

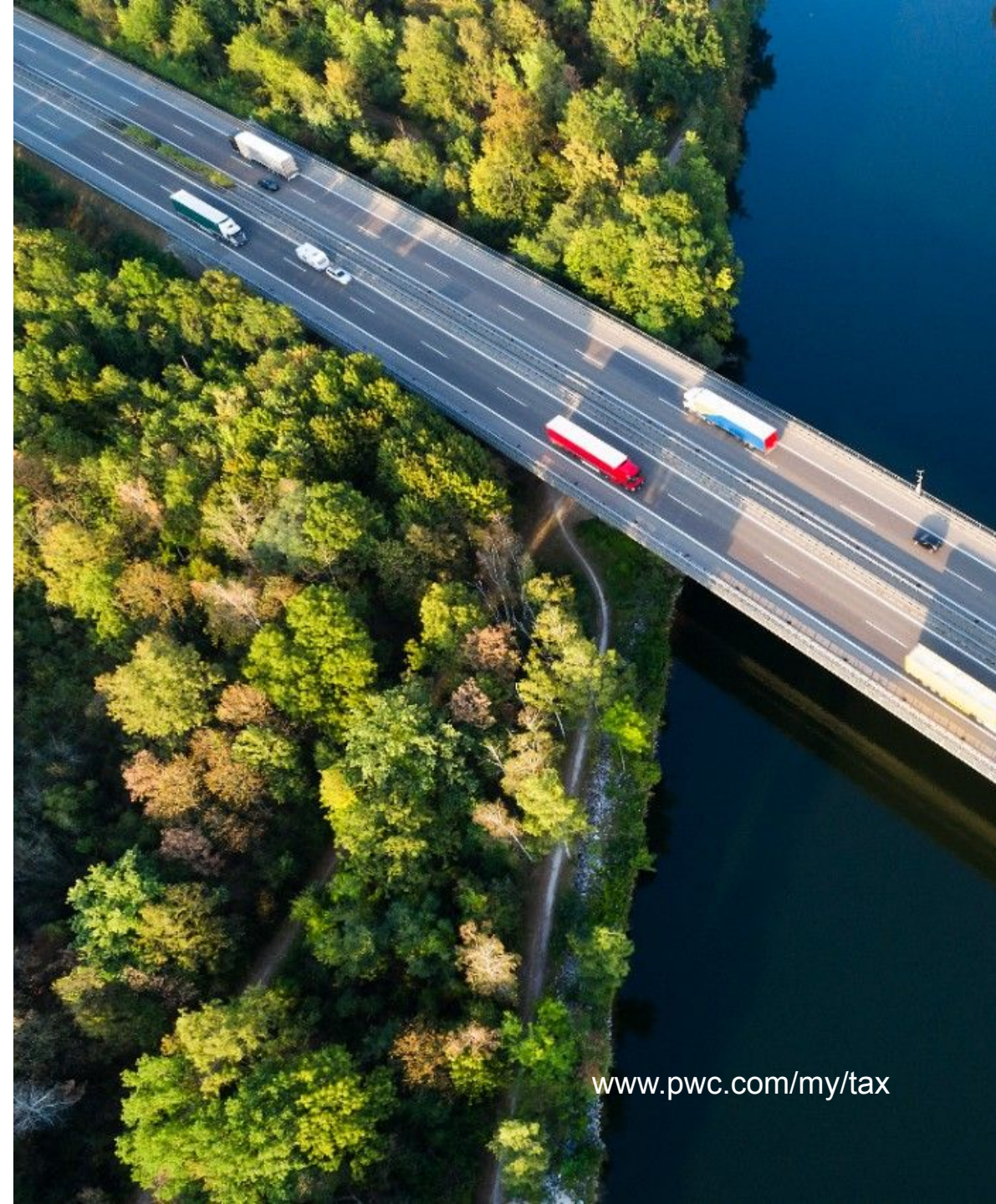


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Guideline on Tax Deduction for Contributions for Smart AI-Driven Reverse Vending Machines

Following the announcement in Budget 2023 ([TaXavvy Budget 2023 \(Retabled\) Edition](#)), the Ministry of Finance (MOF) has issued a Guideline on Tax Deduction under Section 34(6)(h) of the Income Tax Act 1967 for Contributions for Smart AI-Driven Reverse Vending Machines.



The deduction is subject to approval from MOF. The key points from the guideline are:

Eligible contributions

Cash or financing of smart vending machines which utilise smart AI

Eligible applicants

The following persons with business income:

- Companies
 - Individuals
 - Partnerships
 - Trust bodies
 - Cooperative societies
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Supporting documents

- Official receipts, or
- Letter of acceptance of contribution, or
- Financing agreement (stating the duration, location and serial number of the machine)

and

- Verification from the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change of the value of cash / equipment / services.
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Effective period

For contributions / sponsorships and applications received by MOF from 1 April 2023 to 31 December 2024.

The guideline is available on MOF's website www.mof.gov.my (MOF > Tax > Exemption Guidelines).

Extension of Stamp Duty Exemption for Restructuring or Rescheduling of a Loan or a Financing Agreement

The Stamp Duty (Exemption) (No.11) 2021 (Amendment) Order 2023 (“the Order”) has been issued and is effective from 1 January 2023.

The Order is issued to extend the period of stamp duty exemption from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024 (Budget 2023 announcement) for instrument of a loan or financing agreement which relates to the restructuring or rescheduling of a loan or financing agreement between a borrower or customer and a financial institution which is executed on or after 1 July 2021 but not later than 31 December 2024 (previously until 31 December 2022).



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