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# Procedure for consideration of taxpayers' appeals changed



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## Ministry of Finance streamlined procedure for administrative review of taxpayer appeals of tax assessments

On 25 November 2016 the amendments to the Procedure for administrative review of taxpayer appeals came into force (hereinafter – the "Procedure")\*.

The newly amended procedure is now quite similar to court hearing. The following are the most important changes:

- As a general rule, taxpayers' appeals against tax assessments should be heard by the tax office in closed proceedings unless a taxpayer files motion for open hearing. Under such circumstances, media representatives are allowed to attend the hearing.
- Taxpayers acquired the right to record their hearings by means of photo, video and audio equipment.
- Tax auditors must show up and provide explanation during hearings if the taxpayer has filed a respective motion.



<sup>\*</sup> The Order of the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine "On Approval of Changes to the Procedure for Formalisation and Filing of Appeals by the Taxpayers and Their Consideration by the Controlling Bodies" dated 28 September 2016 No.849