



## Withholding Tax on Rental Income

Kenya Revenue Authority wishes to notify landlords and tenants that the government through the Finance Act 2016, introduced a withholding tax of 10% on gross rent payable to landlords, effective from 1st January 2017.

This is meant to facilitate collection of tax on rental income by appointing agents and/or tenants who occupy both commercial and residential premises. The appointed agents shall withhold the tax and remit to Kenya Revenue Authority via iTax by the 20th day of the following month.

The appointed agents are notified through their official email address about their obligations under the law. No person shall withhold any tax unless appointed in writing by the Commissioner as a withholding agent.

The appointed agents can be verified by visiting KRA website (www.kra.go.ke) under Agent Checker (Tenant Withholding agent).

For more details on the Rent Withholding Tax, visit the KRA website; (webpage named: **2016 Landlords Legislation**). For any further clarification and enquiries on this matter, please contact:-

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