Mastering Withholding Tax: A Comprehensive Guide to Compliance

Introduction:

This comprehensive two-day programme on Withholding Tax will provide participants with an in-depth understanding of the various aspects of withholding tax, including its purpose, mechanisms, and implications. By examining detailed case studies and practical applications, attendees will gain the knowledge required to effectively manage and comply with withholding tax regulations. Withholding tax is a critical component of Malaysia's tax system, governed by the Malaysian Income Tax Act 1967. This comprehensive two-day programme, "Mastering Withholding Tax: A Comprehensive Guide to Malaysian Compliance," is designed to equip finance professionals, tax advisors, and business leaders with an in-depth understanding of withholding tax regulations in Malaysia. Participants will explore the fundamentals of withholding tax, including detailed deduction mechanisms, enforcement practices, and the handling of payments to non-residents. Special attention will be given to contract payments, interest, royalties, and the taxation of non-resident public entertainers. Additionally, the programme will cover the implications of double taxation agreements and protocols. Join us to enhance your knowledge, ensure compliance, and effectively manage withholding tax obligations within the Malaysian legal framework.

Program Objective:

This programme aims to equip participants with a thorough understanding of withholding tax, its enforcement, and its implications on various payments to non-resident persons. The objective is to enable professionals to accurately manage withholding tax obligations and navigate the complexities of double taxation agreements.

Learning Outcomes:

After completing this programme, the candidate should be able to:

1. Define and explain the concept of withholding tax.
2. Identify and implement withholding tax deductions.
3. Understand and adhere to enforcement regulations.
4. Manage contract payments to non-resident contractors.
5. Handle interest, royalty, and special classes of income paid to non-resident persons.
6. Address the taxation of non-resident public entertainers.
7. Navigate double taxation agreements and protocols.

Who Should Attend:

This programme is designed for:

- Finance Managers
- Tax Professionals
- Accountants

- Auditors
- Compliance Officers
- Legal Advisors
- Business Owners
- CFOs and Financial Controllers

Methodology:

The course will be delivered through a mix of lectures, interactive discussions, case studies, and practical exercises. Participants will engage in group activities and problem-solving sessions to reinforce their understanding of key concepts.

Program Outline:

Day 1	
9:00 am- 10:30am	**Introduction: What is Withholding Tax** • Overview of withholding tax • Purpose and significance • Historical context and evolution
10:30am– 11:00am	Break
11:00 am- 1:00pm	**Withholding Tax Deduction (Detail)** • Mechanisms of withholding tax deduction • Calculation methods • Reporting requirements and deadlines • Practical examples and case studies
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm – 3:30pm	**Enforcement** • Legal framework and compliance • Penalties and consequences of non-compliance • Case studies on enforcement actions • Best practices for ensuring compliance
3:30pm – 4:00pm	Break
5:00pm – 5:00pm	**Contract Payments to Non-Resident Contractors (Payee)** • Definition and scope • Withholding tax rates and obligations • Practical scenarios and solutions
Day 2	

9:00 am- 10:30am	**Interest Paid to Non-Resident Persons (Payee)** • Types of interest subject to withholding tax • Calculation and deduction methods • Case studies and practical applications
10:30am– 11:00am	Break
11:00 am- 1:00pm	**Royalty Paid to Non-Resident Persons (Payee)** • Definition and types of royalties • Withholding tax rates and implications • Practical examples and industry-specific scenarios
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm – 3:30pm	**Special Classes of Income Paid to Non-Resident Persons** • Identification of special income classes • Taxation rules and regulations • Case studies and real-world applications
3:30pm – 4:00pm	Break
5:00pm – 5:00pm	**Non-Resident Public Entertainers and Double Taxation Agreements and Protocols** • Taxation of non-resident public entertainers • Understanding double taxation agreements • Application of protocols and treaties • Practical examples and case studies