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LEGAL UPDATE

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News in focus

Summary of several outstanding policies effective from July 1, 2022

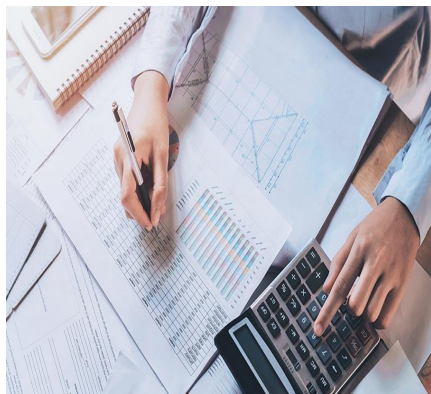
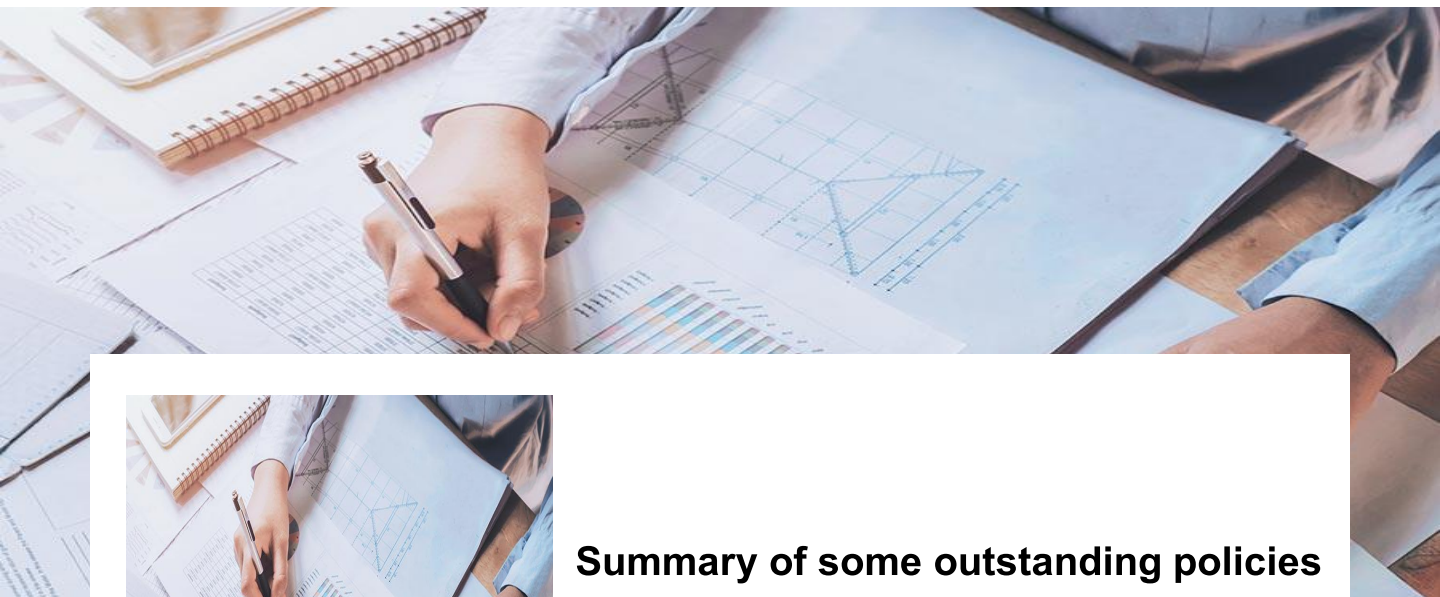


New legal documents

Remarkable among documents:

The Minister of Transport's Circular 09/2022/TT-BGTVT guiding the content of methods and criteria for evaluating bids for investor selection under the public-private partnership method and the form of a build-operate-transfer (BOT) contract

A – News in focus



Summary of some outstanding policies effective from July 1, 2022

In this legal update, we reveal some of the outstanding policies which take effect from July 1, 2022, as follows:

- Adjustment to increase the regional minimum wage
(Decree 38/2022/ND-CP)
- Stop supporting the level of social insurance contribution to the labor accident and occupational disease fund
(Decision 23/2021/QD-TTg)
- Abolish paper bills, mandatory use of electronic invoices
(Circular 78/2021/TT-BTC)
- Implement the issuance of ordinary passports with chips
(Thông tư 73/2021/TT-BCA)

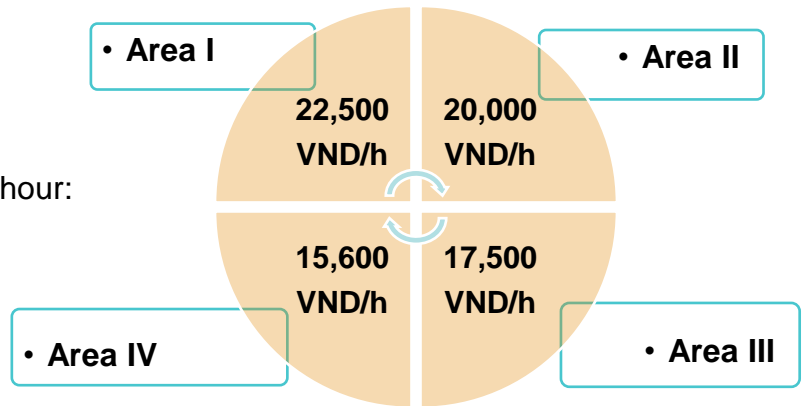


1. INCREASE THE REGIONAL MINIMUM WAGE

The regional minimum wage will increase as follows:

	From July 1, 2022 (VND/month)	Before July 1, 2022 (VND/month)
Area I	4,680,000	4,420,000
Area II	4,160,000	3,920,000
Area III	3,640,000	3,430,000
Area IV	3,250,000	3,070,000

The regional minimum wage by hour:



2. COMPULSORY TO USE ELECTRONIC INVOICES

From July 1, 2022, enterprises, business households and business individuals will not be able to use paper invoices but must switch to using electronic invoices.

Except for some cases such as small and medium-sized enterprises, cooperatives, business households, and individuals doing business in areas with difficult socio-economic conditions, especially difficult, do not conduct transactions with tax agencies by electronic means, do not have an accounting software system



3. STOP SUPPORTING THE LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION TO THE LABOR ACCIDENT AND OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE FUND

From July 1, 2021 until the end of June 30, 2022

The Government allows employers facing difficulties due to Covid-19 to **apply the payment rate equal to 0%** of the salary fund as the basis for paying social insurance contributions to the Insurance Fund for occupational accidents and diseases for 12 months.

From July 1, 2022

Enterprises must pay compulsory social insurance to the labor accident and occupational disease fund at the previous rate:

Contribute 0.3%:

Apply to enterprises that are eligible for contributing with low payment, provided that the enterprise send a written request to the Department of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs, and the request is accepted..

Contribute 0.5%:

Apply to the other enterprises.



4. IMPLEMENT THE ISSUANCE OF ORDINARY PASSPORTS WITH CHIPS



The Ministry of Public Security will start implementing from July 1, 2022.



New passports will be designed more elaborate and improved in comparison to those without chips.



The chip will store the passport holder's encrypted information, the citizen's photo and personal information, and the issuer's digital signature.

B – New legal documents



Remarkable new legal documents

(Enacted from 15 June 2022 – 30 June 2022)

No.	Legal documents
INVESTMENT	
1	The Minister of Transport's Circular 09/2022/TT-BGTVT guiding the content of methods and criteria for evaluating bids for investor selection under the public-private partnership method and the form of a build-operate-transfer contract
	Enactment Date: 22 June 2022
2	The National Assembly's Resolution 56/2022/QH15 on investment policy of the construction investment project for the Ring Road No. 4 - Hanoi Capital area
	Enactment Date: 16 June 2022
3	The Government's Resolution 80/NQ-CP on allocation, reduction and adjustment of public investment plans in 2022 among ministries, central and local agencies
	Enactment Date: 28 June 2022

No.	Legal documents	
TRAFFIC - CONSTRUCTION		
4	The Minister of Transport's Circular 08/2022/TT-BGTVT amending Circulars regulating to the business activities in the field of maritime sector	
	Enactment Date: 16 June 2022	Effective Date: 16 June 2022
5	The Minister of Finance's Circular 35/2022/TT-BTC stipulating the regime of management and calculation of depreciation of road-traffic infrastructure assets which are fixed assets	
	Enactment Date: 16 June 2022	Effective Date: 30 July 2022
6	The Minister of Transport's Circular 10/2022/TT-BGTVT amending Circular 29/2018/TT-BGTVT stipulating the inspection of quality, technical safety and environmental protection of railway traffic	
	Enactment Date: 23 June 2022	Effective Date: 01 July 2022
7	The Minister of Transport's Circular 11/2022/TT-BGTVT amending the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations in the field of aircraft and aircraft exploitation	
	Enactment Date: 29 June 2022	Effective Date: 29 June 2022
FINANCE - BANKING		
8	Decree 41/2022/ND-CP amending Decree 123/2020/ND-CP on invoices and documents and Decree 15/2022/ND-CP on tax exemption and reduction policies under Resolution 43/2022/QH15 on fiscal and monetary policies to support the Socio-economic Recovery and Development Program	
	Enactment Date: 20 June 2022	Effective Date: 20 June 2022
9	The Minister of Finance's Circular 36/2022/TT-BTC amending Circular 199/2016/TT-BTC stipulating the collection rate, mode of collection, payment and management of fees for issuance of certificates of quality assurance and technical safety for machinery, equipment and means of transport with strict safety requirements	
	Enactment Date: 16 June 2022	Effective Date: 01 Aug 2022
10	The Minister of Finance's Circular 38/2022/TT-BTC stipulating the rate of collection, mode of collection and payment of fees for granting construction permits, fees for granting architect practice certificates	
	Enactment Date: 24 June 2022	Effective Date: 08 Aug 2022

No.	Legal documents	
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
11	Decree 42/2022/ND-CP stipulating the provision of online information and public services by the State agencies in the network environment	
	Enactment Date: 24 June 2022	Effective Date: 15 Aug 2022
12	The Minister of Information and Communications' Circular No. 04/2022/TT-BTTTT stipulating the statistical reporting regime of the Information and Communications industry	
	Enactment Date: 22 June 2022	Effective Date: 15 Aug 2022
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT		
13	The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment's Consolidation Document No. 17/VBHN-BTNMT in 2022 consolidating the Decree on sanctioning administrative violations in the field of hydrometeorology	
	Enactment Date: 20 June 2022	Effective Date: 20 June 2022
14	The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development's Circular 03/2022/TT-BNNPTNT amending Circular 05/2018/TT-BNNPTNT guiding the Law on Irrigation	
	Enactment Date: 16 June 2022	Effective Date: 01 Aug 2022
COMMERCIAL		
15	The Minister of Transport's Circular 08/2022/TT-BGTVT amending Circulars regulating to the business activities in the field of maritime	
	Enactment Date: 16 June 2022	Effective Date: 16 June 2022
16	The Minister of Finance's Circular No. 39/2022/TT-BTC guiding Decree 121/2021/ND-CP on trading prize-winning electronic games for foreigners	
	Enactment Date: 24 June 2022	Effective Date: 08 Aug 2022