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## **Clarification of Applicable VAT Rate under the Gazetted Tax Reform Acts**

### **VAT RATE POSITION FOR 2026**

This note clarifies the applicable Value Added Tax (VAT) rate for the 2026 fiscal year.

#### **1. Legal Status**

The Tax Reform Acts, 2025, as duly passed, assented to, and gazetted, contain no provision increasing the VAT rate beyond 7.5%.

#### **2. Unapproved Proposals**

The proposed escalation to 12.5% (2026–2029) and 15% (from 2030) formed part of pre-legislative discussions only and were not enacted.

#### **3. Applicable Rate**

For all VAT computations, invoicing, and filings in 2026, the statutory rate remains 7.5%

#### **4. Statutory Reference**

VAT provisions are contained in the Value Added Tax sections of the Nigeria Tax Act, 2025, which reaffirm the existing rate without amendment.

#### **Conclusion**

Until amended by a subsequent Act of the National Assembly and duly gazetted, 7.5% remains the only lawful VAT rate in Nigeria.



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