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The Cabinet of Ministers of the Azerbaijan Republic adopted the Decree № 56 dated 18 February 2019 approving criteria of oil and gas and non-public sector for the Tax Code purpose.

Criteria for oil and gas activity are as follows:

- 1. State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR) and companies which are part of SOCAR
- 2. Contractor Parties and Operating Companies operating under Production Sharing Agreements (PSA) and similar agreements
- 3. Foreign and national subcontractors working for the companies listed in Points 1 and 2
- 4. For existing subcontractors if revenue from provision of services, works and goods to companies listed in Points 1 and 2 exceeds 50% of revenue for previous year
- 5. For newly established subcontractors from beginning of the year up until provision of the services, goods and works to the companies listed in Points 1 and 2 shall apply tax rates fixed in the Article 101.1-1 of the Tax Code (0%-14%). If revenue from provision of services, works and goods to Companies listed in Point 1 and 2 exceeds 50% of total revenue then tax payer will have to apply tax rates fixed in Clause 101.1 of the Tax Code (14-25%).
- 6. Non-Public sector includes legal and physical entities excluding public legal entities, budgetary organizations, organizations funded from budget and state funds, companies with 51% shares directly and indirectly owned by state.

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