

# Act 60: Puerto Rico's Incentives Code

As Puerto Rico writes a new chapter in its economic transformation, on July 1, 2019 the local government enacted the Puerto Rico Incentives Code.

Act 60 compiles all current tax incentives laws into a single code to promote the environment, opportunities, and tools needed to create sustainable development on the Island.

#### What's new?

Previously, Puerto Rico offered a menu of laws and incentives programs.

The new Act 60 changes the game by:

- Consolidating all previous laws and incentives programs under one law
- Harmonizing tax rates through industries, to provide tax benefits that apply to all sectors
- Classifying the incentives by strategic sectors and economic activities
- Consolidating and simplifying the processes needed to obtain the incentives
- Establishing the legal and administrative frameworks that will govern the request, evaluation, and approval of incentives
- Continuously measuring the costs and benefits of the incentives
- Strengthening the compliance with and the auditing of the incentives
- Improving Puerto Rico's economic competitiveness

#### Highlights

- Creation of the Office of Incentives for Businesses in Puerto Rico (OIBPR), housed in the Department of Economic Development and Commerce
- Creation of the Single Business Portal "SBP," an online tool to apply for permits & incentives
- Incorporation of an incentive for Difficult to Recruit Professionals
- Establishment of additional benefits for small and medium size businesses and businesses in the Puerto Rican islands of Vieques and Culebra
- Maximization of the Opportunity Zones program (over 95% of the island qualifies)

### What's in it for you?



# + Additional incentives for small & medium-sized businesses and businesses in Vieques and Culebra

(1)From Securities and Digital Assets -Eligible Investmentsand Capital gains and other investment income sourced to Puerto Rico not subject to federal income taxes.
(2)Subject to renegotiation for an additional 15 years.

### Who's eligible for Act 6o?

The incentive program was designed to support growth in the following sectors and economic activities:

- Individuals
- Export of Services and Goods
- Financial and Insurance Services
- Manufacturing, including R&D
- Visitor Economy
- Infrastructure & Green Energy
- Agriculture
- Creative Industries
- Entrepreneurship and others

## How do I sign up?

The business and/or individual must submit an application through the Single Business Portal. Upon approval, they are granted a tax exemption decree which provides full details of tax rates and conditions mandated by the Law. This decree stands as a contract between the grantee and the Government of Puerto Rico.

### Let's get to work!

As the Island's public-private partnership for economic development, InvestPR is committed to helping you make the most of your Puerto Rico experience. Let's get in touch and get the conversation – and business – started.

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