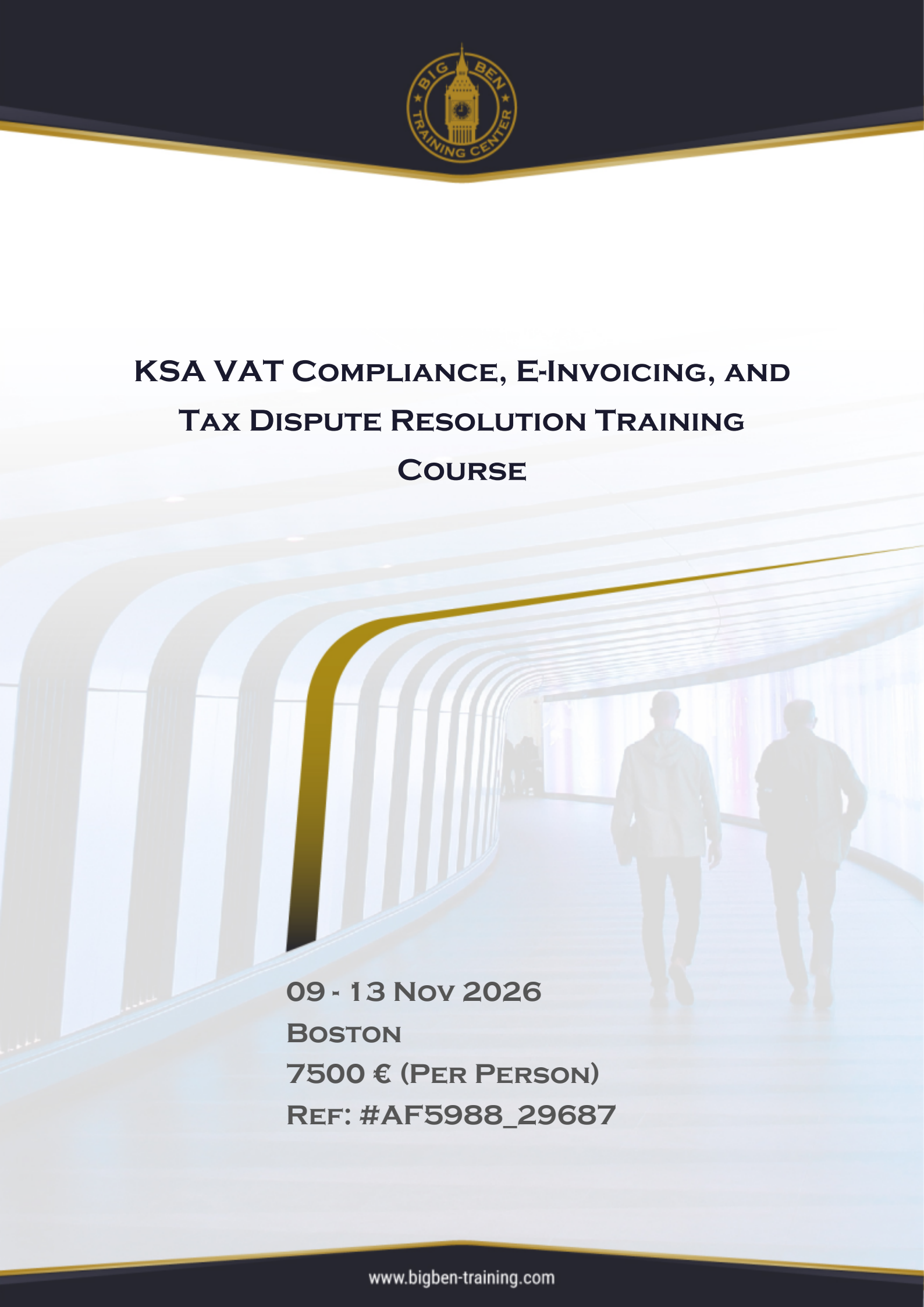
KSA VAT Compliance, E-Invoicing, and Tax Dispute Resolution Training Course



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7500 € (Per Person)

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Course Introduction / Overview:

This comprehensive training course is designed to provide a deep and practical understanding of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's evolving tax landscape. In an era of significant fiscal reform, mastering Value Added Tax (VAT) compliance, navigating the mandatory E-invoicing (Fatoora) system, and effectively managing tax disputes are critical for business sustainability and growth. This program, offered by BIG BEN Training Center, moves beyond theoretical knowledge to equip participants with the actionable skills needed to ensure full compliance with the Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority (ZATCA) regulations. We will explore the core principles of KSA VAT law, drawing on concepts discussed by tax scholars like Alan Schenk in works such as "Value Added Tax: A Comparative Approach," and applying them directly to the Saudi context. The curriculum is meticulously structured to cover everything from fundamental VAT mechanics and registration to the technical and operational requirements of Fatoora's integration and clearance phases. Furthermore, it provides a clear roadmap for handling tax assessments, audits, and the entire dispute resolution lifecycle, from initial objection to final appeal, ensuring your organization is prepared for any tax-related challenge. This course is your definitive guide to achieving tax excellence in the Kingdom.

Target Audience / This training course is suitable for:

- Finance Managers and Directors.
- Accountants and Senior Accountants.
- Tax Advisors and Consultants.
- Internal and External Auditors.
- Compliance Officers and Managers.
- Legal Counsel and Corporate Lawyers.
- Business Owners and Entrepreneurs.
- Procurement and Supply Chain Managers.
- IT Managers involved in ERP and billing system integration.

Target Sectors and Industries:

- Retail and Wholesale Trade.
- Construction and Real Estate.
- Manufacturing and Industrial Production.
- Financial Services and Banking.
- Professional Services (Consulting, Legal, and Accounting Firms).
- Technology and Telecommunications.
- Logistics and Transportation.
- Government and Public Sector Entities.
- Hospitality and Tourism.
- Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals.

Target Organizations Departments:

- Finance Department.
- Accounting and Bookkeeping Department.
- Tax and Zakat Department.
- Legal and Corporate Affairs Department.
- Internal Audit and Risk Management Department.
- Compliance Department.
- Information Technology (IT) Department.
- Procurement and Contracts Department.

Course Offerings:

By the end of this course, the participants will have able to:

- Master the core principles and application of KSA VAT law.
- Ensure full compliance with ZATCA's regulations and reporting requirements.
- Implement and manage the E-invoicing (Fatoora) system across its phases.
- Prepare and file accurate VAT returns while avoiding common errors.
- Effectively manage and calculate input VAT deductions and adjustments.
- Develop strategies for preparing for and successfully navigating ZATCA tax audits.
- Understand the complete tax dispute resolution process in Saudi Arabia.
- Draft and submit formal objections and appeal to tax assessments.
- Mitigate risks associated with non-compliance and associated penalties.
- Integrate tax compliance functions seamlessly with business operations.

Course Methodology:

The training methodology at BIG BEN Training Center is designed to be highly interactive, practical, and engaging, ensuring participants can immediately apply their learning in a real-world context. We move beyond traditional lectures by incorporating a blended learning approach that includes expert-led presentations, detailed case studies based on actual KSA tax scenarios, and interactive group discussions. Participants will work collaboratively on practical exercises, such as preparing a sample VAT return and simulating the e-invoicing generation process. A significant portion of the course is dedicated to hands-on workshops where attendees can analyze complex transactions and strategize for potential ZATCA audits. Our expert instructors facilitate a dynamic learning environment, encouraging questions and fostering peer-to-peer knowledge sharing. Continuous feedback is provided throughout the sessions to reinforce key concepts and address individual challenges. This immersive and practical approach ensures a deep and lasting understanding of KSA's VAT, e-invoicing, and tax dispute resolution frameworks, empowering participants with both the knowledge and the confidence to excel in their roles.

Course Agenda (Course Units):

Unit One: Fundamentals of the KSA VAT and ZATCA Framework

- Introduction to the Saudi Arabian tax system.
- Core principles of Value Added Tax (VAT).
- Understanding the role and authority of ZATCA.
- VAT registration, de-registration, and grouping procedures.
- The concept of taxable supplies, goods, and services.
- Differentiating between standard-rated, zero-rated, and exempt supplies.
- Understanding the time and place of supply rules.

Unit Two: VAT Compliance, Calculation, and Reporting

- Mastering the mechanics of tax invoice requirements.
- Calculating output VAT on sales and services.
- Rules for claiming and calculating input VAT deductions.
- Managing partial exemption and input tax apportionment.
- Preparing and filing the periodic VAT return accurately.
- Making corrections and voluntary disclosures for past errors.
- Maintaining proper VAT records and documentation for audit purposes.

Unit three: Mastering E-Invoicing (Fatoora) in KSA

- Overview of the ZATCA E-invoicing (Fatoora) project.
- Understanding Phase 1 (Generation) and Phase 2 (Integration).
- Technical and security requirements for e-invoicing solutions.
- Data fields and structure of the XML and PDF/A-3 invoice.
- The process of integrating ERP systems with the Fatoora platform.
- Managing debit notes, credit notes, and associated e-invoices.
- Ensuring data privacy and compliance within the e-invoicing framework.

Unit Four: Navigating ZATCA Audits and Assessments

- Understanding the ZATCA tax audit process and scope.
- Common triggers for tax audits and field inspections.
- Preparing your organization and records for an audit.
- Responding effectively to ZATCA information requests.
- Reviewing and understanding a formal tax assessment notice.
- The framework for penalties and fines for non-compliance.
- Strategies for mitigating risks and managing audit outcomes.

Unit Five: The Tax Dispute Resolution Process

- An overview of the tax dispute lifecycle in KSA.
- Filing a formal objection to a ZATCA assessment.
- Preparing the supporting documentation for an objection.
- The role and procedures of the General Secretariat of Tax Committees (GSTC).
- Appealing a decision to the Appeal Committee for Tax Violations and Disputes.
- Understanding the litigation process and potential outcomes.
- Reviewing recent tax dispute case law and precedents in KSA.

FAQ:

Qualifications required for registering to this course?

There are no requirements.

How long is each daily session, and what is the total number of training hours for the course?

This training course spans five days, with daily sessions ranging between 4 to 5 hours, including breaks and interactive activities, bringing the total duration to 20 - 25 training hours.

Something to think about:

As KSA's tax regulations continue to evolve towards full digitalization, what are the long-term strategic implications for corporate governance and internal control frameworks beyond simple compliance?

What unique qualities does this course offer compared to other courses?

This course distinguishes itself by offering a holistic and integrated perspective on Saudi Arabia's tax ecosystem, rather than treating VAT, e-invoicing, and dispute resolution as siloed topics. Its primary strength lies in its practical application, moving beyond theoretical legislation to focus on the operational realities and strategic challenges faced by businesses in KSA. We utilize a case-study-based approach derived from real-world ZATCA interactions and local business scenarios, providing participants with a tangible understanding of how to navigate complex situations. The curriculum is uniquely forward-looking, not only addressing current compliance requirements for Fatoora but also exploring the strategic implications of ZATCA's digital transformation agenda on corporate governance and risk management. Unlike generic tax courses, this program is meticulously tailored to the nuances of the Saudi regulatory environment, providing specific, actionable strategies for audit preparation and dispute management that are directly relevant to the Kingdom's legal and administrative frameworks. The focus is on building strategic capability, enabling participants to develop robust internal controls and proactive tax management strategies that support long-term business resilience and growth.