

Tax Service Transformation

Examining the Principals and Service Updates in PER-8/PJ/2025

In line with efforts to modernize the national tax administration system, the Directorate General of Taxes (DGT) has released *Regulation of the Director General of Taxes Number PER-8/PJ/2025* concerning Provisions for the Provision of Certain Tax Administration Services in the Framework of Implementing the Core Tax Administration System. This regulation is an important pillar in supporting the implementation of *the Coretax Administration System*, which aims to create tax services that are more transparent , efficient , and responsive to the needs of taxpayers

Background and Purpose of Issuance of PER-8/PJ/2025

DGT realizes that the previous tax administration service system has not been fully adaptive to information technology updates and modern legal needs. Therefore, PER-8/PJ/2025 is here to fill the gap in technical regulations and integrate various provisions into one more systematic regulation. Its main objectives are to:

- Provide legal certainty in certain tax services.
- Make it easier for taxpayers to carry out their tax rights and obligations.
- Simplify and digitize administrative processes.
- Provide a legal basis for operations consistent with Coretax policies.

Scope of PER-8/PJ/2025

This regulation covers 13 main services, namely:

1. Issuance of Fiscal Certificate (SKF);
2. Changes in bookkeeping method and/or fiscal year;
3. Bookkeeping permission to use English and currency other than Rupiah;
4. Application for use of book value for business restructuring;
5. Revaluation of fixed assets for taxation;
6. Exemption from withholding/collection of income tax;
7. Exemption from Article 22 Income Tax on imports of gold bullion;
8. Exemption from deductions on interest and discounts for pension funds;
9. Income Tax exemption for property transfer in Tourism Special Economic Zones;

10. Research on evidence of PPh payments for land/building transfers;
11. Certificate of Utilization of Taxable Services from outside the Customs Area;
12. Revocation of the permit to impose income tax on Indonesian income only; and
13. Services for regional head candidate requirements.

Key Updates in Fiscal Statement Procedures

SKF is an important document that states taxpayer compliance with tax obligations and is used for various other administrative purposes, such as participating in tenders, export-import, or nomination for public positions.

PER-8/PJ/2025 introduces a digital-based SKF application system through:

- Taxpayer Portal;
- Integrated application of DJP;
- Contact Center;
- Written submission in person or by post (if digital service is not possible).

This document is now issued automatically if the application meets the requirements, namely:

- Submission of Annual Income Tax Returns for the last two years and Monthly VAT Returns for the last three periods;
- Have no tax debts, or if there are any, have received permission for installments or deferrals;
- Not currently in the process of tax criminal proceedings.

With an automated system, the issuance process becomes much faster, more concise, and more efficient—even without the need for direct interaction with tax officers.

Digitalization and Consistency of Bookkeeping

PER-8/PJ/2025 also clarifies the provisions for changing bookkeeping methods and fiscal years. Taxpayers can submit an application for changes to the method/fiscal year with strong reasons and statements including:

- There is a request from shareholders or business partners;
- Without changes to the bookkeeping method and/or fiscal year there will be difficulties and/or losses for the company;
- The changes are not for tax avoidance purposes;
- The change request will be made for the first time;

- Have implemented a method of bookkeeping and/or fiscal year consistently in accordance with the principles for at least five years (specifically for the second and subsequent applications).

Applications can only be submitted no later than one month before the new financial year begins

Bookkeeping in US Dollars and using English

This new regulation also accommodates certain corporate taxpayers to use English and/or US Dollar currency in their bookkeeping, such as:

- Oil and gas and mining contractors;
- WP PMA (foreign investment);
- Business entities with parent companies abroad;
- Foreign stock exchange-listed companies;
- USD denominated mutual funds, and more.

Submission is to be done through notification or electronic application, depending on the qualifications of the taxpayer. For taxpayers who have obtained a permit for bookkeeping in a foreign language/currency, the principle of obedience is applied : must consistently organize bookkeeping in the same language and currency for a minimum of 5 years .

Taxpayers not submitting any notification or application are required to maintain bookkeeping in Rupiah currency using Indonesian

The Advantages of This New Regulation

Some of the advantages of PER-8/PJ/2025 include:

- Simplification: Integrating various technical provisions into one regulation;
- Automation: Many services can now be processed without manual intervention;
- Time efficiency: Application processing within 15 working days (or faster if automated);
- Accessibility: Digital channels are increasingly being prioritized;
- Accountability: Documents are accompanied by a QR code whose authenticity can be confirmed by other agencies.

Towards a New Era of Tax Administration

PER-8/PJ/2025 is a concrete reflection of the government's determination to reform tax services to align with digital transformation and the principles of *good governance*. Services that are increasingly easy, integrated, and technology-based not only benefit tax authorities in supervision, but also create a healthy compliance climate for taxpayers.

The ongoing tax administration transformation is not only about a new system, but also a new culture that places convenience, openness, and legal certainty as its foundation.

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