

# **Statutory Change Alert**

Kenya – 2023 Statutory Changes



Kenya





# We help you achieve your global ambitions

Thank you for trusting Mercans to outsource your HR and Payroll functions. We propose HR consulting services, actionable solutions, and cost-effective global payroll processing tools to energize your human capital management in real-time and augment your performance. We are dedicated to becoming your business growth facilitator.



Global Payroll Solutions – Boost your HR brand and employee satisfaction

Rationalize your HR budgets, monitor your data, and optimize your global payroll tasks in real-time. Systematize processes and streamline HRM lifecycles with HR Blizz™, our unified SaaS platform, to ensure your employees are paid accurately and on time.



PEO/GEO Services - Easily hire, deploy and manage your workforce abroad

A reliable Professional Employer Organization (PEO), Mercans is your trusted employer of record to globally select, engage, and manage highly qualified personnel on your behalf, through integrated Global Employment Outsourcing (GEO).



Global Talent Acquisition – Quickly fill vacancies with only the best candidates

Mercans supports you in designing/deploying long-term HR strategies and processing full-cycle recruitment. Our ATS Suite Mesaar™ and our hiring experts help to screen, select, attract the right candidates for your organization and populate your pipeline of pregualified talents.



BPO Services – Reclaim the focus on your core activities to expand your

Concentrate on the essentials: outsource non-primary activities and your front- and backoffice functions to Mercans. Save the time, money, and energy needed to refine the value chain engagement of your customers and suppliers and increase revenue.



HR Management SaaS - Access customizable cloud-based online platforms

Centralize your HR function on an all-in-one user-friendly and self-service platform. Combined with the expertise of our consultants, the Mesaar SaaS offers a built-in applicant tracking system and easy-integration features to improve internal processes.



Local Statutory Compliance – Forget the hassle of setting up branches abroad

Mercans seasoned HR advisory team are compliance experts specialized in local cultures, business protocols, and tax and legal specificities. They are committed to ensure quick go-to-market abroad and achieve a compliant global expansion, risk-free from A to Z.



## Mercans at a Glance

160+

Countries

8k+

Clients Worldwide

45k+

Largest Single Country Payroll 20

Years of Success

97%

Client Retention Rate

9M+

Pay Slips per Annum

850+

Payroll and HR Specialists

1.5X

Annual Revenue Growth

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**Security Breaches** 

**Number one** for outsourced payroll services, we are endorsed by international authorities.







### Mercans has the highest industry quality and IT security certificate













## Kenya – 2023 Statutory changes.

Effective from 28 July 2023, the Kenyan Government has lifted the suspension barring the implementation of the 2023 Finance Act.

The Finance Act of 2023 proposed the below changes to take effect from the 1st of July 2023:

#### **Exemption of travel allowance from Personal Income Tax**

• Travel allowances paid to an employee performing official duties if the allowance is based on the standard mileage rate approved by the Automobile Association of Kenya.

#### Increased rate for personal tax

The Act introduces two more tax rates and tax bands for individuals, namely:

- 32.5% for individuals earning between KES 500,000 to KES 800,000 per month.
- 35% for individuals earning above KES 800,000 per month.

### **National Housing Development Fund**

The Act introduces a mandatory housing levy to be contributed by both the employer and employee. The contribution is broken down as follows:

- Employee Contribution –1.5% of the employee's monthly gross salary.
- Employer Contribution –1.5% of the employee's monthly gross salary.

The employer's contribution to the Affordable Housing Levy is an allowable deduction under Section 15 of the Income Tax Act. The employer is responsible for remitting the levy by the 9th day of the following month.

Please note that these changes may be implemented retroactively.

For employers who have already filed their monthly return, they can file an amended return.

Please contact your Mercans' services delivery team for any additional information regarding the implications of the above change



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# What Makes Mercans your HR and Payroll Partner of Choice?

### We Simplify Employment Tasks Worldwide

### **Everywhere for Everyone**

We are a borderless people engagement enabler, driven by technology and innovation. We deliver bespoke human capital management services and global payroll solutions to empower businesses across 110+ countries regardless of their organizations' size and their industry. We pride ourselves on being global people experts with a striking local presence, committed to making your teams happy, and ensuring the consistent and sustainable growth of your organization.

### **Local Presence. Regional Strategy. Global Success**

Supported by 500+ payroll and HR specialists with in-depth local knowledge, Mercans operate globally. Our pioneering human resources consulting services and trailblazing SaaS platforms are already satisfying 5,000+ international clients, ensuring timely measurable results and bottom-line savings. Thanks to success-oriented teams striving for excellence and taking care of our clients' tasks within budget, we have gained the trust of major multinational companies.

### **A Revolutionary Service Delivery System**

Say goodbye to third-party service providers, offshore call centers, fragmented data, and endless chains of sub-contracts.

Mercans cloud-based SaaS Products, HR Blizz™ & Mesaar™, combine the performance of proprietary technologies with a human touch. Cost-effective, they are fully-compliant self-service tools, packed with smart built-in features for your peace of mind. All your data are integrated into single interfaces accessible from everywhere and on any device.

## **Trailblazing Cloud-Based SaaS Products**

HR Blizz & Mesaar, our Software-as-a-Service platforms, both propose a preconfigured API integration capability with all the major global HRMS platforms, including SuccessFactors, Workday, Oracle HCM, and MS Dynamics. All Mercans systems and processes are GDPR compliant, ISO 9001, 20000, 27001 certified, and SOC 1 and SOC 2 audited. A registered Finpro expert, Mercans is also a member of the Global Payroll Association and the Global Payroll Management Institute.



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