Tanzania Tax Compliance Calendar 2026

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Monthly

By the 7th of the next month	Pay As You Earn (PAYE)
By the 7th of the next month	Skills Development Levy (SDL), for employers who are liable
By the 7th of the next month	Withholding tax (WHT)
By the 20th of the next month	VAT return and payment. If the 20th falls on a weekend or public holiday, lodge on the next working day.

Key deadlines

The dates below apply to a company or individual with a 31 December year-end and use TRA's rule that instalments fall on the last day of the 3rd, 6th, 9th and 12th month of the year of income.

31 March 2026	Statement of estimated tax for 2026, due within 3 months of the start of the year. First instalment.
30 June 2026	Second instalment for 2026. Final return and balance of tax for the year ended 31 December 2025, due within 6 months of year-end.
30 September 2026	Third instalment
31 December 2026	Fourth instalment

> **Different year-end?** These dates apply to a 31 December year-end. A different financial year has different instalment and return dates: ask us and we will confirm yours.

Practical tips

- Reconcile your books monthly so PAYE, WHT and VAT figures are ready well before the 7th and 20th.
- Set aside VAT collected and PAYE withheld in a separate account so tax cash is never spent by accident.
- Keep EFD receipts, invoices and supplier TINs organised: input VAT claims depend on them.
- File early where you can. Late filing and late payment attract penalties and interest.

Sources

- TRA: Taxes and Duties at a Glance 2025/2026: https://www.tra.go.tz/images/uploads/pages/TAXES_AND_DUTIES_AT_A_GLANCE_2025_2026.pdf
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- TRA: Pay As You Earn (PAYE): https://www.tra.go.tz/page/pay-as-you-earn