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UAE Corporate Tax revenue rises 33.9% to AED 46.5 billion for 2025 periods

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On 11 November 2026 the Federal Tax Authority said Corporate Tax revenue for tax periods ending in 2025 reached about AED 46.52 billion, up 33.9% on 2024. On-time filing of Corporate Tax returns rose to 91%, and VAT revenue for January to August 2026 was about AED 28.27 billion.

Country reference

- **Country:** United Arab Emirates
- **Authorities:** Federal Tax Authority (FTA)
- **Topic:** Tax revenue and compliance statistics
- **Key date:** 11 November 2026
- **Law:** Federal Decree-Law No. 47 of 2022 (Corporate Tax); VAT and Excise Tax laws

What was announced

The FTA published its latest revenue and compliance figures. Corporate Tax revenue for tax periods ending in the 2025 financial year was about AED 46.52 billion, against about AED 34.75 billion for 2024, a rise of 33.9%. Total Corporate Tax collected since the tax started on 1 June 2023 is about AED 81.27 billion to the end of 2025.

The numbers

- **Corporate Tax:** on-time return filing 91% in 2026, up from 87% in 2025; on-time payment 97%.
- **VAT:** about AED 28.27 billion distributed to the federal and emirate governments for January to August 2026; on-time filing 83% (81% in 2025); on-time payment 98%.
- **Excise Tax:** about AED 1.4 billion for January to August 2026; on-time filing 92% (91% in 2025); on-time payment 98%.

FTA Director General Abdulaziz Al Mulla linked the growth to the FTA's work on its procedures and services.

Why it matters

The first full Corporate Tax cycle is now in the numbers, and compliance rates are rising. A higher filing baseline usually means more data matching and more targeted reviews. The VAT filing rate, at 83%, is still the weakest of the three taxes.

What to do now

- File the excise return due by 16 November 2026 and VAT returns due by 30 November 2026, as the FTA reminds on its announcements page.
- Reconcile the 2025 Corporate Tax return with the audited accounts and VAT returns before the FTA does.

- Keep a file for each adjustment, relief and transfer pricing position taken in the first returns.
- Check that late filings from earlier periods are cleared, as penalty exposure grows with time.

Our take

A 33.9% jump in Corporate Tax and a 91% filing rate show the regime has bedded in. For groups in the UAE, the focus now moves from registering and filing to defending the numbers in the return.

Sources

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