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**Abstract**

This article analyzes the impact of corporate income tax on the financial and economic activities of enterprises. The research is based on the analysis of the current Tax Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan, national fiscal policy, and statistical data. The study examines how profit taxation affects enterprises' financial results, investment capacity, and overall economic development. In addition, stable tax policies and tax incentives play an important role in stimulating business activity and supporting sustainable economic growth.

**Keywords**

corporate income tax, fiscal policy, enterprise finance, investment activity, economic development.

**Annotatsiya**

Ushbu maqolada foyda solig'ining korxonalar moliya-xo'jalik faoliyatiga ta'siri ilmiy jihatdan tahlil qilinadi. Tadqiqot davomida O'zbekiston Respublikasining amaldagi Soliq kodeksi, iqtisodiy siyosati va statistik ma'lumotlari asosida foyda solig'ining korxonalarining moliyaviy natijalari, investitsiya faoliyati hamda iqtisodiy rivojlanishiga ta'siri o'rganildi. Shuningdek, soliq siyosatining barqarorligi va soliq imtiyozlari tadbirkorlik faoliyatini rag'batlantirishda muhim ahamiyatga ega ekanligi aniqlangan.

**Kalit so'zlar**

foyda solig'i, soliq siyosati, korxonalar moliyasi, investitsiya faoliyati, iqtisodiy rivojlanish.

**Аннотация**

В данной статье анализируется влияние налога на прибыль на финансово-хозяйственную деятельность предприятий. Исследование основано на анализе действующего Налогового кодекса Республики Узбекистан, экономической политики государства и статистических данных. В работе рассматривается влияние налога на прибыль на финансовые результаты предприятий, инвестиционную активность и экономическое развитие. Также установлено, что стабильность налоговой политики и предоставление налоговых льгот способствуют развитию предпринимательской деятельности.

**Ключевые слова**

налог на прибыль, налоговая политика, финансы предприятий, инвестиционная деятельность, экономическое развитие.

**INTRODUCTION**

Taxation is a fundamental component of the economic policy of any modern state. Through taxes, governments form public financial resources that are necessary to finance social programs, infrastructure development, and public administration. At the same time, the tax

system plays an important regulatory role by influencing economic behavior, investment flows, and the development of business entities.

Among different types of taxes, corporate income tax occupies a particularly significant position because it directly affects the financial results of enterprises. This tax is imposed on the profits earned by legal entities and therefore directly influences the distribution of financial resources within companies. The level of taxation determines how much profit remains available for reinvestment, modernization of production, technological development, and expansion of business activities.

In many countries, corporate income tax is considered a key instrument of fiscal policy that allows governments to balance budget revenues and economic growth. Excessively high tax rates may discourage investment and reduce entrepreneurial activity, while excessively low rates may lead to insufficient public revenues and fiscal imbalance. Therefore, the development of an effective and balanced profit taxation system remains an important objective of economic policy.

In recent years, Uzbekistan has undertaken substantial reforms aimed at modernizing its tax system and improving the investment climate. The adoption of a new version of the Tax Code and the introduction of digital tax administration mechanisms have simplified tax procedures and increased transparency in relations between taxpayers and the state. One of the central elements of these reforms has been the optimization of corporate income taxation.

According to the current tax legislation of Uzbekistan, the standard corporate income tax rate for most enterprises is 15 percent, which represents a moderate level compared with many developing and developed economies. At the same time, specific sectors such as financial institutions or extractive industries may be subject to higher rates depending on the characteristics of their economic activities. The government has also introduced targeted tax incentives for certain priority sectors, including high-technology industries, export-oriented manufacturing, and innovative enterprises.

Another important feature of Uzbekistan's fiscal policy is the emphasis on tax stability. Predictable and stable tax rates allow enterprises to plan their financial activities more effectively and encourage long-term investment projects. The state's commitment to maintaining stable tax rates over the medium term reflects the broader strategy of improving the country's investment attractiveness and strengthening the national business environment.

Despite these reforms, the relationship between corporate income taxation and enterprise financial performance remains complex. Profit taxation influences not only the amount of net income available to enterprises but also their investment decisions, capital structure, operational efficiency, and overall competitiveness. Understanding this relationship is essential for evaluating the effectiveness of the current tax system and identifying potential directions for further improvement.

The purpose of this study is to examine the impact of corporate income tax on the financial and economic activities of enterprises in Uzbekistan. The research seeks to analyze how profit taxation affects enterprise profitability, investment capacity, and financial stability within the framework of the current tax legislation.

### **METHODOLOGY**

This research is based on a comprehensive methodological approach that combines theoretical analysis with the examination of statistical and legal information related to corporate taxation in Uzbekistan. The primary method used in this study is legal analysis, which involves examining the provisions of the current Tax Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan and other regulatory documents governing the taxation of corporate profits. Through this method, it was possible to analyze the mechanisms of profit taxation, the applicable tax rates, and the system of tax incentives provided to enterprises.

In addition to legal analysis, the study applies comparative analysis to evaluate the relationship between corporate income taxation and enterprise financial activity. By comparing the tax policies implemented in Uzbekistan with general economic principles discussed in

international academic literature, it becomes possible to assess the effectiveness of the national taxation framework.

The research also employs statistical analysis using available economic indicators describing the development of entrepreneurship and the contribution of corporate income tax to the state budget. Statistical data provide insight into the fiscal significance of profit taxation and allow the evaluation of its role in the national economic system.

### **RESULTS**

The analysis of Uzbekistan's tax legislation and fiscal policy demonstrates that corporate income tax plays a significant role in shaping the financial performance and economic behavior of enterprises.

Corporate income tax is calculated based on the difference between the total income of an enterprise and the deductible expenses related to its economic activity. Such a mechanism ensures that taxation reflects the actual profitability of businesses rather than their total turnover. This approach helps create a more equitable tax system and reduces the financial burden on enterprises with relatively low profit margins.

The standard corporate income tax rate in Uzbekistan is currently set at 15 percent, which is considered moderate in comparison with many international taxation systems. A moderate tax rate creates favorable conditions for business development while ensuring a stable source of revenue for the state budget. In certain sectors, including financial institutions and natural resource extraction industries, the tax rate may be higher due to the specific economic characteristics and profitability levels of these activities.

Corporate income tax represents a significant component of Uzbekistan's fiscal revenues. Budget statistics indicate that profit taxation contributes a substantial share of total tax revenues, making it an important instrument for financing government expenditures related to social programs, infrastructure development, and public services.

At the level of individual enterprises, corporate income tax directly affects net profit, which is one of the main indicators of financial performance. Net profit determines the ability of enterprises to reinvest funds into production, expand their operations, improve technologies, and increase labor productivity. When the tax burden is moderate and predictable, enterprises are able to allocate more financial resources toward long-term investment and strategic development.

Tax incentives also play an important role in influencing enterprise activity. Uzbekistan has introduced various preferential regimes for enterprises operating in priority sectors of the economy, including technology production, industrial manufacturing, and export-oriented industries. These incentives reduce the effective tax burden on innovative enterprises and stimulate technological modernization and economic diversification.

Another important effect of corporate income taxation relates to financial discipline. Compliance with tax legislation requires enterprises to maintain accurate financial accounting and transparent reporting systems. As a result, taxation contributes to the improvement of corporate governance practices and enhances financial accountability within the business sector.

Overall, the results indicate that corporate income taxation in Uzbekistan functions not only as a fiscal mechanism for generating public revenue but also as an economic instrument that influences the financial behavior and strategic development of enterprises.

### **DISCUSSION**

The results of the study highlight the multifaceted nature of the relationship between taxation and enterprise financial activity. Corporate income tax affects various aspects of business operations, including profitability, investment decisions, capital accumulation, and financial stability.

From a theoretical perspective, profit taxation influences the internal financial resources available to enterprises. When tax rates are high, a significant portion of profits is transferred to the state budget, reducing the amount of retained earnings that enterprises can use for

reinvestment. This may limit the ability of companies to modernize production facilities, introduce innovative technologies, or expand their operations.

However, moderate tax rates combined with targeted incentives can produce the opposite effect by encouraging investment and stimulating economic growth. The experience of Uzbekistan demonstrates that maintaining a balanced taxation policy can create favorable conditions for entrepreneurial development while ensuring sufficient fiscal revenues.

Another important dimension of corporate taxation is its impact on investment attractiveness. Investors generally prefer economic environments characterized by predictable and transparent tax policies. Stable tax rates reduce uncertainty and allow enterprises to develop long-term financial strategies. In this regard, the stability of Uzbekistan's tax policy has become an important factor in improving the country's business climate.

Tax incentives also represent a significant policy instrument for promoting economic modernization. By providing tax benefits to innovative industries and export-oriented enterprises, the government encourages the development of high-value sectors of the economy. Such policies contribute to technological advancement, diversification of industrial production, and increased competitiveness in international markets.

Nevertheless, tax incentives must be implemented carefully to avoid creating distortions in the competitive environment. Excessive or poorly targeted tax benefits may lead to unequal conditions among enterprises and reduce the overall efficiency of the taxation system. Therefore, the design of tax incentives should be based on clear economic priorities and transparent evaluation mechanisms.

Another important implication of corporate taxation concerns financial discipline within enterprises. The necessity of complying with tax regulations encourages companies to maintain reliable accounting systems and transparent financial reporting. This strengthens the institutional environment of the economy and improves the overall quality of corporate governance.

In general, the discussion demonstrates that corporate income tax is not merely a fiscal instrument but also a powerful mechanism for influencing economic behavior and shaping the development of the business sector.

### CONCLUSION

Corporate income tax plays a crucial role in the fiscal system and economic regulation of Uzbekistan. The analysis conducted in this study demonstrates that profit taxation significantly influences the financial and economic activities of enterprises.

The current corporate income tax rate of 15 percent represents a balanced approach that allows the state to generate necessary budget revenues while maintaining favorable conditions for business development. Tax incentives and stable fiscal policies further support investment activity and encourage innovation within the national economy.

Corporate income tax affects enterprise profitability, capital accumulation, and investment capacity. A well-designed taxation system can stimulate economic growth, improve financial discipline, and enhance the competitiveness of enterprises in both domestic and international markets.

Future improvements in the taxation system should focus on strengthening tax administration, maintaining policy stability, and expanding incentives that promote technological innovation and industrial modernization. Such measures will contribute to the sustainable development of Uzbekistan's economy and the long-term growth of the business sector.

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