Training course on Taxation of Real Estate Transactions and Investments

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Real Estate Institute	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. **Analyze core principles and strategic responsibilities** of **advanced taxation of real estate transactions and investments in Kenya**.
2. **Master sophisticated techniques** for **interpreting and applying the Income Tax Act, Stamp Duty Act, and VAT Act** relevant to real estate.
3. **Develop nuanced strategies** for **calculating and optimizing Capital Gains Tax (CGT)** on property transfers.
4. **Implement effective tax planning strategies** for **rental income, property sales, and real estate development profits**.
5. **Manage complex compliance requirements** related to **withholding tax, installment tax, and annual tax returns** for real estate.

6. **Apply robust strategies** for **understanding and utilizing tax incentives, deductions, and exemptions** for real estate investments.
7. **Understand the deep integration of property valuation principles** into **tax assessments and computations**.
8. **Leverage knowledge of international tax considerations** for **cross-border real estate investments in Kenya**.
9. **Optimize the tax implications of various real estate investment vehicles** (e.g., REITs, partnerships, companies).
10. **Formulate specialized tax strategies** for **diverse property types (residential, commercial, agricultural) and transaction structures**.
11. **Conduct advanced tax due diligence and risk assessment** related to **real estate tax liabilities**.
12. **Navigate challenging situations** such as **tax audits, assessments, appeals, and dispute resolution with KRA**.
13. **Develop a holistic, legally compliant, and financially advantageous approach** to **real estate taxation and investment planning in Kenya**.

Target Audience:

This course is designed for professionals seeking advanced skills in Taxation of Real Estate Transactions and Investments in Kenya:

1. **Real Estate Developers and Investors in Kenya:** Seeking to optimize tax efficiency for their projects and portfolios.
2. **Accountants and Auditors:** Specializing in real estate clients and tax compliance.
3. **Tax Advisors and Consultants:** Focusing on real estate specific tax planning and advisory.
4. **Legal Professionals (Lawyers, Advocates) in Kenya:** Advising on contractual tax implications and dispute resolution.
5. **Real Estate Agents and Brokers:** Understanding tax implications for clients and transactions.
6. **Property Managers:** Dealing with rental income taxation and related compliance.
7. **Bankers and Financial Institutions:** Assessing tax risks in real estate lending.
8. **Government Officials (KRA, Ministry of Lands):** Involved in tax collection and policy formulation for real estate.

Course Duration: 10 Days

Course Modules:

- **Module 1: Foundations of Real Estate Taxation in Kenya**
    - Overview of the **Kenyan tax system** and its impact on real estate.
    - Key tax statutes relevant to real estate: **Income Tax Act, VAT Act, Stamp Duty Act, Tax Procedures Act**.
    - The role of the **Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA)** in real estate taxation.
    - Understanding **taxable events and tax points** in property transactions.
    - Recent **amendments and policy changes** affecting real estate taxation in Kenya.
- **Module 2: Income Tax on Real Estate Income**
    - Taxation of **rental income** for individuals and companies.
    - Allowable **deductions and expenses** for rental property.
    - Taxation of **property trading profits** vs. rental income.
    - Understanding **installment tax and self-assessment** for real estate professionals.
    - **Case Study:** Calculating taxable rental income for a commercial property owner.

- **Module 3: Capital Gains Tax (CGT) on Property Transfers**
    - Detailed analysis of **Capital Gains Tax (CGT)** rules in Kenya.
    - Identifying **taxable gains** from property sales.
    - Understanding **CGT exemptions and reliefs** (e.g., owner-occupied residential property).
    - Computation of **adjusted costs and net gains**.
    - **Case Study:** Calculating CGT payable on the sale of various types of real estate assets.
- **Module 4: Stamp Duty & Registration Fees**
    - Understanding the **Stamp Duty Act (Cap 480)** and its application to real estate.
    - Calculation of **stamp duty** on transfers, leases, charges, and other instruments.
    - The process of **adjudication and stamping** of documents.
    - Implications of **under-valuation and penalties** for non-compliance.
    - **Case Study:** Calculating stamp duty for a complex property transfer involving multiple parties.
- **Module 5: Value Added Tax (VAT) in Real Estate**
    - Application of **VAT on commercial property sales and leases**.
    - Understanding **VAT exemptions** for residential property and certain services.
    - VAT implications for **construction services and materials**.
    - VAT registration requirements for **real estate developers and landlords**.
    - **Case Study:** Determining VAT implications for a newly constructed commercial building.
- **Module 6: Withholding Tax & Other Property Taxes**
    - Understanding **withholding tax on rental income** and other real estate payments.
    - The role of **property rates and land rents** levied by county governments.
    - Other local taxes and charges affecting **real estate ownership**.
    - Tax implications of **transfer of shares in real estate companies**.
    - **Case Study:** Analyzing the various taxes applicable to a mixed-use development project.
- **Module 7: Tax Planning Strategies for Real Estate Investments**
    - Optimizing tax through **appropriate investment structures** (individual, company, trust, partnership).
    - Strategies for **deductions, depreciation, and capital allowances**.
    - Tax implications of **financing real estate acquisitions and developments**.
    - Long-term **tax planning for wealth creation** through real estate.
    - **Case Study:** Structuring a real estate investment to minimize tax liabilities over its lifecycle.
- **Module 8: Taxation of Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)**
    - Understanding the **tax regime for REITs (Income Tax, VAT, CGT exemptions)** in Kenya.
    - Benefits and challenges of **investing in REITs** from a tax perspective.
    - Compliance requirements for **REIT managers and trustees**.
    - Comparative analysis of **REITs vs. direct property ownership** for tax purposes.
    - **Case Study:** Analyzing the tax advantages of investing in a D-REIT vs. an I-REIT in Kenya.
- **Module 9: Tax Due Diligence & Risk Management**
    - Conducting **tax due diligence** during property acquisitions and mergers.
    - Identifying **potential tax liabilities and hidden risks**.
    - Strategies for **mitigating tax exposures** in real estate transactions.
    - The importance of **accurate record-keeping and documentation** for tax purposes.
    - **Case Study:** Performing a simulated tax due diligence for the acquisition of a large property portfolio.
- **Module 10: Tax Audits, Assessments & Dispute Resolution with KRA**
    - Understanding the **KRA audit process** for real estate taxpayers.
    - Responding to **tax assessments and notices**.
    - The process of **objecting to assessments and lodging appeals**.

    - Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and **litigation with KRA** in tax matters.
    - **Case Study:** Responding to a KRA audit query regarding undeclared rental income.
- **Module 11: International Taxation of Real Estate (Cross-Border)**
    - Taxation of **non-resident investors** in Kenyan real estate.
    - Understanding **Double Taxation Agreements (DTAs)** and their impact.
    - Tax implications of **foreign ownership of property** in Kenya.
    - Repatriation of **profits and capital gains** for foreign investors.
    - **Case Study:** Advising a foreign investor on the tax implications of acquiring commercial property in Kenya.
- **Module 12: Emerging Trends & Future of Real Estate Taxation in Kenya**
    - Impact of **digitization and integrated tax systems** on real estate compliance.
    - Potential for **land value taxation** and other property tax reforms.
    - Tax implications of **sustainable and green building initiatives**.
    - The evolving landscape of **tax incentives for affordable housing and infrastructure projects**.
    - **Case Study:** Debating the potential impact of proposed tax policy changes on the Kenyan real estate market.

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:**

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
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