

**TAX ADMINISTRATION (POST-HURRICANE BERYL FISCAL SUPPORT)
SPECIAL MEASURES BILL, 2025**

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Bill seeks to provide fiscal support for the timely recovery and reactivation of businesses that were damaged, destroyed or otherwise negatively affected as a result of the impact of Hurricane Beryl by granting these businesses—

- (a) an exemption from the imposition of Value Added Tax on goods or services supplied by such businesses and from other Value Added Tax-related obligations;
- (b) an exemption from the requirement to make advanced monthly payments of corporate Income Tax to the Comptroller of Inland Revenue;
- (c) an extension of the deadline for remitting Annual Stamp Tax and Income Tax deducted from employees' remuneration to the Comptroller of Inland Revenue; and
- (d) an extension of the deadline for filing tax returns in respect of Value Added Tax, Annual Stamp Tax and Income Tax deducted from employees' remuneration.

This Bill contains **three (3) parts** and **eight (8) clauses**.

Part I provides for the preliminary provisions and contains **clauses 1 to 3**. **Clause 1** of the Bill provides for the short title of the Act and for its retroactive commencement on the 1st day of July 2024. **Clause 2** of the Bill provides the interpretation provisions and includes the definitions of terms used throughout the Bill. **Clause 3** of the Bill establishes the purpose of the Act.

Part II of the Bill makes provision for certain tax exemptions and the extension of deadlines and contains **clauses 4 to 7**. **Clause 4** of the Bill seeks to exempt businesses that were damaged, destroyed or otherwise negatively affected as a result of the impact of Hurricane Beryl from the imposition of Value Added Tax and Value Added Tax-related obligations, including the obligation to file Value Added Tax returns, during the relevant period. **Clause 5** of the Bill seeks to exempt companies that are situated in Carriacou and Petite Martinique from the requirement to make advanced monthly payments of corporate Income Tax to the Comptroller of Inland Revenue during the relevant period. **Clause 6** of the Bill seeks to grant businesses that were damaged, destroyed or otherwise negatively affected as a result of the impact of Hurricane Beryl an extension of the deadline for remitting Annual Stamp Tax to the Comptroller of Inland

Revenue and for filing tax returns in respect of the same. **Clause 7** of the Bill seeks to grant businesses that were damaged, destroyed or otherwise negatively affected as a result of the impact of Hurricane Beryl an extension of the deadline for remitting Income Tax deducted from employees' remuneration to the Comptroller of Inland Revenue and for filing tax returns in respect of the same.

Part III of the Bill makes certain miscellaneous provisions and contains **clause 8**. By **clause 8** of the Bill, the Act shall cease to have legal force and effect on the 31st of January 2025. Notwithstanding this, any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred under this Act shall not be affected by the cessation of this Act and shall continue to remain in force as if this Act did not cease to have legal force and effect.

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Sen. the Hon. Claudette Joseph
ATTORNEY-GENERAL

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GRENADA

ACT NO. OF 2025

AN ACT to exempt businesses that were damaged, destroyed or otherwise negatively impacted as a result of Hurricane Beryl, from the imposition of Value Added Tax, Value Added Tax-related obligations and corporate Income Tax obligations; to extend the deadline for remitting Annual Stamp Tax and Income Tax deducted from employees' remuneration to the Comptroller of Inland Revenue; to extend the deadline for filing tax returns; and for related matters.

BE IT ENACTED by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Representatives of Grenada, and by the authority of the same as follows—

**PART I
PRELIMINARY**

Short title and commencement

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the

**TAX ADMINISTRATION (POST-HURRICANE BERYL FISCAL SUPPORT)
SPECIAL MEASURES ACT, 2025.**

- (2) This Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of July 2024.

Interpretation

2. In this Act—

“**Annual Stamp Tax**” means the tax imposed on every person who is engaged in a business and liable to be paid to the Comptroller pursuant to section 3 of the Annual Stamp Tax Act;

“**Annual Stamp Tax Act**” means the Annual Stamp Tax Act Chapter 16A of the 2010 Continuous Revised Edition of the Laws of Grenada;

“**Comptroller**” means the Comptroller of Inland Revenue;

“**Income Tax**” means income tax imposed by the Income Tax Act and for the purposes of recovery of tax includes any penalty, interest or other charge imposed under the Income Tax Act but does not include any fine imposed by a court;

“Income Tax Act” means the Income Tax Act, Chapter 149 of the 2010 Continuous Revised Edition of the Laws of Grenada;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for Finance;

“relevant period” means the period commencing on the 1st of June 2024 and ending on the 31st of January 2025;

“Tax Administration Act” means the Tax Administration Act, No. 14 of 2016;

“Value Added Tax” means the tax imposed under the Value Added Tax Act and includes any amount to the extent that it is treated as Value Added Tax for the purposes of the Value Added Tax Act; and

“Value Added Tax Act” means the Value Added Tax Act, Chapter 333A of the 2010 Continuous Revised Edition of the Laws of Grenada.

Purpose of the Act

3. The purpose of this Act is to provide fiscal support for the timely recovery and reactivation of businesses that were damaged, destroyed or otherwise negatively impacted as a result of Hurricane Beryl by making provisions for the following special measures specified hereunder, to apply in relation to these businesses—

- (a) the granting of tax exemptions;
- (b) the extending of the deadline for filing tax returns; and
- (c) the extending of the deadline for the payment or remittance of taxes,

in an effort to alleviate the respective tax obligations and liabilities of said businesses during the post-Hurricane Beryl period.

PART II TAX EXEMPTIONS AND EXTENSION OF DEADLINES

Exemptions in respect of Value Added Tax

4. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Tax Administration Act or the Value Added Tax Act, every business that is registered and operating on the island of Carriacou or on the island of Petite Martinique is hereby exempt from the impositions and requirements specified under subsection (3).

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Tax Administration Act or the Value Added Tax Act, a business registered and operating in any place in Grenada, other than on the island of Carriacou or on the island of Petite Martinique is

hereby exempt from the impositions and requirements specified under subsection (3), if the owner of the business applies in writing for such exemptions and provides evidence, to the satisfaction of the Comptroller, of the following in respect of that business—

- (a) that the business was damaged, destroyed or otherwise negatively impacted as a result of Hurricane Beryl; and
- (b) of such other conditions as the Comptroller sees fit.

(3) A business in respect of which subsection (1) or (2) applies is exempt from the following during the relevant period—

- (a) the imposition of Value Added Tax on the goods or services supplied by that business pursuant to section 8 of the Value Added Tax Act;
- (b) the imposition of interest, late fees or other penalties on any outstanding Value Added Tax pursuant to Part VII of the Tax Administration Act;
- (c) the requirement to remit Value Added Tax to the Comptroller pursuant to section 46 of the Value Added Tax Act; and
- (d) the requirement to file a tax return in respect of Value Added Tax pursuant to section 44 of the Value Added Tax Act.

(4) For the avoidance of doubt, Value Added Tax shall not be levied on any supply or import of a business to which subsection (1) or (2) applies during the relevant period.

(5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as waiving, neither wholly nor in part—

- (a) any outstanding Value Added Tax that became due and payable prior to the commencement of the relevant period; or
- (b) any interest, late fees or other penalties that may be due and payable on any outstanding Value Added Tax prior to the commencement of the relevant period.

Exemptions in respect of corporate Income Tax

5. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Tax Administration Act or the Income Tax Act, every company that is registered and operating on the island of Carriacou or on the island of Petite Martinique is hereby exempt from the requirements specified under subsection (2).

(2) A company in respect of which subsection (1) applies is exempt from the requirement to make advanced monthly payments of Income Tax to the Comptroller pursuant to section 93 of the Income Tax Act during the relevant period.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed as waiving, neither wholly nor in part—

- (a) any outstanding Income Tax that became due and payable prior to the commencement of the relevant period; or
- (b) any interest, late fees or other penalties that may be due and payable on any outstanding Income Tax prior to the commencement of the relevant period.

Extension of deadlines for Annual Stamp Tax

6. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Tax Administration Act or the Annual Stamp Tax Act, every owner of a business that is registered and operating on the island of Carriacou or on the island of Petite Martinique is hereby granted the extension specified under subsection (3) in respect of the filing of tax returns and the payment or remittance of Annual Stamp Tax, in respect of that business.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Tax Administration Act or the Annual Stamp Tax Act, the owner of a business that is registered and operating in any place in Grenada other than on the island of Carriacou or on the island of Petite Martinique is hereby granted the extension specified under subsection (3) in respect of the filing of tax returns and the payment or remittance of Annual Stamp Tax, in respect of that business, if the owner applies in writing for such extension and provides evidence, to the satisfaction of the Comptroller, of the following in respect of that business—

- (a) that the business was damaged, destroyed or otherwise negatively impacted as a result of Hurricane Beryl; and
- (b) of such other conditions as the Comptroller sees fit.

(3) For the purposes of the 2024 tax period, the deadline to—

- (a) file a tax return pursuant to section 6 of the Annual Stamp Tax Act; and
- (b) pay or remit annual stamp to the Comptroller pursuant to section 3 of the Annual Stamp Tax Act,

is hereby extended to the last day of the relevant period for every business in respect of which subsection (1) or (2) applies.

(4) For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding section 50(5) of the Tax Administration Act, no interest, late fees or other penalties shall be imposed on a business specified under subsection (1) or (2) in respect of any outstanding Annual Stamp Tax during the relevant period.

(5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as waiving, neither wholly nor in part—

- (a) any outstanding Annual Stamp Tax that became due and payable prior to the commencement of the relevant period; or
- (b) any interest, late fees or other penalties that may be due and payable on any outstanding Annual Stamp Tax prior to the commencement of the relevant period.

Extension of deadlines for Income Tax deductions

7. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Tax Administration Act or the Income Tax Act, every employer registered and operating a business on the island of Carriacou or on the island of Petite Martinique is hereby granted the extension specified under subsection (3) in respect of the filing of tax returns and the payment or remittance of Income Tax deductions, in respect of that business.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Tax Administration Act or the Income Tax Act, an employer registered and operating in any place in Grenada other than on the island of Carriacou or on the island of Petite Martinique is hereby granted the extension specified under subsection (3) in respect of the filing of tax returns and the payment or remittance of Income Tax deductions, in respect of that business, if the employer applies in writing for such extension and provides evidence, to the satisfaction of the Comptroller, of the following in respect of that business—

- (a) that the business was damaged, destroyed or otherwise negatively impacted as a result of Hurricane Beryl; and
- (b) of any other conditions as the Comptroller sees fit.

(3) For the purposes of the 2024 tax period, the deadline to—

- (a) file an annual return of tax deductions and remittances pursuant to paragraph 9 of the Fourth Schedule to the Income Tax Act; and
- (b) pay or remit Income Tax deducted from employees' remuneration to the Comptroller pursuant to section 96 of the Income Tax Act,

is hereby extended to the last day of the relevant period for every employer in respect of whom subsection (1) or (2) applies.

(4) For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding section 50(5) of the Tax Administration Act, no interest, late fees or other penalties shall be imposed on an employer specified under subsection (1) or (2) in respect of any outstanding Income Tax deducted or deductible during the relevant period.

(5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as waiving, neither wholly nor in part—

- (a) any outstanding Income Tax deductions that became due and payable prior to the commencement of the relevant period; or
- (b) any interest, late fees or other penalties that may be due and payable on any outstanding Income Tax deductions prior to the commencement of the relevant period.

PART III MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Sunset and savings

8. (1) This Act shall cease to have legal force and effect upon the expiration of one year from the date on which this Act comes into force.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1)—

- (a) any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred under this Act; or
- (b) any legal proceedings, remedy or investigation in respect of such right, privilege, obligation or liability,

shall not be affected by the cessation of this Act and shall continue to remain in force, in relation to the relevant period, as if this Act did not cease to have legal force and effect.

Passed by the Houses of Representatives this 13th day of May, 2025.



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Clerk to the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate this day of 2025.

Clerk to the Senate