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International Tax Update

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Agenda



- A tax strategy to support the FRPS sector
- Pillar 2 update
 - Implementation
 - Geo-political landscape
- Other international developments



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A tax strategy to support FRPS



FRPS Competitiveness Programme Overview

The programme is built around four core workstreams and is informed by close and continuous engagement with industry locally and internationally.





W1 – the Tax Strategy to support FRPS

- Key principles
- Tax policy
- Tax administration
- Overlay with W3 (McKinsey) and W2 (Mourant)



Tax Principles underpinning the strategy

- **Simplicity** - Tax rules that are clear, easy to understand, and straightforward from a compliance perspective – through digital first channels.
- **Reliability** - A legislative and administrative system and infrastructure that provides stable, predictable, and consistent outcomes to businesses and tax professionals within and outside Jersey.
- **Competitiveness** - A tax regime which supports international tax competitiveness with tax neutrality at its core.
- **International compliance** - A trusted, transparent, and internationally compliant system that fosters confidence at home and credibility abroad.
- **Responsiveness** - While maintaining tax neutrality at its core, a dynamic approach to taxation which evolves in step with international developments (such as BEPS and Pillar Two), ensuring that Jersey remains a future-ready jurisdiction that supports innovation, sustainability, and global best practice.



Emerging findings - tax policy

- Our tax regime/tax policy is broadly competitive and fit for purpose
- Core importance of tax neutrality and 0/10
- Good response to Pillar 2 – needs to be kept under review (below)
- Policy areas that need further review to remove frictions and increase jurisdictional competitiveness e.g. on tax and talent, incentivising innovation etc.
- Some thoughts on tax policy from Mourant work that we are considering (below)
- Discuss



Policy – quick wins

- ISEs
 - Stage 1, new form designed and published early 2025
 - Stage 2, digital help boxes - publication imminently
 - Policy discussions ongoing about fee structures – link to JFSC review
- BLK exempt amount for relocation expenses – doubled to £15k in lodged Budget
- Revised guidance for Jersey residents temporarily abroad – close to finalisation
- Global return option for employers of short-term inbound workers (60-182 days) – for 2026
- Tax residence flowchart
- Consultation on transparency and proportionality of AEOI penalties



Emerging conclusions - tax administration

- Equally important as tax policy is how we implement and administer it
- In line with the tax principles
- Had feedback from you through the Mourant work on W2
 - Administrative issues that require a “digital” solution
 - Other administrative issues e.g. duplication of information, customer relationship managers etc
 - Cross Revenue Jersey team looking at these
- Discuss



Administration – "quick" wins

- Pillar 2 will be digital by default
- Leverage Pillar 2 investments to deliver an online portal and digital journeys for businesses and their agents
 - Access to assessments and statements online
 - Switch off paper-based processes and letter-based outputs
 - Pre-population of returns where appropriate
 - Digital journeys for Employers to obtain Effective rates directly
 - Again, funding in lodged Budget



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Pillar 2 implementation





Pillar 2 Implementation – Registration

- MCIT registration live since 8 August
- Lookout for reminder letters to all in-scope entities to review Pillar Two compliance requirements
- Direct link via pillartwo.tax.gov.je or via gov.je (see screenshot below):

OECD Pillar One and Pillar Two

On this page:

- [Multinational Corporate Income Tax \(MCIT\) registration](#)
- [Jersey's latest Pillar Two developments](#)
- [Jersey's States Assembly adopts Pillar Two Legislation](#)
- [Easy reference questions and answers for MCIT registrations](#)
- [Sign-up to receive updates or contacting us](#)
- [May 2024 statement on Jersey's Pillar Two implementation plan](#)
- [May 2024 Joint Update on Pillar Two by the Crown Dependencies](#)
- [July 2023 Inclusive Framework Outcome Statement](#)
- [Joint statement on Pillar Two by the Crown Dependencies](#)
- [Key principles to Jersey's approach](#)
- [Background on the OECD Pillars](#)
- [Jersey's approach to the Subject to Tax Rule](#)
- [OECD's draft Pillar One Multilateral Convention, October 2023](#)

Multinational Corporate Income Tax (MCIT) registration

Relevant in-scope groups or their tax agents are now able to register as MCIT taxpayers.

[MCIT registration →](#)

Do it online

[MCIT registration](#)

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Pillar 2 Implementation – Guidance and Communications

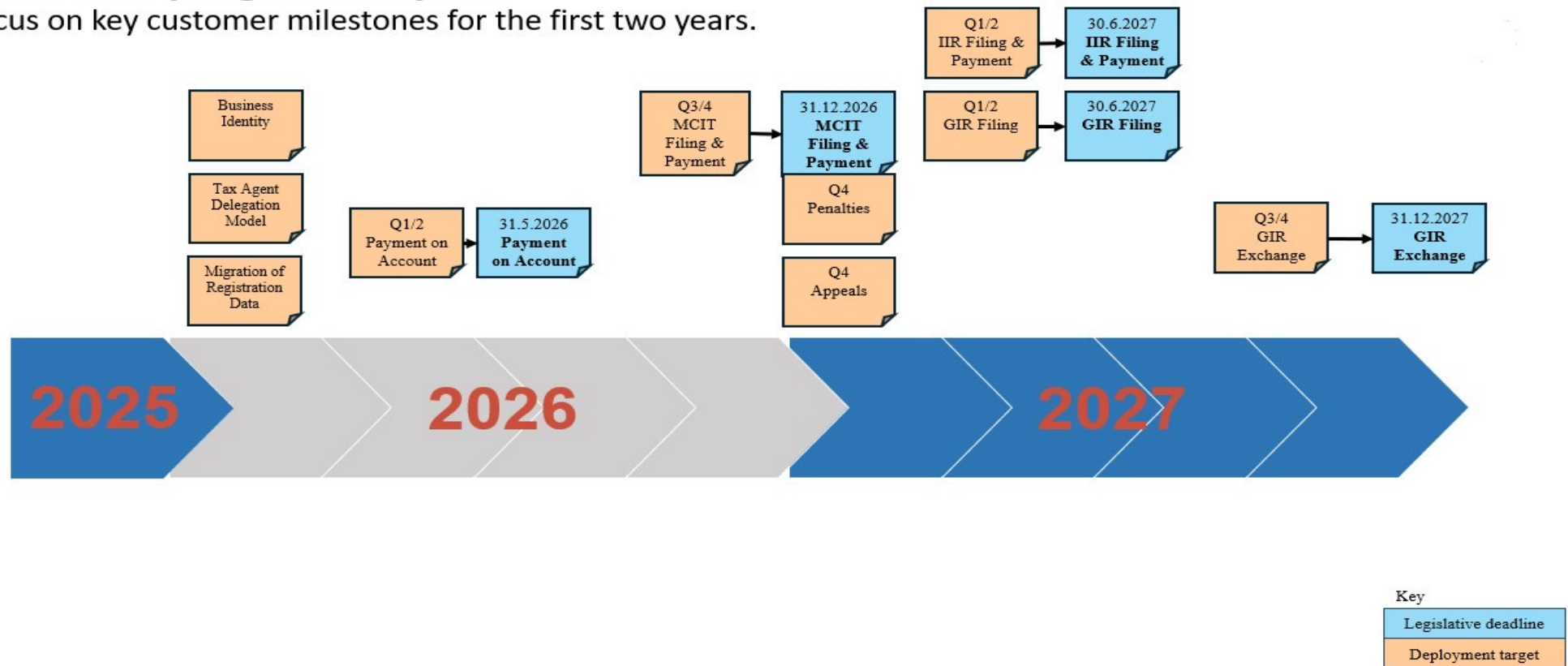
- First bulletin issued in June; next issue mid Q4
- Ongoing publication of FAQs on gov.je
- Technical and Administrative guidance to be issued mid Q4
- Queries mailbox: Pillar2@gov.je
- Portal development underway - will support agents and business users (see next slide)



Pillar 2 Implementation – Portal planned timeline

Pillar Two programme plan

Focus on key customer milestones for the first two years.



Pillar 2 Implementation – Proposed Portal Landing Page View





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Pillar 2 – policy and future direction



Jersey's Policy Position



- Our Pillar 2 taxes
 - Income Inclusion Rule - awarded OECD Qualified status.
 - MCIT - domestic covered tax outside the assessment framework
- Jersey's OECD engagement
 - Re-elected to the Steering Group of the Inclusive Framework (SGIF) for a new 2-year term.



Background to the Side-by-Side (SbS) System

Origin of the SbS

- The U.S. has long argued that Pillar Two unfairly targets U.S. headquartered groups already subject to GILTI and other minimum taxes.
- In May 2025, it proposed retaliatory measures against jurisdictions applying extraterritorial Pillar 2 rules.

Key considerations

- On 28 June 2025, the G7 issued a joint statement supporting a SbS approach.
- This would exempt US parented groups from IIR and UTPR. Domestic Pillar 2 taxes remain uncontested.
- In return, the US agreed to remove retaliatory tax measures.

Next steps

- The SbS system is still under negotiation at an OECD level and not yet a legal framework.
- Further discussions are expected to clarify timing of implementation and safeguard against base erosion.



On-going approach to developments

- Competitive – acting in Jersey's best interests
- Thoughtful – responding (if necessary) in a sustainable way based on our wide-ranging book of business
- Agile – but with agility once the final OECD landing zone is known
- Engaged
 - With taxpayers/advisers in Jersey and overseas
 - At the OECD
 - Bilaterally with key jurisdictions
- Any decisions will be in line with our original aims
 - Tax neutrality
 - Level playing field
 - Simplicity of administration

Other international tax policy initiatives



- Pillar 3
 - Tax on wealth
 - Tax and mobility
- United Nations convention on tax cooperation
- Digital services taxes



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