

# Tax Bulletin

## REVENUE MEASURES

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Dr. the Honourable Peter Phillips, Minister of Finance and Planning, announced new revenue measures in his presentation in Parliament on February 12, 2013. The measures which will seek to raise \$15.9 billion in revenue for the financial year 2013/2014 are as follows:

- An increase in Education Tax effective April 1, 2013. The changes are as follows:
  - Self employed - from 2% to 2.25%
  - Employee - from 2% to 2.25%
  - Employer - from 3% to 3.5%
- An increase from 5% to 15% in the tax on dividends paid by Jamaican resident companies to residents of Jamaica. This will be effective April 1, 2013.
- The imposition of GCT on the Telephone Calls Tax effective March 1, 2013. Telecommunications providers will also be required to account for GCT on the face value of the prepaid/airtime sold.
- All taxes and fees paid at the ports of entry will attract GCT effective March 1, 2013.
- The imposition of a Customs Administration Fee (CAF) on all imports effective April 1, 2013. Approved charitable organisations and the bauxite sector are exempt from this fee. The CAF will replace the current Customs User Fee and other processing fees payable at the ports.
- An increase in the fees and gross profit structure regarding betting, gaming and lotteries effective April 1, 2013. The sale of lottery tickets will also be allowed on Sundays and public holidays.
- Stamp Duty and Transfer Tax on properties will be increased to 4% and 5% up from 3% and 4% respectively, effective April 1, 2013.