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- Population 8.2 million
- Area 86.600 sq km
- Gross Domestic Product 59.5 trillion manats (\$12,9 billion)
- Budget 2005:
 - a) revenue 10.2 trillion manats (\$2,3 billion)
 - **6**) expenditure 11,0 trillion manats (\$2,4 billion)
 - B) deficit 0,8 trillion manats (\$0,2 billion)





History

- 1990- establishment of Tax Service under the Ministry of Finance
- 1991- transformation of the Tax Service to an independent General State Tax Inspectorate
- 2000- establishment of the Ministry of Taxes on the basis of General State Tax Inspectorate

Organizational Structure of the Ministry of Taxes





Taxes in the Republic of Azerbaijan

	Taxes	Та	x Rates	Weighted by total tax receipts			
		2005	2006	2003	2004		
1	VAT	Exemp	tion, 0%, 18%	32,30%	28,00%		
2	Profit Tax of legal entities	24%	22%	21,70%	22,20%		
3	Income Tax of physical persons	Untaxed m	inimum, 14%, 35%	18,30%	22,00%		
4	Simplified Tax		2%, 4%	1,50%	1,60%		
5	Excise Taxes			7,10%	6,10%		
6	Property Tax			3,20%	3,20%		
7	Tax on Land			1,40%	1,40%		
8	Mining Tax (Royalty)			6,90%	9,70%		
9	Other receipts			7,60%	5,80%		



Taxpayer Services Department of the Ministry of Taxes

Was established on December 18, 2002

Assisting taxpayers in obtaining
Any information
Any time
Any where



Main functions of the Department

- To give information about all aspects of taxation to taxpayers
- To organize meetings with taxpayers in order to inform them
- To provide answers to written and oral enquiries of taxpayers
- To propagate the concept of taxation by all possible means, including mass media and etc.

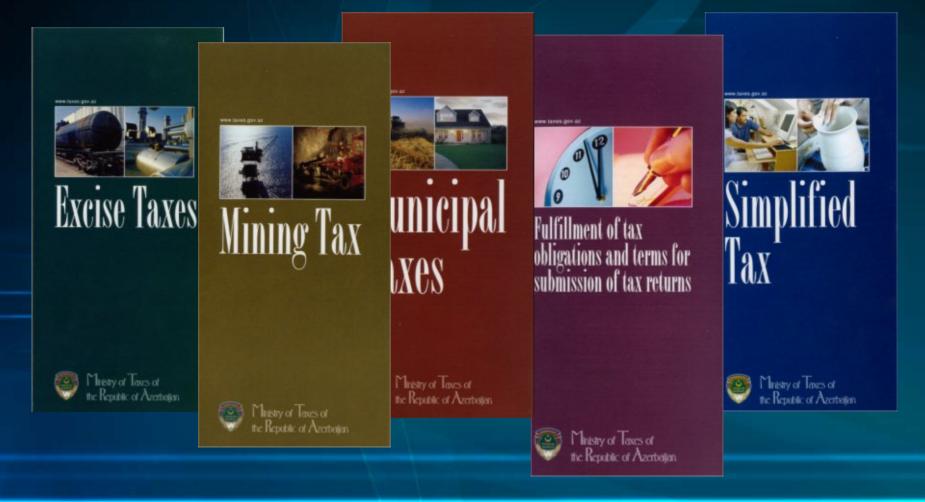


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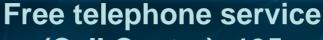
- "Tax Service" Days
- Publications and multimedia products
- Free telephone service of the Ministry of Taxes - 195
- Web-site www.taxes.gov.az



Publications







(Call Center): 195



The Call Center 195 of the Ministry of Taxes started its operation in the territory of Baku city in the last decade of December 2003



Free Telephone Service (Call Center): 195



2004: 200,543 calls (42,916 calls during office hours; 157,627 calls were received by electronic operator; 63 complaints)

2005: 112,500 calls (39,267 calls during office hours; 73,233 calls were received by electronic operator; 83 complaints)



- Registration of taxpayers
- Reception of tax returns
- Recording of tax receipts
- Desktop tax inspections
- Affairs with tax arrears



Registration of taxpayers

- Registration of legal entities
- Registration of VAT payers
- Issuance of certificates to open bank accounts



Registration of legal entities and physical persons

- Registration of the taxpayer is implemented within 2 days upon submission of the application
- Taxpayers are registered at regional tax authorities
- The information about new taxpayer is entered into the server of the Ministry in interactive regime
- TIN is a unique number, which is comprised of 10 digits and is generated by special algorithm
- Ministry of Justice periodically provides information about registered subjects engaged in entrepreneurial activity





Registration of taxpayers

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Registration of VAT payers

- The taxpayer applies for VAT registration if his/her turnover for the period of the preceding three months exceeds a volume equal to 123.75 million manats (≈25.800 \$), or voluntarily.
- Standard VAT rate is 18%
- Taxation at the rate of 0% and exemption from VAT also exist



Issuance of certificate to open bank accounts

- VAT is credited only for non-cash payments
- Certificate is issued for registration of all bank accounts of taxpayers
- It is envisaged to have on-line exchange of certificates with banks through AVIS





Issuance of certificates for opening of bank accounts

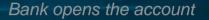
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Tax authority receives the application and issues certificateduplicate to the taxpayer



The taxpaver visits the bank with the certificate, which is valid for 10 days











The bank account is registered



Information passes the registration, goes through a number of people and is entered into the database





Loss of time



The bank returns the stub of the duplicate to tax authority in a paper form within 10 days









Issuance of certificates for opening of bank accounts (through AVIS)

Taxpayer makes a decision to register the bank account and submits an application to the tax authority or sends it via the internet





The bank receives the certificate, opens the account and reports the information about opening of the bank account









The bank account is registered





Reception of tax return via the interent (AVIS)

Digitally signs the return and submits it

Taxpayer electronically fills out the tax return at his/her own working place or at home on the internet



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Information is in the database



AVIS identifies the taxpayer, checks the data and notifies the taxpayer about the reception of the tax return





Desktop tax inspections

- Tax authorities conduct the desktop inspection of tax returns based on the data received from:
 - previous tax returns submitted by the same taxpayer
 - tax returns submitted by other taxpayers engaged in the same type of activity
 - inspections conducted by chronometer method
 - other government agencies (particularly Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Customs Committee, State Statistics Committee and etc.)
 - printing houses
 - market prices
 - taxpayers engaged in entrepreneurial activity with the subject taxpayer
 - etc.



Desk Audit



Taxpayer submits the tax return to tax authority in person or by mail

Tax return is presented to the Office of Tax Returns. Tax inspector obtains the return, opens the file of the subject taxpayer, which is stored in special room.



Tax inspector checks the return according to the existing methods.

In case the tax evasion is found, tax inspector recalculates the amount and enters the information into the database



The notification and the excerpt from the personal account is sent to the taxpayer

Accuracy of the notification is checked by another tax inspector



Tax inspector draws up the notification for the taxpayer about the added tax amount











Desk Audit -«Minimum turnover»

Buyer - VAT payer (A1)



Submits the information about the VAT invoice along with the tax return for VAT credit

Payment



Goods and VAT invoice

payer (B)

Goods and **VAT** invoice Seller - VAT



VAT Credit

Other buyers – VAT payers (A2) (A3) ... (AN)



Tax authority enters the information into the database



VAT return



The software verifies the information received from taxpayers (AN) with the data indicated on tax return (B). In case of discrepancy, reports it to

appropriate agencies



(preliminary control)

AVIS



Desk Audit (through AVIS)

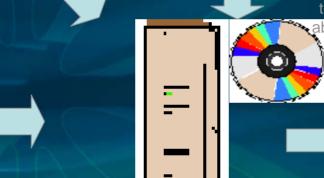
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Data about VAT invoices

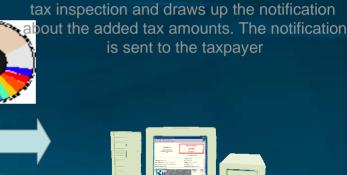
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government agencies



Tax returns of other taxpayers



Tax returns for previous periods



AVIS automatically implements the desktop



Recording of tax payments

Taxpayer makes the tax payment through the bank



The bank enters the payment into the account of the Treasury



The Treasury processes the information

The Treasury presents the information to local tax authorities on paper







Information of the Treasury is recorded and entered into the database

Loss of time





Loss of time









Recording of tax payments (through AVIS)

The taxpayer makes the payment through the bank



The bank implements the payment to the Treasury, to the budget account



The Treasury processes the information



Tax payments are recorded in the personal account of the taxpayer by categories



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6	01.06.2005	əmlak vergisi		15.11.2005	50 000,0				185 000,0			
7	01.06.2005	torpaq vergisi		15.08.2005	40 000,0				225 000,0			
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11	31.07.2006	ödən		31.07.2006			30 000,0		220 000,0			
12	16.08.2006	ödon		16 08 2006			10,000,0		240,000,0			





Enforced collections

The list of debtors is made within 3 days



The notification is sent to the taxpayer and executive list is opened





If taxpayer fails to fulfill the tax obligation within 10 days, tax official meets with the taxpayer and conducts explanatory works with regards to the payment of the tax debt



If the tax debt is still not paid, the decision is made on the seizure of the property



The court makes decision on the sale of the property and the property is sold at the auction by the court executors

In case of failure to pay the tax debt within 5 days, the "garnishee" notice is issued on the taxpayer's payments account



If the debt is not extinguished within 60 days following the seizure of the property, the tax authority applies to the court for the sales seized property



Funds received from the sale goes to the budget





Official web-site of the Ministry of Taxes: www.taxes.gov.az

The official web-site was developed in September 2001.

- -Legislation acts
- -Questions and answers
- -Direct contact with the minister
- -Electronic version of tax returns
- Application form for tax registration
- -Tax calendar
- -Statistics of taxes and other payments to the State Budget
- -Interactive map of regional tax authorities

Interactive communication with taxpayers:

- •2003 200 enquiries from taxpayers
- •2004 516 enquiries from taxpayers
- •First 9 months of 2005 732 enquiries from taxpayers
- •79 letters on tax issues addressed directly to the Minister on the web-site



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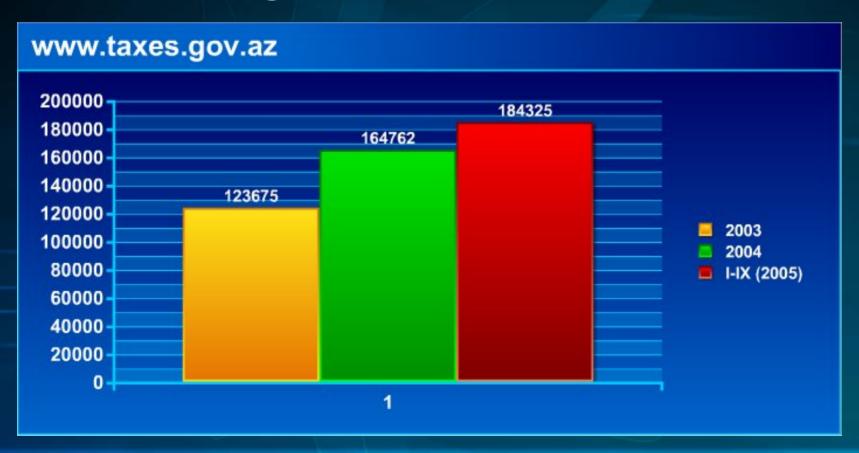
Prospects for the improvement of the website:

- Forum for the employees of tax authorities
- Possibility to view your own tax debts and payments online
- •WAP version of the site





www.taxes.gov.az: statistics of the visitors





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Awards:

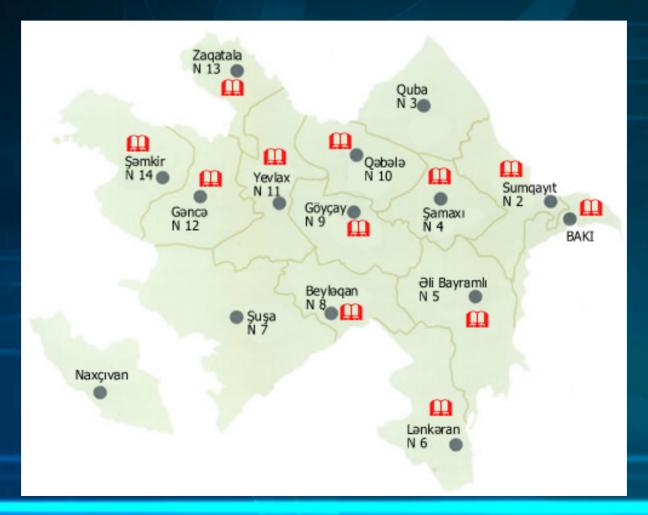
 "Humay" National Award for "The best internetproject of 2002"

 "Netty" National Internet Award for "The best government web-site of 2005"





Methodical cabinets





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