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Paying Taxes 2013

The 2013 Paying Taxes from the World Bank, IFC, and PwC finds that governments continue to reform their tax systems despite global economic uncertainty, with 31 economies having taken steps from June last year through May 2012 to make it easier and cost less for small and medium businesses to pay taxes.

Released on 21st November, the Paying Taxes 2013 study looks at tax regimes in 185 economies and finds that the most common tax reform is the introduction or improvement of online systems for tax compliance, which occurred in 16 economies.

Doing Business 2013 Key Findings

- Since 2005, the average time to start a business has fallen from 50 days to 30 and in low income economies the average has been reduced by half.
- In the past eight years, the average time to transfer property fell by 35 days, from 90 to 55, and the average cost by 1.2 percentage points from 7.1 percent of the property value to 5.9 percent.
- In the past eight years, improvements to simplify tax compliance have reduced the time required annually to comply with the three major taxes measured (profit, labour, and consumption taxes) by 54 hours on average.

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