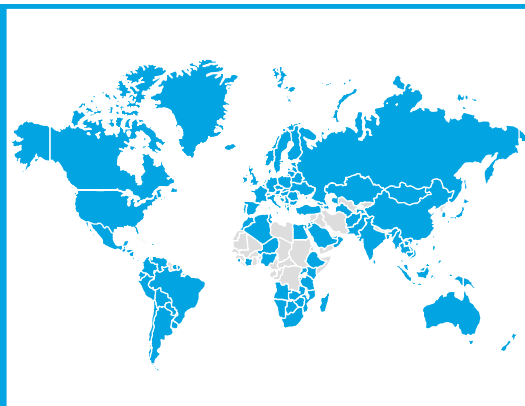


EXPATRIATES

Botswana

Tax facts for international assignees



INCOME TAX: WHO IS LIABLE

All outbound expatriates are liable to tax on Botswana sourced income. Different tax brackets apply depending on whether one is resident or non-resident in that tax year. A person becomes a resident if they live in Botswana for minimum of 183 days or they have a permanent home in the country in each tax year.

Where an outbound expatriate is a non-resident in any year and is a resident of a country with a tax treaty with Botswana, the tax treaty may waive some tax obligations depending on the circumstances.

An outbound expatriate is required to continue filing income tax returns every year until they are deregistered, or if their Botswana sourced annual income is more than BWP36,000 during the year.

Outbound expatriates who are temporarily absent from Botswana and continue to earn income from a Botswana resident employer are subject to pay as you earn on the income from the Botswana employer.

Tax deregistration can be applied for when one ceases to earn Botswana sourced income which is more than BWP36,000 per year. Obligation to file tax returns continues until one is deregistered for tax.

BREAKING RESIDENCY - EXIT PROCEDURES

To break residency one has to ensure they do not live in Botswana for more than 183 and they do not maintain a permanent place of abode in the country.

Outbound expatriates who do not anticipate earning Botswana sourced income can apply for tax deregistration before leaving. The last tax return can be submitted upon leaving.

If the outbound expatriate expects a tax refund, then it may be useful to maintain the Botswana bank account in which the refund can be paid. Refunds remitted outside Botswana may incur lengthy delays.

INCOME TAX RATES

RESIDENT INDIVIDUALS	
TAXABLE INCOME	TAX RATES
P 0 - P 36,000	P 0 + 0%
P 36,001 - P 72,000	P 0 + 5%
P 72,001 - P 108,000	P 1,800.00 + 12.50%
P 108,001 - P 144,000	P 6,300.00 + P 18.75%
P 144,001 +	P 13,050.00 + 25%

NON-RESIDENT INDIVIDUALS, TRUSTS & ESTATES	
TAXABLE INCOME	TAX RATES
P 0 - P 72,000	P 0 + 5%
P 72,001 - P 108,000	P 3,600.00 + 12.5%
P 108,001 - P 144,000	P 8,100.00 + 18.75%
P 144,001 +	P 14,850.00 + 25%

SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTION

There are no social security obligations in Botswana

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