

# MINISTRY OF FINANCE CIRCULAR

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**CIRCULAR NO: 8/2022-2023**

**From:** Permanent Secretary for Finance, Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics **Date:** 15/08/2023

**To:** All Permanent Secretaries and Heads of Departments

**Subject:** **Value Added Tax (VAT) Amendment in Awards: Tenders Approved and Contracts Not Yet Signed, and Any Outstanding GTB Approved Contract Payments from August 1, 2023 for Approved Tenders**

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## 1.0 Objective

1.1 The objective of this Circular is to inform Ministries and Departments on the Value Added Tax (VAT) change component that was implemented on August 1, 2023.

## 2.0 Background

2.1 The Government Tender Board (GTB) have noted the changes to VAT in the budget announcement on June 30, 2023. The Hon. Minister for Finance announced a revision of the VAT rate for selected goods and prescribed services from 9% to 15% as per the attached VAT (Budget Announcement) Bill No. 6 of 2023.

2.2 Prior to this amendment, the GTB had approved various tenders that had applied 9% VAT. Various government ministries and departments have requested for clarification on the application of this change to previously approved tenders.

2.3 Pursuant to Bill No. 6 of 2023, the GTB hereby advise that the change in VAT from 9% to 15% for selected goods and prescribed services will be applied for tenders approved and contracts not yet signed and any outstanding GTB approved contract payments from August 1, 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Head of Procurement (Mr. Saimoni Veramu) on email: [saimoni.veramu@finance.gov.fj](mailto:saimoni.veramu@finance.gov.fj) or on phone: 3221231, if you need further information.

Thank you.



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**Permanent Secretary for Finance**

Enclosed:  
Value Added Tax (VAT) (Budget Announcement) Bill No. 6 of 2023