Total	15,000	Total	15,000

Required Zakat calculation

Item	SAR
Long -term liabilities	Zero
Equity	3,000
Long-term assets	Zero
Zakat Base	1,000

The enquiry have been added to the base completely, and the current liabilities of advance payments of properties sold on the map have not been added.



- **Financial lease**

- a. It is a financing contract in which the lessor finances the purchase of a capital asset at the request of the lessee with a view to investing it, with the lessor retaining ownership of the asset until the end of the contract and the lessee owning the option to purchase the asset at the end of the lease period or returning the asset to the lessor at the end of the lease term or renewing the lease contract. The lessor gives the lessee the right to use the asset for an agreed period.
- b. Also, the leased asset is considered for the lessee a non-zakatable asset and deducted from the base on the basis that it is a fixed asset and in accordance with the Implementing Regulations.

Finance leased assets are not considered an investment, which is deducted from the Zakat base, whatever their classification in the financial statements.

Example (31)

A company purchased a building through a finance lease with the lessor retaining ownership of the building until the end of the contract and paying all installments due in the amount of SAR 10,000,000.

Thus, the amount of SAR 10,000,000 is deductible from the Zakat base for the lessee, since the contract is a finance lease ending with ownership, and the lessee was given the right to use the asset for a period and to dispose of the building at the end of the contract.



The most important items in the statement of financial position for real estate sector and their Zakat treatment.

Item	Item Nature	Zakat Treatment	Judgment
current assets			
Real estate properties for development and sale	Represent real estate properties for the purpose of development and sale	Deductible assets in case the deduction conditions are met	Deductible from the base according to the prescribed guidelines
Unbilled revenues	Represent the amount of revenues recognized in revenue based on progress percentage and have not been invoiced	Nondeductible assets	Not deductible from the base as they are Zakatable assets.
Real estate inventories	Represent projects for sale	Nondeductible assets	Not deductible from the base as they are Zakatable assets.
Non-current assets	Represent medical equipment used in the business		
Properties under development and sale	Represent real estate projects under development for the purpose of development and sale	Deductible assets in case the deduction conditions are met	Deductible from the base as they are non-Zakatable assets according to the prescribed guidelines.
Real estate properties for development	Represent real estate projects for the purpose of development and sale	Deductible assets	Deductible from the base as they are non-Zakatable assets according to the prescribed guidelines
Advances to the contractor	The amounts paid to contractors in projects	Non-deductible assets	Not deductible from the base as they are Zakatable assets.



5.2 Practical Examples

Balance Sheet (Statement of Financial Position)

As at December 31, 2019

(Amounts in SAR)

Assets	2019	2018
	SAR	SAR
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash in hand and at banks	200,000	400,000
Trade and other receivables	1,800,000	2,300,000
Financial investments at fair value through profit or loss	5,100,000	4,200,000
Prepayments and other receivables	900,000	600,000
Total current assets	8,000,000	7,500,000
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	2,000,000	1,500,000
Real estate projects under development*	5,500,000	6,350,000
Advances to subsidiaries	1,000,000	400,000
Investments in subsidiaries	6,050,000	5,700,000
Real Estate Investments	5,400,000	5,800,000
Other long-term assets	1,000,000	1,050,000
Total assets	28,950,000	28,300,000

*This item represents the value of properties under development for sale where the value of sales and advances received from customers is less than 25% of the value of properties under development reflected in the financial statements.



Liabilities and shareholders' equity	2019	2018
Current liabilities	SAR	SAR
Leases due for operating leases	4,000,000	900,000
Payables	475,000	400,000
Accrued expenses and other payables	800,000	700,000
Current portion of the term loan	800,000	800,000
Total current liabilities	6,075,000	2,800,000
Non-current liabilities		
Provision for end of service benefits	2,000,000	1,800,000
Term loans	2,100,000	2,900,000
Advance payments	1,100,000	1,000,000
Total liabilities	11,275,000	8,500,000
Partners' equity		
Capital	10,000,000	10,000,000
Statutory reserve	5,000,000	5,000,000
Retained earnings	2,675,000	4,800,000
Total partners' equity	17,675,000	19,800,000
Total liabilities and partners' equity	28,950,000	28,300,000



Income Statement

For the period from 1/ 1/ 2019 to 31/ 12/ 2019

(Amounts in SAR)

	2019G
	SAR
Revenues	30,000,000
Cost of Revenue	(25,000,000)
Gross profit	5,000,000
Selling and marketing expenses	(1,000,000)
Administrative and general expenses	(1,200,000)
The Company's share in the income of subsidiaries	600,000
Other loss (net)	(200,000)
Income from operations	3,200,000
Financing charges, (net)	(300,000)
Profit before Zakat	2,900,000
Zakat	(225,000)
Net profit for the year	2,675,000



Movement of the Provision:

Description	Opening Balance	Provided during the year	Utilized during the year	Closing balance
	SAR	SAR	SAR	SAR
Provision for end of service benefits	1,800,000	400,000	(200,000)	2,000,000
Total	1,800,000	400,000	(200,000)	2,000,000

Zakat calculation:

Item	Amount
Adjustment to activity result	SAR
Net profit before Zakat	2,900,000
Add: Provision for end of service provided during the year	400,000
Total adjusted zakatable profit	3,300,000

Additions to the base	
Shareholders' equity	SAR
Capital	10,000,000
Statutory reserve	5,000,000
Retained earnings	4,800,000
Dividends	(4,800,000)
Total	15,000,000
Liabilities on the Zakat payer	



Term loans	2,900,000
Advance payments	1,100,000
Provision for end of service benefits (opening balance less amount utilized during the year)	1,600,000
Total external sources of funds subject to Zakat	5,600,000
Total additions to the base	20,600,000

Deduction from Zakat base	
	SAR
Property, plant and equipment	2,000,000
Real estate projects under development	5,500,000
Investments in local subsidiaries after excluding shares in profit and loss	6,050,000
Real Estate Investments	5,400,000
Total deductible assets	18,950,000
Zakat base without the adjusted profit for the year	1,650,000
Zakat at 2.578% of the Zakat base without the adjusted profit	42,537
Adjusted profit	3,300,000
Zakat at 2.5% of the adjusted profit	82,500
Total Zakat	125,037



6. Appendix: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

FAQ pertaining to the Zakat base:

1. Is it permissible for an entity to deduct the employees' share in the regular pension funds such as the retirement pension, social insurance or saving funds from the Zakat base?

The employees' share in such funds may not be deducted from the Zakat base.

2. What are the expenses that may be deducted from the Zakat base?

All ordinary and necessary expenses that are needed for the business activity, whether paid or due, are deducted to reach the net result of the business activity provided that the following guidelines are met:

1. They shall be actual expenses evidenced by supporting documents or other evidences to enable the Authority to verify its validity even if they relate to previous years.
2. They shall correspond to the business activity and not related to personal expenses or other activities.
3. They shall not be of capital nature, and in case an expense of a capital nature is included in the expenses, the result of the business activity will be adjusted accordingly, and it will be added to the fixed assets and depreciated in accordance with statutory ratios.



3. Is it permissible for an entity to deduct bad debts from the Zakat base? What are the guidelines for that?

Bad debts are considered expenses that may be deducted according to the following guidelines:

1. Should have been previously reported as a revenue to the entity in the year they become due.
2. Bad debts should have arisen from engagement in business activities, provided that:
 - The entity shall provide a certificate from a certified public accountant confirming that bad debts had been written off from the books by a competent officer's decision.
 - The debts written off should not be due from related parties to the Zakat payer.
3. The Zakat payer shall report the debts written off as revenue once such debts are recovered.

4. Is it permissible for the owner of the entity to deduct his salaries and allowances from the Zakat base?

The salaries and allowances of the business owner, whether a sole proprietorship, a capital company or a company of persons, as well as the remuneration paid to the chairman of the board of directors of the entity, his deputy and board members, shall be considered as expenses that may be deducted, provided that the salaries and allowances of the owner of the entity are registered in the social insurance, and that the remunerations should not exceed those paid to independent persons.

5. How is the capital increase calculated when it is unknown that it financed a deductible asset?

The capital increase, which is unknown to have financed a deductible asset, will be added, according to the number of days, as a source of other funding sources and treated as obligations on the Zakat payer and therefore shall be added not exceeding the amount of deductibles from the base.



6. How is the Zakat payer accounted for in case the fiscal year is longer than the Hijri year (354 days)?

Zakat is calculated based on the actual number of days in the year, by dividing two and a half percent (2.5%) on the number of days of the Hijri year (354 days) multiplied by the number of actual days of the Zakatable year, except for the adjusted net profit which shall be subject to Zakat at two and a half percent (2.5%) for the year.

$$2.5\% \quad \times \quad \frac{\text{Number of actual days of the Zakatable year for the Zakat payer}}{\text{The number of days in the Hijri Year}}$$



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