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IMPROVING THE TAXATION SYSTEM IN THE SERVICE SECTOR

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Annotation. This article examines the issues of improving the taxation system in the service sector under modern economic conditions. The study analyzes the role of taxation in stimulating the development of service enterprises, increasing their financial stability, and ensuring sustainable economic growth. Particular attention is paid to the simplification of tax mechanisms, reduction of the tax burden, and the introduction of digital technologies into tax administration. The article also highlights international experience and proposes practical recommendations for enhancing the efficiency and transparency of taxation in the service sector. The findings of the research contribute to the development of effective tax policies aimed at supporting entrepreneurship and expanding the service economy.

Keywords: taxation system, service sector, tax policy, tax administration, digital taxation, economic growth, tax incentives, entrepreneurship, financial stability, tax reform, service economy, fiscal policy

Introduction

In the context of globalization and the rapid development of the digital economy, the service sector has become one of the most important and dynamically developing sectors of the national economy. The service industry plays a significant role in ensuring employment, increasing gross domestic product, improving the standard of living of the population, and supporting sustainable economic growth. In modern economies, sectors such as trade, tourism, transport, information technologies, financial services, education, healthcare, and communication services are becoming the main drivers of economic diversification and competitiveness.

The effective functioning of the service sector largely depends on the efficiency and flexibility of the taxation system. The tax system is not only a primary source of state budget revenues but also an important economic instrument for regulating business activities, encouraging investments, and stimulating entrepreneurial development. Therefore, improving the taxation system in the service sector is considered one of the key priorities of economic policy in many countries.

In recent years, governments around the world have been implementing various reforms aimed at simplifying tax administration, reducing the tax burden on businesses, introducing digital tax technologies, and creating favorable conditions for small and medium-sized enterprises operating in the service sector. These reforms are intended to increase tax compliance, reduce the shadow economy, improve financial transparency, and strengthen the competitiveness of service enterprises in domestic and international markets.

Particular attention is being paid to the digitalization of tax administration systems, including electronic invoicing, online tax reporting, automated tax control mechanisms, and digital payment systems. The introduction of digital technologies into taxation processes allows governments to improve efficiency, reduce administrative costs, and provide more convenient services for

taxpayers. At the same time, digital transformation creates new opportunities for expanding the tax base and improving fiscal sustainability.

In Uzbekistan, comprehensive economic reforms aimed at supporting entrepreneurship and modernizing the tax system have significantly increased the role of the service sector in the national economy. The government has adopted a number of measures to improve the business environment, optimize tax rates, and simplify taxation procedures for service enterprises. As a result, the contribution of the service sector to GDP and employment has steadily increased in recent years. However, despite ongoing reforms, several problems remain, including the complexity of certain tax procedures, unequal tax burdens among sectors, insufficient effectiveness of tax incentives, and challenges related to tax administration in the digital economy.

The relevance of this research is determined by the need to develop effective approaches for improving the taxation system in the service sector under modern economic conditions. The study aims to analyze existing taxation mechanisms, identify current challenges and shortcomings, examine international experience, and propose practical recommendations for increasing the efficiency, transparency, and sustainability of the taxation system in the service industry.

The object of the research is the taxation system of the service sector, while the subject of the research includes economic relations arising in the process of taxation and tax administration of service enterprises. The methodological basis of the study consists of comparative analysis, statistical methods, economic observation, and the study of international practices related to taxation reforms in the service economy.

The practical significance of the research lies in the development of recommendations aimed at improving tax policy, enhancing tax administration efficiency, encouraging business activity, and ensuring sustainable development of the service sector. The findings of the study may be useful for government authorities, tax institutions, researchers, and business entities operating in the service industry.

Literature Review

The taxation system in the service sector has been widely discussed in economic literature due to its significant role in shaping business activity, investment attractiveness, and overall economic development. Scholars emphasize that taxation policies not only serve as a source of public revenue but also act as a regulatory instrument influencing the behavior of service enterprises and the structure of the economy.

One of the key areas explored in the literature is the relationship between tax policy and the growth of the service sector. According to classical economic theories, moderate and well-structured taxation systems stimulate entrepreneurial activity, while excessive tax burdens may hinder business expansion and reduce competitiveness. Modern studies further develop this idea by highlighting that flexible tax regimes, especially for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), contribute to innovation and job creation in the service economy.

A considerable number of researchers focus on tax incentives as a tool for promoting service sector development. Tax exemptions, reduced rates, and simplified taxation regimes are identified as effective mechanisms for encouraging investment in sectors such as tourism, IT services, and financial services. Empirical studies from both developed and developing countries suggest that targeted tax incentives can significantly increase sectoral output when properly designed and transparently administered.

Another important direction in the literature is the digital transformation of taxation systems. Recent studies emphasize the role of e-taxation, digital reporting systems, and automated tax administration in improving efficiency and reducing compliance costs. Researchers argue that

digital tax systems enhance transparency, minimize tax evasion, and strengthen the capacity of tax authorities to manage large volumes of transactions, particularly in rapidly growing service industries.

International comparative studies also provide valuable insights into best practices in taxation reform. For example, OECD countries have implemented advanced tax administration models that integrate digital platforms, risk-based auditing, and taxpayer-oriented services. These experiences demonstrate that modernization of tax systems contributes to higher tax compliance and improved business environments in the service sector.

In the context of developing economies, including transition economies, scholars highlight several persistent challenges. These include the complexity of tax legislation, administrative inefficiencies, uneven distribution of tax burdens, and the prevalence of informal economic activities. Such issues reduce the effectiveness of taxation systems and limit the growth potential of service industries.

Studies related to Uzbekistan's economic reforms show that significant progress has been achieved in simplifying taxation procedures and improving the business climate. However, researchers also point out that further improvements are needed in areas such as digital tax infrastructure, expansion of the tax base, and optimization of tax incentives for service enterprises.

Methodology

This study is based on a combination of theoretical and empirical research methods aimed at analyzing and improving the taxation system in the service sector. The methodological framework includes comparative analysis, statistical evaluation, and economic analysis of taxation policies applied to service enterprises.

The research utilizes secondary data obtained from scientific literature, official reports, and international organizations to assess global practices in tax administration and service sector development. In addition, analytical methods are applied to identify existing problems in taxation systems and to evaluate their impact on business activity and economic growth.

A comparative approach is used to examine tax systems in different countries, allowing the identification of effective practices and potential areas for reform. The study also applies a descriptive method to summarize current trends in taxation digitalization and service sector regulation.

Overall, the methodology ensures a comprehensive assessment of taxation mechanisms and provides a basis for developing practical recommendations to improve tax efficiency in the service sector.

Analysis and Results

The analysis of the taxation system in the service sector shows that tax policy is one of the most influential factors shaping business development, investment activity, and overall economic performance. The efficiency of taxation mechanisms directly affects enterprise profitability, the level of formalization in the economy, and the competitiveness of service providers in both domestic and international markets. In general, economies with simplified and flexible taxation systems demonstrate faster growth in the service sector, higher rates of business registration, and lower levels of informal economic activity, while complex and rigid tax systems often create administrative barriers that limit entrepreneurial development.

The results of the study indicate that simplified taxation regimes, particularly those applied to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), play a crucial role in stimulating service sector expansion. Reduced tax rates, simplified reporting procedures, and lower administrative requirements encourage entrepreneurs to operate formally and expand their activities. At the same

time, such systems significantly reduce compliance costs and improve the overall business environment. Conversely, high administrative burdens, frequent changes in tax legislation, and complex reporting requirements negatively affect service enterprises, especially micro and small businesses, leading to increased costs and reduced operational efficiency.

Another important finding is the significant role of tax incentives in promoting the development of priority service industries such as tourism, information technology, logistics, and financial services. When properly designed, tax incentives contribute to attracting investment, increasing employment, and accelerating sectoral growth. However, their effectiveness depends on transparency, clear eligibility criteria, and regular evaluation to ensure that they generate real economic benefits rather than merely reducing budget revenues.

The study also confirms that digitalization of the taxation system has a strong positive impact on efficiency, transparency, and taxpayer compliance. The introduction of electronic tax filing systems, online payment platforms, and automated monitoring tools reduces opportunities for tax evasion, minimizes human errors, and significantly lowers administrative costs for both tax authorities and businesses. Moreover, digital tax systems increase convenience for taxpayers and strengthen trust between businesses and the state.

A comparative evaluation of different taxation models is presented in the table below:

Indicator	Traditional Tax System	Simplified Tax System	Digital Tax System
Business registration level	Low to moderate	High	Very high
Tax compliance	Moderate	High	Very high
Administrative costs	High	Medium	Low
Tax evasion level	High	Moderate	Low
Investment attractiveness	Low	Medium to high	High
SME development	Limited	Strong	Very strong
Transparency of tax system	Low	Moderate	High

The comparative analysis clearly shows that the digital tax system delivers the most effective outcomes for the service sector by ensuring higher transparency, lower administrative costs, and stronger tax compliance. Simplified tax regimes are particularly effective in supporting SMEs, while traditional systems tend to be less adaptive to modern economic conditions and digital transformation trends.

In the context of Uzbekistan, recent tax reforms have positively influenced the development of the service sector. Measures such as reducing certain tax rates, simplifying business registration, and introducing electronic tax services have contributed to increased entrepreneurial activity and sectoral growth. However, challenges still remain, including uneven tax burden distribution, incomplete digital infrastructure in some regions, and the need to further enhance the effectiveness of tax incentives and administrative processes.

The findings confirm that an effective taxation system in the service sector should ensure a balance between fiscal stability and economic stimulation. The combination of simplified taxation mechanisms, digital transformation of tax administration, and well-targeted incentives creates

favorable conditions for sustainable development of the service economy, improves transparency, and strengthens national economic competitiveness.

Conclusion and Recommendations

The study of improving the taxation system in the service sector shows that taxation plays a decisive role in ensuring the sustainable development of service-oriented economies. An effective tax system not only serves as a stable source of budget revenues but also acts as an important tool for regulating business activity, stimulating entrepreneurship, and attracting investments. The analysis confirms that countries with simplified, transparent, and digitally integrated tax systems achieve higher growth rates in the service sector, stronger SME development, and improved economic competitiveness.

The research results indicate that simplified taxation regimes significantly contribute to the formalization and expansion of service enterprises, particularly small and medium-sized businesses. At the same time, tax incentives, when properly designed and targeted, support the development of priority service industries such as tourism, information technology, logistics, and financial services. Furthermore, the digitalization of tax administration has proven to be one of the most effective reforms, increasing transparency, reducing administrative costs, and minimizing tax evasion.

However, despite positive reforms in many countries, including Uzbekistan, several challenges remain. These include uneven tax burden distribution, incomplete digital infrastructure, limited efficiency of certain tax incentives, and administrative complexities in tax regulation. Addressing these issues requires comprehensive and systematic reforms aimed at improving both the structure and administration of the taxation system.

Based on the conducted analysis, the following recommendations are proposed. First, it is necessary to further simplify the taxation system for service sector enterprises, especially for small and medium-sized businesses, by reducing reporting requirements and optimizing tax rates. Second, the expansion of digital tax administration should be prioritized through the development of integrated electronic platforms, automation of tax processes, and wider use of online services for taxpayers. Third, tax incentives should be made more targeted and performance-based, ensuring that they directly contribute to investment attraction, job creation, and sectoral growth.

In addition, it is important to strengthen the transparency and accountability of tax authorities by introducing modern monitoring and evaluation mechanisms. Special attention should also be given to reducing regional disparities in tax administration by improving digital infrastructure and ensuring equal access to electronic tax services across all regions. Finally, continuous monitoring and analysis of tax reforms should be carried out to ensure their effectiveness and adaptability to changing economic conditions.

In conclusion, the development of an efficient taxation system in the service sector requires a balanced approach that combines simplification, digital transformation, and strategic incentives. Such an approach will contribute to sustainable economic growth, increase the competitiveness of the service sector, and strengthen the overall stability of the national economy.

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