

AEOI Update

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Singapore

FATCA & CRS Updates

Last month, the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore (IRAS) provided updated information with respect to the FATCA and CRS regimes, touching on several key issues.

1. Increase in Penalties

IRAS announced an increase in penalties for **CRS** non-regulation and non-filing offences to \$5,000 upon conviction, and a further fine of \$100 per day for a continuing offence. For **FATCA**, penalties for non-filing offences have also been increased to the same monetary amounts (i.e., \$5,000 upon conviction, and a further fine of \$100 per day for a continuing offence). These changes for FATCA and CRS are with effect from 16 November 2021.

You may refer to the announcement [here](#) for FATCA and [here](#) for CRS.

2. Updates to e-Tax Guides

In the e-Tax guide for **CRS** (available [here](#)), IRAS:

- Amended paragraph 9.4.1 to expand the list of excluded accounts to include accounts in which moneys are deposited from maintenance funds (established by developers), management funds or sinking funds (established by management corporations or subsidiary management corporations) that are regulated under the Building Maintenance and Strata Management Act (BMSMA). This is with effect from 1 December 2021. You may also refer to Regulation 11(2)(l), 11(2)(m) and 11(2)(n) of the [CRS Regulations](#) which has been updated following this expanded definition of “Excluded Accounts”.
- Amended paragraph 10.5.6 to update the legislative reference based on the Income Tax Act (Cap. 134)
- Updated its contact information (<https://www.iras.gov.sg/contact-us/international-tax>) in paragraph 13
- Made minor editorial changes in paragraph 3 (Glossary)

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In the e-Tax guide for **FATCA** (available [here](#)), IRAS:

- Amended paragraph 11.4.2 to reflect the revised penalty amounts for non-filing offences under the Income Tax Act (Cap. 134)
- Updated its contact information (<https://www.iras.gov.sg/contact-us/international-tax>) in paragraph 13
- Made minor editorial changes in paragraph 3 (Glossary)
- Made other minor editorial changes

3. Form for Voluntary Disclosure of Errors

IRAS encourages Reporting SGFIs that have made errors in their FATCA/CRS returns to come forward voluntarily as soon as they have uncovered the error to disclose these errors or omissions and get their obligations right. Such voluntary disclosure can be submitted via a form which can be found [here](#).

4. Form for Reporting of FATCA/CRS Non-compliance

If Reporting SGFIs are aware of any potential FATCA/CRS non-compliance, including the use of abusive schemes to circumvent reporting or intentional provision of false information to IRAS, they are encouraged to notify IRAS via the form found [here](#).

5. Newly published user guides related to registration and reporting

([https://www.iras.gov.sg/digital-services/automatic-exchange-of-information-\(crs-and-fatca\)](https://www.iras.gov.sg/digital-services/automatic-exchange-of-information-(crs-and-fatca)))

User Guide	Description	Link
Check CRS Registration Status	For members of the public to check if an entity is Registered with IRAS as a Reporting SGFI for CRS purposes	https://www.iras.gov.sg/media/docs/default-source/uploadedfiles/pdf/check-crs-registration-status-e-svc-user-guide.pdf?sfvrsn=a47d3ff5_5
View/Update FI AEOI profile	For Reporting SGFIs to view their AEOI registration details	https://www.iras.gov.sg/media/docs/default-source/uploadedfiles/pdf/view-or-update-fi-aeoi-profile-e-svc-user-guide.pdf?sfvrsn=7e9a95e8_5
View/Update My Profile	For users of the AEOI e-Services to update their designation and contact details with IRAS	https://www.iras.gov.sg/media/docs/default-source/uploadedfiles/pdf/view-or-update-my-profile-e-svc-user-guide.pdf?sfvrsn=f7fbc82a_5

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User Guide	Description	Link
View/Edit Trustee-Documented Trusts	For Reporting SGFIs that are trustees and have agreed to assume the reporting obligations of a Trustee-Documented Trust (TDT), to maintain a record of the TDT with IRAS for AEOI reporting	https://www.iras.gov.sg/media/docs/default-source/uploadedfiles/pdf/view-and-edit-tdt-e-svc-user-guide.pdf?sfvrsn=24d8f972_5
View AEOI e-Service Transaction History	For Reporting SGFIs to search the AEOI e-Services transactions that were performed by their authorised users	https://www.iras.gov.sg/media/docs/default-source/uploadedfiles/pdf/view-aeoi-e-service-transaction-history-e-svc-user-guide.pdf?sfvrsn=35affa5e_5
CRS fillable PDF return form version 2.0	For Reporting SGFIs which submit their CRS Returns using fillable PDF forms	https://www.iras.gov.sg/media/docs/default-source/uploadedfiles/pdf/crs_return_form-v2-0.pdf?sfvrsn=255ea17e_2
View Submitted Financial Account Report	For Reporting SGFIs to view the (i) status or (ii) the details of the Account Reports that have been submitted to IRAS	https://www.iras.gov.sg/media/docs/default-source/uploadedfiles/pdf/view-submitted-financial-account-reports-e-svc-user-guide.pdf?sfvrsn=eb674778_5