







ARTICLE 61: TRANSITIONAL RULES



Taxable Person's Opening Balance Sheet = Closing Balance Sheet as per accounting standards on last day of FY ending before first tax period.

Opening Balance Sheet prepared considering Arm's length principle.

GAAR (Article 50) to apply over & above these rules (to avoid undue CT advantage, benefit or relief).

Article 61 - Federal Decree Law No. 47 of 2022



MINISTERIAL DECISION 120 OF 2023

Aim to
ensure a fair
and accurate
representation of
gains and
losses

Apply to certain assets measured on a historic cost basis

Avoid
paying taxes
on gains
attributable to pre
corporate tax
period

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

be made
voluntary at
the filing of
first tax
return

No
increased
depreciation or
capital
allowance relief
if elected

Financial statements do not need to be restated for these asset classes

Ministerial Decision No. 120 on Adjustments under transitional rules



ADJUSTMENTS TO TAXABLE INCOME

Taxable Person holding

- Immovable Property
- Intangible Assets
- Financial Assets & Liabilities

*Adjust Taxable Income for Gains/ losses recognized on disposal (upon election)

*Subject to fulfillment of conditions



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ADJUSTMENTS FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Immovable Property (IP) =
Qualifying Immovable
Property (QIP)

Owned prior to first tax period

Measured on historical cost basis in Financial Statements

Disposed or deemed disposed during or after first tax period for value exceeding the Net Book Value(i.e. for profits)

Exclude gains/profits from taxable income for each Qualifying Immovable Property

Option 1:

Gains = Market Value (MV) at start of first tax period (-) Higher of Cost/ Net Book Value (NBV)

Option 2:

Gains = (1) x (2)

- 1. Sales Proceeds (-) higher of Cost/ NBV
- 2. (No. of days Asset owned before first tax period) / Total no. of days IP owned

Other conditions:

- Adjustment to taxable income is subject to election made by taxable person
- 2. Election to be made for each QIP upon submission of first tax return & deemed irrevocable unless exceptional cases
- 3. Market Value to be determined by relevant government authority
- 4. Ownership by Qualifying groups/tax groups to be considered (if applicable)

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ILLUSTRATION

ABC Co. holding Property & Equipment purchased on 1st Jan 2020, for AED 6,000,000 with estimated useful life of 20 years. The company to sell the property in the year 2026 for 20,000,000

Option 1 : Exclude Gains from Taxable Income	
Step 1 – Calculate NBV as on 31st Dec,2023	
Cost as on 1 st Feb, 2020	6,000,000
Less: Depreciation from 2020 to 2023	1,200,000
WDV as on 31st Dec, 2023 (Net Book Value)	4,800,000
Step 2–Calculate estimated Gains to be excluded	
Market Value as on 31st Dec, 2023	12,000,000
Less : Higher of Cost or NBV	6,000,000
Estimated Gain to be excluded from Taxable Income (in 2026)	6,000,000
Step 3 – Calculate NBV as on 31st Dec, 2026	
WDV as on 31st Dec,2023	4,800,000
Less: Depreciation from 2024 to 2026	900,000
WDV as on 31st Dec,2026 (Net Book Value)	3,900,000
Step 4– Taxable gains under Corporate tax	
Sales Price as on 31st Dec,2026	20,000,000
Less : Net Book Value as on 31st Dec,2026	3,900,000
Gain on Sale of Property	16,100,000
Less : Estimated gains as calculated in Step 2	6,000,000
Gains subject to Corporate Tax @ 9%	10,100,000

Option 2 : Exclude Gains from Taxable Income	
Step 1 – Calculate estimated Gains	
Sales Price as on 31 st Dec, 2026	20,000,000
Less : Higher of Cost or NBV	6,000,000
Estimated Gain on Sale of property	14,000,000
Step 2 – Calculate no. of days	
No. of days property held in pre tax period (1/1/20-31/12/23)	1460
Total No. of days Asset holding (2020–2026)	2555
% of no. of days Asset held in pre tax period	57.14%
Gain for pre tax period (14,000,000 * 57.14%)	8,000,000
Step 3 – Taxable Gains under Corporate Tax	
Sales Price as on 31st Dec,2026	20,000,000
Less : Net Book Value as on 31st Dec,2026	3,900,000
Gain on sale of Property	16,100,000
Gains forPre tax period as calculated in Step 2	8,000,000
Gains subject to Corporate Tax @ 9%	8,100,000



ADJUSTMENT FOR INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible Assets (IA) =
Qualifying Intangible
Assets (QIA)

Owned prior to first tax period

Measured on historical cost basis in Financial Statements

Disposed or deemed disposed during or after first tax period for value exceeding the Net Book Value(i.e. for profits)

Exclude gains/profits from taxable income for each Qualifying Intangible Asset

Gains =
$$(1) x (2)$$

- A. Sales Proceeds (-) Higher of Cost/ Net Book Value
- B. (No. of days Asset owned before first tax period) / Total no. of days IA owned *capped to 10 years*

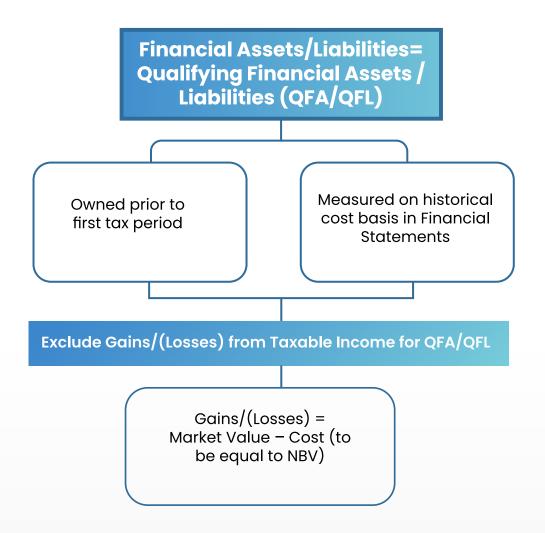
Other conditions:

- Adjustment to taxable income is subject to election made by taxable person
- 2. Election to be made for QIA upon submission of first tax return & deemed irrevocable unless exceptional cases
- 3. Ownership by Qualifying groups/tax groups to be considered (if applicable)

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ADJUSTMENT FOR FINANCIALS ASSETS & LIABILITIES



Other conditions:

- Adjustment to taxable income is subject to election made by taxable person
- 2. Election to be made for QFA/QFL upon submission of first tax return & deemed irrevocable unless exceptional cases
- 3. Ownership by Qualifying groups/tax groups to be considered (if applicable)

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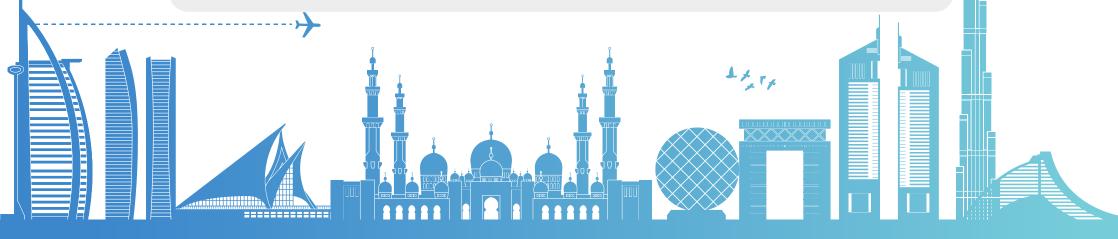






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