

**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- **BVN...Next Level in Tax Compliance.**
- **2016 Financial Compliance Training**
- **How to tabulate and prioritize compliance requirement.**

## BVN...Next Level in Tax Compliance!

We welcome all our esteemed client and audience to a bright and promising 2016. Many thanks to you all for the opportunity to be of service to you in 2015.

### The Big question.

As oil prices dwindle and government revenue decline what will the government fall back to meet up with recurrent expenditure?

Budget 2016, put at about 6.07 trillion naira. How will it be funded?

Tax is the answer to this big question. This answer informs the several initiatives the government is putting in place to ensure maximum tax compliance. These initiatives are geared towards increas-

ing government revenue. One of such initiative to tighten compliance is the introduction of Biometric verification Number (BVN).

It is essentially CBN initiative

organisation and individual, no matter the number of Bank accounts operated by the organisation/individual; they will be identified by the BVN leading to full disclosure.



BVN is an initiative of Government to ensure easy investigation and audit trail.

The Central Bank of Nigeria, Federal Inland Revenue Services and Economic and Financial Crimes Commission have

reached a tripartite arrangement to scan individual and corporate accounts in the country, through Bank Verification Numbers with a view to determining the actual income and tax to be paid by each account holder.

to improve accountability and transparency in financial dealings in the country.

### What is BVN?

Bank Verification Number is a unique number that will link the Bank accounts of an or-

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## 2016 Financial Compliance Training (FCT)

It is on this note that We invite you to participate in our **2016 Financial Compliance Specialized Training** designed to aid designated officers to meet the demand of regulatory authorities and avoid penalties and sanctions.

- Appreciating the entire compliance requirements of a business and the importance thereof.

- Module for full and complete compliance regime and back up laws.

**Objectives of the program include:**

- And lots more.

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**COURSE CONTENT:**

- Understanding Government policy direction on Tax
- Biometric Verification Number (The Compliance Question)
- The new direction on VAT Compliance
- Developing a Tax policy document
- Personal Income Tax (Employee Tax)
- Company Income Tax (Detailed Issues on PPS)
- Local government levies & rates
- Others: Pensions, IPT, NSTIP, Labour and Masters

**For Whom:**

- Compliance Officer/Manager
- Tax Manager/Compliance
- Accountant/Accounts Manager
- Financial Controller/Director
- Internal Auditor/External Auditor
- Human Resource Manager
- COO/CEO
- Other Executive Officers

**COURSE FEE: N50,000**

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## Effect of BVN on Financial Compliance:

The advent of BVN points to the fact that all company transactions can be gotten by relevant Government agencies when so desired. FIRS tripartite arrangement with other institutions will make it easier for them to determine the Turnover of an organisation and the various taxes applicable thereon. It is important to note that, it is the legal and absolute right of government to access all the data required to determine the appropriate level of tax.

- BVN will improve voluntary compliance.
- It will drive financial Compliance transparency.
- It will allow the tax authority to ascertain the actual Turnover of Taxpayers by access to various Bank accounts and subsequent Tax payable thereon.
- It will make tax evasion difficult to engage in.
- Of course, this would increase government revenue derived from Taxation.



### SOC Focal Point:

**Maximum compliance to statutory obligations but minimum exposure to tax”**

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Coming up in Tax Digest Issue 4...  
FIRS: filing of 2015 Audited Account and Annual Returns Submission for Corporate Companies.

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### How to tabulate and prioritize compliance requirement:

Financial or business compliance permeate the entire facet of the economic life of a business. Therefore it is respectable to admit that compliance matter is a necessity of life and business, hence companies need to be more proactive in approach to take maximum benefit thereon.

### Strategic Part

Compliance requirement become strategic when it affects the objective of productivity and profitability of a business.

- **Requirement for tender, bid and prospecting for business.**

List items that are required for every proposal in your business. Some of these items are common, while others are peculiar and specific to industry and transaction.

As the year opens and within the first 3 months of every new year, the accountant must ensure these compliance requirement are processed and obtained for business of the next 12months. Waiting till a need arises is un-strategic and may lead to loss of revenue.

These items must be prioritized in the budget for the year and necessary funds approved ahead for it as a necessity than choice.

### Operational part

Operational compliance are matters that could hinder day to day operations, slow down pro-

cesses, delay deliverables, and affect customers/client's satisfaction. As much as operational compliance issue may affect customer/client, it could also affect Board of directors and management effective functionality.

### Routine part

A routine compliance requirement is a set of customary/unchanging and often mechanically performed activities or procedures.

- Filing of returns with various agencies of government comes under routine matters. Make a list of them; federal, state and local government authorities.
- Most of these compliance have deadlines and attract penalty upon default, therefore, they are best approached by creating a time-table/compliance chart.
- These chart should be well-articulated, prepared and presented for management approval and use.
- An approved copy should be given to everyone involved in the compliance activity and approval of funds, particularly the MD, CEO, CF etc.
- A copy should be placed conspicuously in the Accounts Department/ office.
- Note: your compliance date should precede the date government authority expect you to do the filing; a minimum of 72hours gap should be given.