

EXPATRIATES

Suriname

Tax facts for international assignees



INCOME TAX: WHO IS LIABLE

Generally, resident individuals are subject to income tax for their worldwide income, while non-residents are only taxed on their income from Surinamese sources.

An individual is considered a resident of Suriname if the center of his personal economic interests lies in Suriname. This is determined on the basis of actual facts and circumstances, e.g. the place of work or the place where the family lives.

If a resident of Suriname has the intention to leave Suriname and settle elsewhere, but returns to Suriname within one year after having left, the individual will be considered remain a tax resident of Suriname throughout the period of absence. As such, the individual will need to report his worldwide income for the entirety of both years.

Individuals who are employed by a Suriname public corporate body shall, for the duration of his employment outside of Suriname, be considered to reside in Suriname.

According to the Income tax Act, complete or partial exemption of income tax may be granted by State Decree to avoid double taxation to individuals who remained resident in Suriname during their assignment and have obtained income outside of Suriname which have been subject to tax in the host country.

If the individual is considered non-resident of Suriname during the term of the assignment, the individual will only be liable on Suriname-source income, which includes:

- Employment income in so far as the services pertaining to that income are physically rendered in Suriname;
- Income from a Suriname business if attributable to a permanent establishment present in Suriname, by means of which the business is conducted;
- Income from immovable property located in Suriname;
- Rights to a share in the profit of a Suriname company, other than those based on share ownership or employment;
- Income from a Suriname public body.

Income from sources other than those described under points 1 through 5 is not taxable in Suriname when in the hands of a non-resident taxpayer.

BREAKING RESIDENCY - EXIT PROCEDURES

The individual will need to de-register at the applicable municipality. Upon doing so, a request must be filed to de-register at the tax authorities. All tax filings up to the moment of de-registration should be taken care of.

INCOME TAX

| Portion of annual taxable income | Tax rate |
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| up to SRD 2,646 | 0% |
| exceeding SRD 2,646 up to SRD 14,002.80 | 8% |
| exceeding SRD 14,002.80 up to SRD 21,919.80 | 18% |
| exceeding SRD 21,919.80 up to SRD 32,839.80 | 28% |
| from SRD 32,839.80 and above | 38% |

SOCIAL TAXES

Non-residents are not obliged to contribute to the Old Age Pension Reserve (AOV), government pension fund nor pay premiums for the medical insurance.

With regards to the General Pension Act 2014, a possibility has been given for the period that no premiums have been paid. If an individual has been assigned outside of Suriname for up to two years, that individual will have the possibility to purchase those years. By State Decision further rules will be laid down regarding the method of premium calculation and the rights associated with the purchase option.

For further information and to register for future updates contact expat@bdo.global

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