

# Tax Alert

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## Update on CIGA requirement

The Financial Services Commission ("FSC") has clarified that the Core Income Generating Activities ("CIGA") requirement will only apply where global business companies are claiming 80% tax partial exemption. As such, global business companies which are not claiming the 80% tax partial exemption will not be required to meet the CIGA requirement.

As a reminder, important changes in the global business regime which were made in 2018 took effect as from July 2021. The main changes are as follows:



#### **Previous regime**

- Category 1 and 2 Global Business Licences (GBL 1 and GBL 2)
- Deemed Foreign Tax Credit of 80% on foreign income (DFTC)
- Substance requirements for GBL 1
- Foreign tax credit on foreign sourced income

#### **New regime**

- GBL 1 and GBL 2 replaced by Global Business Licence (GBL) and Authorised Companies
- DFTC replaced by 80% Tax Partial Exemption on qualifying income
- Substance and CIGA requirements for entities holding GBL
- Foreign tax credit continue to be available

#### **KPMG Views**

The clarification from the FSC on the CIGA requirement is welcomed by the global business community and also bring along tax certainty. The changes made to the global business sector in 2018 were important to ensure that the jurisdiction is compliant with all the latest international tax norms and continue to be on the EU white list of non-cooperative tax jurisdiction.

#### How KPMG can assist you

- Assess the application of CIGA requirement on existing and new structures
- Assess the eligibility of tax partial exemption for your entity
- Identify any gaps in relation economic substance and provide recommendations

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We hope you find this tax alert useful. Feel free to contact us if you have any question.



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