International Tax

St. Vincent and the Grenadines Highlights 2025

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Investment basics

Currency: East Caribbean Dollar (XCD)

Foreign exchange control: The monetary authority is the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank. There are no limits on foreign exchange transactions.

Accounting principles/financial statements: IFRS applies but, in practice, the standards applicable in the jurisdiction of a parent company may be used.

Principal business entities: These are the limited liability company, company without share capital, partnership, international bank, and trust.

Corporate taxation

Rates	
Corporate income tax rate	28%
Branch tax rate	28%
Capital gains tax rate	0%

Residence: A company is considered resident if it is centrally managed and controlled in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Basis: A resident company is taxed on worldwide income. A nonresident company is taxed on income derived or sourced from St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Branches are taxed in the same way as subsidiaries.

Taxable income: Taxable income is assessable income less allowable deductions.

Rate

General

The corporate income tax rate is 28%.

Surtax

There is no surtax.

Alternative minimum tax

There is no alternative minimum tax.

Global minimum tax (Pillar Two)

St. Vincent and the Grenadines has not committed to implementing rules that generally are in line with the global anti-base erosion (GloBE) or "Pillar Two" model rules published by the OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework on BEPS that are designed to ensure a global minimum level of taxation of 15% for multinational enterprise groups with annual consolidated revenue of at least EUR 750 million.

Taxation of dividends: Dividend income is not subject to tax.

Capital gains: Capital gains are not subject to tax.

Losses: Losses may be carried forward up to five years but may only reduce taxable income by 50%. The carryback of losses is not permitted.

Foreign tax relief: Credit is available for foreign tax paid up to the amount of the tax payable in St. Vincent and the Grenadines on the foreign income.

Participation exemption: There is no participation exemption, as capital gains and dividend income are not subject to tax.

Holding company regime: There is no holding company regime.

Incentives: Under the Fiscal Incentives Act, approved enterprises engaged in the manufacturing of approved products are granted a tax holiday and an exemption from import duties.

Compliance for corporations

Tax year: The tax year is based on the company's fiscal year end.

Consolidated returns: Consolidated returns are not permitted; each company in a group must file a separate tax return.

Filing and payment: Tax installments are due on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September, and 31 December, and are based on one-quarter of the tax payable as per the most recent tax return filed. The annual tax return must be filed within three months of the company's fiscal year end, along with financial statements and payment of any tax due. An extension may be granted at the discretion of the Comptroller of Inland Revenue.

Penalties: Penalties are imposed for noncompliance.

Rulings: Rulings may be requested for all types of proposed transactions and are binding both on the tax authorities and the taxpayer.

Individual taxation

Rates

Individual income tax rate	**Taxable income (XCD)**	**Rate**
	Up to 5,000	10%
	5,001–10,000	20%
	Over 10,000	28%
Capital gains tax rate		0%

Residence: Individuals are considered resident if they are physically present in St. Vincent and the Grenadines for at least 183 days in a calendar year.

Basis: Resident individuals are taxed on worldwide income, but only to the extent received in St. Vincent and the Grenadines if they are not ordinarily resident there. Such taxable income includes income generated from St. Vincent and the Grenadines and income from activities performed there.

Taxable income: Taxable income includes income from employment and business income less allowable deductions and allowances.

Rates: The rate is 10% on the first XCD 5,000 of taxable income (after deduction of the XCD 25,000 allowance, see "Deductions and allowances," below), 20% on the next XCD 5,000, and 28% thereafter.

Capital gains: Capital gains are not subject to tax.

Deductions and allowances: Individuals are entitled to a personal allowance of XCD 25,000.

Foreign tax relief: Credit is available for foreign tax paid up to the amount of the tax payable in St. Vincent and the Grenadines on the foreign income.

Compliance for individuals

Tax year: The tax year is the calendar year.

Filing status: Joint filing by spouses is not permitted; each individual must file a separate tax return.

Filing and payment: The tax return must be filed by 31 March, with tax paid on the same date. A "pay as you earn" system is used to deduct tax from the salaries of employees.

Penalties: Penalties are imposed for noncompliance.

Rulings: Rulings may be requested for all types of proposed transactions and are binding both on the tax authorities and the taxpayer.

Withholding tax

Rates

Type of payment	Residents		Nonresidents	
	Company	Individual	Company	Individual
Dividends	0%	0%	0%	0%
Interest	0%	0%	20%	20%
Royalties	0%	0%	20%	20%

Dividends: St. Vincent and the Grenadines does not impose withholding tax on dividends.

Interest: No withholding tax applies on interest paid to a resident company or individual; the interest forms part of the recipient's assessable income, and is subject to corporate or individual income tax, as appropriate. A 20% withholding tax applies to interest paid to nonresident companies and individuals, unless the rate is reduced under an applicable tax treaty.

Royalties: No withholding tax applies on royalties paid to a resident company or individual; the royalties form part of the recipient's assessable income and are subject to corporate or individual income tax, as appropriate. A 20% withholding tax applies to royalties paid to nonresident companies and individuals, unless the rate is reduced under an applicable tax treaty.

Fees for technical services: No withholding tax applies on fees for technical services paid to a resident company or individual; the fees form part of the recipient's assessable income, and are subject to corporate or individual income tax, as appropriate. A 20% withholding tax applies to fees for technical services paid to nonresident companies and individuals, unless the rate is reduced under an applicable tax treaty.

Branch remittance tax: There is no branch remittance tax.

Anti-avoidance rules

St. Vincent and the Grenadines does not have transfer pricing, interest deduction limitation, controlled foreign company, anti-hybrid, exit tax, or general anti-avoidance rules. There are no disclosure requirements.

Economic substance requirements: St. Vincent and the Grenadines has economic substance legislation that provides for the imposition of an economic substance test for companies carrying on a relevant activity in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. This test requires transactions to have a substantial purpose apart from perceived tax benefits in order to be considered valid.

Value added tax

Rates	
Standard rate	16%
Reduced rate	0%/11%

Taxable transactions: VAT is imposed on the sale of goods or the supply of services within St. Vincent and the Grenadines and on the import of goods.

Rates: The standard rate is 16% and a reduced rate of 11% applies to goods and services supplied by hotels, and the rental of berthing space from marinas and shipyards. Certain goods and services may be zero-rated or exempt.

Registration: Registration is mandatory where the annual total value of supplies exceeds XCD 300,000. Voluntary registration also is possible.

Filing and payment: Monthly returns and payments must be submitted by the 15th day of the following month.

Other taxes on corporations and individuals

Unless otherwise stated, the taxes in this section apply both to companies and individuals and are imposed at the national level.

Social security contributions: Employers and employees are required to make social security contributions of 7% and 6% of employee earnings, respectively. The ceiling is XCD 5,200 per month for both employers and employees.

Payroll tax: There is no payroll tax.

Capital duty: There is no capital duty.

Real property tax: Companies are subject to 5% tax imposed annually on the market value of property. The tax must be paid between 1 July and 30 September. For individuals, a rate of 0.008% is imposed on the market value of residential property.

Transfer tax: Transfer tax on the sale of immovable property and the transfer of shares is 5% for both the buyer and the seller. Nonresidents are required to obtain an alien landholding license to own real estate or be a director or shareholder of a company, and the transfer of such assets is subject to tax at a rate of 4%-10% of the value of the property.

Stamp duty: Stamp duty is charged on any document that evidences a legal or contractual relationship between two or more parties.

Net wealth/worth tax: There is no net wealth tax or net worth tax.

Inheritance/estate tax: There is no inheritance tax or estate tax.

Tax treaties: St. Vincent and the Grenadines is a signatory to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) multilateral tax treaty.

Tax authorities: Inland Revenue Department

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