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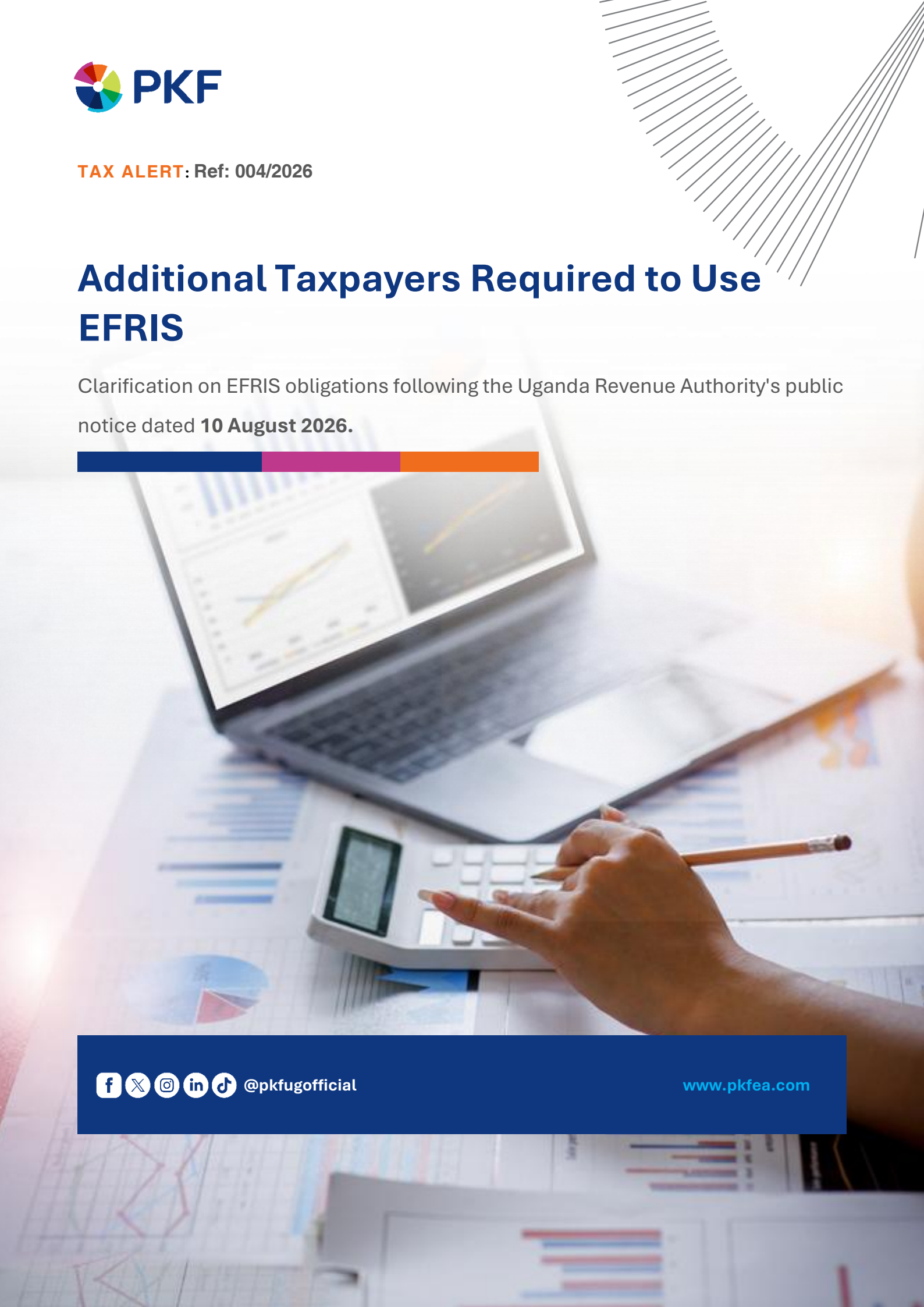
# Additional Taxpayers Required to Use EFRIS

Clarification on EFRIS obligations following the Uganda Revenue Authority's public notice dated **10 August 2026.**



## BACKGROUND

The Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) has issued a public notice dated 10 August 2026 providing clarification on additional taxpayers and sectors required to use the Electronic Fiscal Receipting and Invoicing Solution (EFRIS).

The notice follows the expansion of the EFRIS requirement under General Notice No. 2218 of 2025, published in the Uganda Gazette dated 25 July 2025, which extended the list of taxpayers mandated to issue e-invoices or e-receipts with effect from 1 July 2025. For the avoidance of doubt, the notice of 10 August 2026 does not introduce new categories of taxpayers; it clarifies each category and serves as a reminder for compliance purposes.

EFRIS is an automated system introduced by URA as part of its Domestic Revenue Mobilisation Strategy, intended to manage the issuance and centralised tracking of all invoices and receipts issued by taxpayers in Uganda.

| EFFECTIVE FROM | SECTORS AFFECTED | NOTICE DATE |
|---|---|---|
| 1 July 2025 | 12 | 10 Aug 2026 |

## SECTORS REQUIRED TO COMPLY

With effect from 1 July 2025, taxpayers in the following twelve sectors are required to adopt EFRIS:

| # | SECTOR | DESCRIPTION OF THE SECTOR |
|---|---|---|
| 01 | **Manufacturing** | Includes the physical or chemical transformation of raw materials or intermediate goods into new products. |
| 02 | **Mining and Quarrying** | Includes the extraction of naturally occurring minerals in solid, liquid or gas form, achieved through underground or surface mining, well operations, seabed mining, among other methods. |
| 03 | **Water Supply; Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities** | Includes water supply and activities related to the collection, treatment and disposal of various forms of waste, including solid, non-solid, industrial or household waste, as well as contaminated sites. |
| 04 | **Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply** | Includes the provision of electric power, natural gas and similar utilities through a network of power lines, pipelines and other distribution systems. |
| 05 | **Construction** | Includes general and specialised construction activities for buildings and civil engineering works, covering new construction, repairs, renovations, extensions, and installation of prefabricated and temporary structures. |

| # | SECTOR | DESCRIPTION OF THE SECTOR |
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| 06 | **Transportation and Storage** | Includes passenger or freight transport, scheduled or not, by rail, pipeline, road, water or air, and associated activities such as terminal and parking facilities, cargo handling, storage, postal and courier services.<br>*Exclusion: Providers of passenger land transport — taxis, boda-bodas, shuttles and buses — are not mandated to use EFRIS at this phase of rollout.* |
| 07 | **Accommodation and Food Service Activities** | Includes the provision of short-stay accommodation for visitors and travellers, and the provision of complete meals and drinks fit for immediate consumption. |
| 08 | **Information Technology and Communication** | Includes the production and distribution of information and cultural products, the means to transmit or distribute such products and data, and information technology and data processing activities.<br>*Exclusion: Non-resident digital service providers who are required to pay Digital Service Tax are not mandated to use EFRIS.* |
| 09 | **Real Estate Activities** | Includes those acting as lessors, agents and/or brokers in the sale, purchase or appraisal of real estate, or acting as real estate escrow agents. |
| 10 | **Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities** | Includes specialised professional, scientific and technical activities that require a high degree of training and make specialised knowledge and skills available to users. |
| 11 | **Arts, Entertainment and Recreation** | Includes a wide range of activities meeting cultural, entertainment and recreational interests, including live performances, museums, gambling, sports and recreation activities. |
| 12 | **Wholesale and Retail of Fuel** | All fuel stations supplying kerosene and/or automotive fuels, e.g. Diesel (AGO) and Petrol (PMS). |

## IMPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESSES

### Mandatory compliance regardless of VAT status

Businesses in the twelve (12) newly listed sectors must issue EFRIS invoices and receipts even if they are not VAT-registered.

### Exclusions from mandatory compliance

The notice clarifies that certain taxpayers are excluded from the mandatory EFRIS requirement, namely:

1. Businesses in the designated sectors with annual turnover of less than UGX 10 million;
2. Taxpayers with annual rental income of less than UGX 2.82 million;
3. Certain passenger transport operators, including boda-bodas, taxis, buses and shuttles; and
4. Certain non-resident digital service providers subject to Digital Service Tax.

*Businesses that fall within these exemptions may still voluntarily adopt EFRIS.*

**No income deduction without compliant documentation**
No income deduction shall be allowed for any expense that is not supported by an e-invoice or e-receipt where the supplier is required to use EFRIS, in accordance with Section 22(3)(m) of the Income Tax Act.

**Buyer identification requirements**
All e-invoices or e-receipts issued for business purposes should bear the buyer's Business Registration Number (BRN), National Identification Number (NIN), or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).

## OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

**1. Register for EFRIS**

Taxpayers operating in the listed sectors should register for EFRIS compliance even if they are not VAT-registered.

**2. Choose the appropriate invoicing method**
Several invoicing options are available depending on the nature of the business and transaction volume:

- URA Web Portal Invoicing — ideal for businesses with internet access and low transaction volumes.
- Mobile App — helpful for small traders.
- EFRIS System-to-System Integration — for medium and large businesses with an existing internal invoicing system.
- Electronic Fiscal Device (EFD) — a URA-certified device combining a point-of-sale system and virtual sales data controller, able to produce e-receipts and invoices even offline.

**3. Train your staff**

Ensure employees understand how to issue EFRIS-compliant invoices and receipts.

**4. Update inventory records and begin issuing EFRIS receipts immediately**
EFRIS requires accurate product and service listings. Clean up inventory data, ensure all items are properly categorised, and document every sale through EFRIS.

## GET IN TOUCH

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