

Bosnia — PDV System

Bosnia & Herzegovina — PDV (Porez na dodatu vrijednost)

Last Updated: 2026-02-20 **Confidence Level:** HIGH for tax rates, MEDIUM for e-invoicing (pending legislation)

Overview

Bosnia and Herzegovina operates a unified VAT (PDV) system administered by the Indirect Taxation Authority (Uprava za neizravno oporezivanje / UNO/ITA). Despite the country's complex two-entity structure (Federation of BiH and Republika Srpska), VAT is applied uniformly across the entire territory.

BiH Entity Structure and Tax Governance

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graph TD
    BIH["Bosna i Hercegovina (BiH)"]
    FBIH["Federacija BiH (FBiH)  
Primarni entitet  
Sarajevo, Mostar  
~60% populacije"]
    RS_ENT["Republika Srpska (RS)  
Banja Luka  
~40% populacije"]
    BD["Brčko Distrikt  
Poseban status"]
    UNO["UNO / ITA  
Uprava za neizravno oporezivanje  
Jedinstveni PDV za cijelu BiH  
www.uino.gov.ba"]
    PDV_UNIFIED["PDV – Jedinstvena stopa  
17% za cijelu BiH  
Nema smanjene"]

    BIH --> FBIH
    BIH --> RS_ENT
    BIH --> BD
    BIH --> UNO
    UNO --> PDV_UNIFIED
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FBIH --> FBIH_ACC["Računovodstvo FBiH<br/>Zakon o računovodstvu 2021<br/>IFRS  
obavezno<br/>Jezik: Bosanski"]
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RS_ENT --> RS_ACC["Računovodstvo RS<br/>Zakon (Sl. glasnik RS 94/15, 78/20)<br/>IFRS  
obavezno<br/>Jezik: Srpski"]
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FBIH --> FBIH_CIT["Porez na dobit FBiH<br/>10% flat<br/>WHT dividende: 5%"]
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RS_ENT --> RS_CIT["Porez na dobit RS<br/>10% flat<br/>WHT dividende: 10%"]
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1. VAT/PDV Rate and Rules [HIGH]

Single Rate System

- **Standard Rate:** 17% [HIGH] — applies to all taxable supplies
- **No Reduced Rate:** Bosnia and Herzegovina does NOT have a reduced VAT rate [HIGH]
- **Zero Rate (0%):** Export of goods is zero-rated [HIGH]

Registration Threshold [HIGH]

- **Mandatory registration:** 100,000 BAM (convertibilna marka / convertible mark) [HIGH]
- Any person making taxable supplies exceeding or likely to exceed this threshold must register as a VAT payer

Filing Frequency [HIGH]

- **VAT period:** One calendar month [HIGH]
- **Foreign businesses:** Quarterly filing expected [HIGH]

Tax Authority [HIGH]

- **UNO / ITA:** Uprava za neizravno oporezivanje (Indirect Taxation Authority) [HIGH]

- Single institution responsible for VAT calculation and collection throughout BiH
- Website: www.uino.gov.ba

BiH PDV Filing Flow

flowchart TD

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2. Electronic Invoicing (E-Faktura) [MEDIUM]

Legislative Status [MEDIUM — PENDING]

- **Draft Law:** Published and accepted, now with Parliament [MEDIUM]
- **Proposed Mandatory Date:** January 1, 2026 [MEDIUM]
- **Status as of Feb 2026:** Implementation timelines and secondary regulations still being defined [LOW]

Planned Scope [MEDIUM]

The Draft Law proposes mandatory e-invoicing for:

- **B2G (Business-to-Government):** Mandatory
- **B2B (Business-to-Business):** Mandatory
- **B2C (Business-to-Consumer):** Mandatory for most sectors

Out of Scope:

- Security and defense
- Health activities
- Social protection activities

Technical Format [MEDIUM — PENDING FINAL REGULATIONS]

- **Standard:** European Standard EN 16931 compliance required [MEDIUM]
- **B2B/B2G Platform:** Central Platform for Fiscalisation (CPF) [MEDIUM]
 - Mandatory use for issuing, transmitting, and validating e-invoices
- **B2C Requirements:** Approved Electronic Fiscal Systems (EFS) [MEDIUM]
 - ESET tools
 - Certified fiscal devices

Current Status [LOW — UNCERTAIN]

- Final technical specifications pending
- Secondary regulations awaited
- Implementation may be delayed beyond January 2026
- **RECOMMENDATION:** Monitor UNO/ITA website for official announcements

BiH E-Faktura Status (2026)

stateDiagram-v2

[*] --> Draft_Law: Nacrt zakona objavljen

Draft_Law --> Parliament: Prihvaćen, upućen Parlamentu

Parliament --> Pending: Status Feb 2026
Implementacijski rokovi se definišu
Sekundarni propisi čekaju

Pending --> Enacted: Zakon stupi na snagu
[MOGUĆE Q2-Q3 2026]

Pending --> Delayed: Odgođeno
[RIZIK – pratiti UNO/ITA]

Enacted --> Phase_B2G: B2G obavezno
Svi dobavljači vlade

Enacted --> Phase_B2B: B2B obavezno
Svi PDV obveznici

Enacted --> Phase_B2C: B2C obavezno
(bez sigurnosti, zdravstva,
socijalne zaštite)

Phase_B2G --> CPF: Centralna Platforma za Fiskalizaciju (CPF)
EN 16931 standard
UBL 2.1 format

Phase_B2B --> CPF

Phase_B2C --> EFS: Odobreni Elektronski Fiskalni Sistemi (EFS)
ESET alati
Certificirani uređaji

note right of Pending

Bilko MVP preporuka:

NE implementirati još

Pratiti UNO/ITA website

Implementirati Q2 2026 ako

zakon stupi na snagu

end note

3. Chart of Accounts Standard [MEDIUM]

Two-Entity System [MEDIUM]

Bosnia and Herzegovina has **two separate accounting frameworks** due to its constitutional structure:

Federation of BiH (FBiH) [HIGH]

- **Law:** Law on Accounting and Auditing in the Federation (February 24, 2021) [HIGH]
- **Standard:** IFRS Accounting Standards (mandatory) [HIGH]
- **Issued by:** International Accounting Standards Board (IASB)
- **Translation:** Union of Accountants, Auditors and Financial Workers of Federation of BiH publishes IFRS in Bosnian language

Republika Srpska (RS) [HIGH]

- **Law:** Law on Accounting and Auditing (Official Gazette of RS No. 94/15 and 78/20) [HIGH]
- **Standard:** IFRS Accounting Standards (mandatory) [HIGH]
- **First adopted:** 2005, updated 2015
- **Translation:** Association of Accountants and Auditors of the Republic of Srpska publishes official Serbian translation

Chart of Accounts Structure [MEDIUM]

Both entities use analytical chart of accounts following traditional Balkan structure:

- **Class 0:** Long-term assets (Stalna imovina)
- **Class 1:** Current assets (Obrtna imovina)
- **Class 2:** Short-term liabilities (Kratkoročne obaveze)
- **Class 3:** Capital/Equity (Kapital)
- **Class 4:** Long-term liabilities (Dugoročne obaveze)
- **Class 5:** Expenses (Rashodi)
- **Class 6:** Revenue (Prihodi)
- **Class 7:** Cost/Gains-Losses (Troškovi/Dobici-Gubici)
- **Class 8:** Off-balance sheet (Vanbilansna evidencija)
- **Class 9:** Internal accounting

IFRS for SMEs [MEDIUM]

- **Non-PIEs and SMEs:** Can choose between:

- IFRS for SMEs Accounting Standard, OR
 - Full IFRS Accounting Standards
 - **Public Interest Entities (PIEs):** Must use full IFRS Standards
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4. Record Keeping Requirements [MEDIUM]

Retention Period [MEDIUM]

- **Minimum:** 5 years [MEDIUM] for:
 - Employment-related records
 - Tax-related records
 - Accounting documents

NOTE: Some sources indicate retention periods can vary from 5 years to permanent recordkeeping depending on document type. **UNVERIFIED — needs local accounting advisor confirmation.**

Electronic Storage [MEDIUM]

- **Allowed:** Yes, BiH allows retention of accounting documents in electronic form [MEDIUM]
- **Original Form Requirement:** Records must be kept in the "original" form in which they were created [MEDIUM]
- **Integrity Requirements:** [MEDIUM]
 1. Information integrity must be preserved
 2. Organization must be able to print the information

Entity-Specific Variations [LOW]

Due to BiH's complex constitutional structure (FBiH, RS, Brčko District, 10 Cantons in FBiH), legislation may be introduced at multiple administrative levels. **Specific retention requirements may vary by entity — requires verification with local advisor.**

5. MVP Impact Assessment

MVP-CRITICAL (Must Have for Legal Operation)

- 1. PDV (VAT) Calculation [HIGH PRIORITY]**
 - Single rate: 17% on all taxable supplies
 - Zero-rate for exports
 - VAT report generation for monthly filing
 - Registration threshold tracking (100,000 BAM)
- 2. Chart of Accounts — Dual Support [HIGH PRIORITY]**
 - Support BOTH FBiH and RS accounting frameworks
 - IFRS-compliant account structure
 - Entity selection during company setup (FBiH vs RS vs Brčko)
 - Bosnian/Serbian language support for account names
- 3. Electronic Record Storage [MEDIUM PRIORITY]**
 - 5-year minimum retention
 - Original format preservation
 - Print capability for all stored records

FUTURE (v2 or Phase 2)

- 1. E-Invoicing (E-Faktura) [MEDIUM PRIORITY — WATCH & WAIT]**
 - **NOT CRITICAL FOR MVP** — legislation still pending
 - Monitor UNO/ITA for final regulations
 - Target implementation: Q2-Q3 2026 (if mandate proceeds)
 - Features needed:
 - EN 16931 XML generation
 - Central Platform for Fiscalisation (CPF) API integration
 - Electronic Fiscal Systems (EFS) for B2C
 - 2. Advanced IFRS Features [LOW PRIORITY]**
 - Full IFRS vs IFRS for SMEs selector
 - Consolidated financial statements
 - Multi-currency for PIEs
 - 3. Brčko District Support [LOW PRIORITY]**
 - Separate administrative unit with potential unique requirements
 - Low priority unless targeting this market
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Implementation Notes for Bilko

Critical Decisions

1. **FBiH vs RS Default?**
 - Most commercial activity in FBiH (Sarajevo)
 - Consider FBiH as default, RS as option
 - OR: Entity selector during onboarding
2. **IFRS Compliance**
 - Full IFRS implementation is complex
 - Consider IFRS for SMEs as MVP scope
 - Partner with local accounting firm for IFRS mapping
3. **Language Requirements**
 - Bosnian language support MANDATORY
 - Serbian Cyrillic optional (RS uses Latin + Cyrillic)
 - English for international users (optional)

Risks

- **E-Invoicing Uncertainty:** Timeline and requirements not finalized
- **Two-Entity Complexity:** Different laws, different translations
- **IFRS Compliance:** May be overkill for micro-businesses (under 100K BAM threshold)
- **Language Barrier:** Official documentation in Bosnian/Serbian only

Recommendations

1. **Launch without E-Invoicing:** Wait for final regulations before implementing
2. **Partner with BiH Accounting Firm:** For IFRS guidance and entity-specific requirements
3. **Localize Interface:** Bosnian language MUST be primary
4. **Monitor UNO/ITA:** Set up alert for e-invoicing regulation updates

UNVERIFIED ITEMS — NEEDS LOCAL ADVISOR REVIEW

1. **Exact retention period per document type:** Ranges from 5 years to permanent — need detailed matrix
2. **Digital certificate requirements for e-invoicing:** Not yet published
3. **CPF platform technical specs:** Awaiting secondary regulations
4. **Brčko District unique requirements:** Unclear if different from FBiH/RS
5. **Canton-level variations in FBiH:** 10 cantons may have specific rules

Sources

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