

TAX REFORM IMPLEMENTATION: KW-IRS DISENGAGES CONSULTANTS FOR HAULAGE AND CONTROL POSTS

The Executive Chairman, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), Shade Omoniyi, has issued an official directive, formally terminating the contract of all consultants engaged by the Service for haulage and control posts across the State, effective 1st January, 2026.

The official consultants' disengagement was announced by the Executive Chairman at the KW-IRS Corporate Head Office, G.R.A, Ilorin. She stated that it is imperative to comply with the new tax reform laws that came into full implementation on 1st January, 2026, which prohibit all States' revenue agencies and tax authorities from establishing roadblocks or barricades on major roads for haulage and control posts.



The Kwara State Internal Revenue Service is by this official communication notifying the general public of its complete termination and withdrawal of consultants, staff, or agents attached to roadblocks at various points for haulage and control posts across the State. Modalities for effective collection of haulage fees will be communicated in due course.

The Service reiterates its commitment to lawful, transparent and technology-driven revenue administration in line with global best practices.

Taxation of SMEs: KWACCIMA, ANAN, and CITN Delegates Visit KW-IRS



The Executive Chairman, Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) Shade Omoniyi, on Wednesday, 4th February, 2026, hosted members of the planning committee of a one-day joint seminar at the KW-IRS Corporate Head Office, G.R.A, Ilorin.

The seminar themed “Taxes for SME's: Supporting Small Businesses to Thrive Under the New Tax Reforms Regime” is organised by the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN) Ilorin & District Society, Kwara State Chamber of Commerce, Industry Mines & Agriculture (KWACCIMA), and the Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN), Ilorin & District Society.

In her opening remarks, Mrs. Ramat Sulyman, the Vice President, Finance & other Professional Services, KWACCIMA, who doubles as the Chairperson, Association of National Accountants of Nigeria, Ilorin & District Society, stated that the purpose of the visit was to formally notify KW-IRS of the forthcoming seminar scheduled for 4th March 2026 jointly organized by the bodies and aimed to address small businesses and their operations following the implementation of the new tax laws in Nigeria.

She also appealed for the deployment of taxation professionals to the seminar to provide thorough enlightenment on concerns relating to SMEs under the new tax regime from the Service. She also commended the KW-IRS Executive Chairman's efforts in redefining revenue mobilization through technology adoption and its productive partnership with taxation institutions in the State over the years.

The Executive Chairman, Shade Omoniyi, in her response, commended the initiative of the planning committee with members drawn from three professional bodies in the State. She acknowledged the timeliness, decency of purpose, and effectiveness of the proposed seminar, and its theme, describing it as a veritable tool to address, enlighten, and understand the new tax laws as they affect SME business owners in the State.

Omoniyi expressed gratitude to the professional bodies for their collaborative efforts and devotion in maintaining a forefront position in tax advocacy in the State. She added that forums such as the proposed seminar are avenues for advocacies and enlightenment of business owners on the importance of transaction records, and proper bookkeeping, especially for businesses operating at a micro level in the State.

She assured the committee of the Service's support towards the proposed one-day joint seminar, while looking forward to an improved implementation of the new tax laws and effective micro businesses classification at the end of the seminar.

The meeting had in attendance the KW-IRS Directors, Legal & Compliance, Shehu Abdullahi; Income Tax, Mohammed Usman; Ag. Director General, KWACCIMA, Ahmed Maigida; Legal Adviser, KWACCIMA, Barr Rotimi Oyagbola: Chairman, CITN Ilorin & District Society, Taofiq Alabi; selected executive members of the CITN(Ilorin & District Society), KWACCIMA, and ANAN Ilorin & District Society.





The Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), in its continued effort to enhance operational efficiency, and set major strategies and approaches to achieve its 2026 budget, held a two-day Strategic Management Retreat at the Fresh Hotel Ilorin, Kwara State, on Thursday, 5th, and Friday, 6th February 2026.

The strategic session highlighted the success factors and appraised the overall revenue performance of 2025, while developing effective strategies for achieving the 2026 revenue budget.

The Executive Chairman, KW-IRS, Shade Omoniyi, while declaring the retreat open, commended the staff's collaborative efforts, noting that the various outstanding achievements recorded since the inception of the present administration are a testament to the planned and collective efforts of the Service's workforce. She further emphasised the need to continue to build on the numerous successes to strengthen quality service delivery and ensure full implementation of the new tax reforms.

Departments took turns to present their achievements for the year 2025 and outlined strategies aimed at improving performance in 2026.

Participants also engaged in aerobic sessions designed to promote staff wellness and boost productivity.

The retreat featured two separate paper presentations by the KW-IRS Director, Admin and Operations, Yusuf La-Kadri, and the Head, Corporate Planning, Muhammed Audu, who urged participants to ensure progressive mentoring and influence on subordinates; as well as development of a positive attitude in the course of discharging their duties and responsibilities, while portraying the KW-IRS brand in good light at all times.

Part of the highlights of the retreat was the keynote presentation by the former Executive Chairman of the Ondo State Internal Revenue Service and member of the Presidential Committee on Fiscal Policy and Tax Reform, Mr. Tolu Adegbe, who delivered a paper titled "State IRS Tax Reform Implementation Strategies," revealing major productive strategies pertinent to the successful implementation of the tax reform, and ensuring optimum revenue mobilisation for the State.

In her closing remarks, the Executive Chairman described the retreat as highly participatory and successful. She thanked all participants for their cooperation and valuable contributions, expressing confidence in the adopted strategies and the seamless implementation of the new tax reform going forward.

Tax Reform Implementation: KW-IRS Sensitizes KW-GIS Staff on Stamp Duty Administration



The session was interactive, with KW-GIS participants providing valuable feedback and recommendations. Attendees included staff of both agencies, all of whom engaged actively in the discussions aimed at enhancing effective stamp duty administration in Kwara State. The session ended with a call for continued partnership between both agencies to achieve effective tax compliance in Kwara State.

The Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS) organized a sensitization program for staff of the Kwara State Geographical Information Service (KW-GIS) on Wednesday, 18th February 2026, to discuss the impact of the new tax reform on stamp duty administration.



The program, held at the KW-GIS Head office, Commissioner Lodge Way, GRA, Ilorin, was part of KW-IRS's efforts to ensure the seamless implementation of the new tax reform and enhance inter-agency collaboration. The program also highlighted the need to understand the new tax law and its effect on the administration of stamp duties on instruments.



Leading the training session, the KW-IRS Commissioner for Stamp Duties, Abubakar Abdulmumini, discussed key aspects of the new tax laws, including the digitalization of stamp duties, penalties for non-compliance, implications of failure to stamp dutiable instruments, and the power of substitution. He outlined other critical areas of the new law, including modernization of tax administration, interest on unpaid duties, and admissibility of evidence.



CURBING TAX EVASION: KW-IRS COLLABORATES WITH EFCC IN ILORIN



The Executive Chairman of the Kwara State Internal Revenue Service (KW-IRS), Shade Omoniyi, on Thursday, 12th March, 2026, paid a courtesy visit to the Ilorin Zonal Director of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), ACE I Victoria Ugo, at the Commission's office in GRA, Ilorin.

According to the Executive Chairman, the visit was aimed at formally welcoming the new Zonal Director to her office and exploring avenues for both agencies to strengthen collaboration through intelligence sharing and strategic partnership towards improving tax compliance in the State.

Omoniyi emphasized the importance of sustained inter-agency cooperation in curbing tax evasion. She also highlighted the need for robust taxpayer sensitization programmes, public enlightenment initiatives to promote voluntary tax compliance, and sustained advocacy to encourage better understanding and adoption of the newly implemented tax laws.

She congratulated the Zonal Director on her well-deserved appointment and expressed optimism that her tenure would not only help reduce financial crimes within the zone but also contribute significantly to the growth of the State's Internally Generated Revenue (IGR).

In her response, the Zonal Director, ACE I Victoria Ugo, commended the Executive Chairman and her team for the visit. She assured the Service of the Commission's commitment to sustaining a productive working relationship, noting that the EFCC remains resolute in promoting tax compliance as a critical component of financial integrity and national development.

In attendance at the meeting were the KW-IRS Director of Accounts and Finance, Omolara Ojulari; Director of Legal and Compliance, Shehu Abdullahi; Director of Income Tax, Mohammed Usman; and other staff members from both agencies.

The Invisibility Doctrine, Surviving the New Economy of Abduction

By: Abdulrafiu Ayuba, KW-IRS

The current security landscape in Nigeria has transformed the "business" of abduction into a sophisticated, data-driven economy where visibility is the primary metric for targeting. In a culture that traditionally celebrates success loudly, privacy has transitioned from a personal preference to a vital tactical shield. Every real-time social media post or public display of wealth acts as a data point for "spotters" to calculate a potential ransom. To survive this climate, one must adopt the "Invisibility Doctrine"—recognizing that if you are invisible to the public eye, you become an unpriceable and unattractive target for predators.

Movement across the country now requires a military-grade approach to routine and travel. Interstate roads have become high-stakes theaters of risk, making air travel a necessity for those who can afford it and a "Golden Window" of 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM non-negotiable for those who must drive. Beyond the roads, the threat is often closer than we care to admit, with "inside jobs" facilitated by unvetted domestic staff or business associates remaining a leading catalyst for kidnappings. Rigorous background checks and a "need-to-know" approach to sharing travel plans are no longer signs of paranoia, but essential protocols for domestic intelligence.

The psychological toll of this constant vigilance is immense, yet the goal is to convert this mental burden into habit rather than active anxiety. Much like the reflex of wearing a seatbelt, situational awareness—scanning mirrors, varying daily routes, and maintaining digital silence—must become muscle memory. We are forced to embrace the "Gray Man" philosophy, moving through our environments with such neutrality that we are entirely forgettable. In an era where bandits trade in names and reputations, the most effective defense is to ensure there is nothing for a threat to "grab onto."

Ultimately, the burden of personal preservation has shifted onto the individual as state protection remains fragmented. Success in today's Nigeria is no longer measured by how much you can show, but by how well you can hide. By reducing our physical and digital "surface area," we deny kidnappers the intelligence they need to operate. The objective is simple but stern: be the least interesting person in the room. In a nation where visibility can be fatal, the most powerful position a citizen can occupy is to be completely overlooked.

·Vetting as a Culture: We must move past the "face value" culture. Whether it's a new tenant, a domestic staff member, or a business partner, due diligence is no longer optional it's a prerequisite.



DID YOU KNOW?

If your annual income is 800,000 or less, you are now completely exempt from Personal Income Tax (PIT). This reform is designed to provide immediate "breathing room" for low-income earners amidst economic shifts.

2. For the first time, taxpayers can claim Rent Relief. You can deduct 20% of your annual rent (capped at 500,000) from your taxable income. Be sure to keep your tenancy agreements and receipts to claim this during filing.

3. The threshold for "Small Companies" has been significantly raised. If your business has an annual turnover of less than 50 million, you are 100% exempt from Company Income Tax (CIT). This allows startups to reinvest 100% of their profits into growth.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**OPENING OF 2026 TAX CLUB QUIZ
COMPETITION REGISTRATION PORTAL**

1st and 31st May, 2026