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Sector / Sub-Vertical	Specific Item	Pre-2026 Position	Post-2026 Budget	Reference
IT & ITeS Operations	Startup Turnover Tax Exemption	Subject to standard minimum turnover tax brackets based on entity class.	0% Turnover Tax for qualified early-stage startups & tech ventures	SRO No. 147-Ain/2026/352-Mushak
IT Hardware Sourcing	Laptops, Desktops, Computer Monitors, & Printers	Subject to Import Duty, RD, SD, and VAT.	0% Total Duty Structure (Removal of Import Duty, RD, SD, and VAT) N.B; Full exemption extended to all Personal Desktops and Processing Units; however, 7.5% AT and 2% AIT still apply.	Bangladesh Customs Tariff
Data & Commerce Hardware	Solid State Drives (SSDs)	5% Import Duty plus RD, SD, and VAT.	5% Import Duty cap with 0% RD, SD, and VAT	Customs Act, 2023 - First Schedule, H.S. Code 8523.51.90 (Internal SSD) duty-rate revision
Retail & Payments Hardware	Point of Sales (POS) Systems	10% Import Duty and 7.5% Advance Tax.	Import Duty reduced from 10% to 5%; 0% Advance Tax (7.5% AT removed)	Bangladesh Customs Tariff
Hardware Manufacturing	Electronic & Data Components Import	5% Advance Income Tax (AIT).	Advance Income Tax (AIT) cut from 5% to 2%	Finance Act, 2026 - Income Tax Ordinance, Advance Income Tax (AIT) Schedule (Electronic & Data Component Imports)
Mobile & Light Engineering	Component Sourcing (22 Raw Materials)	Subject to standard AIT brackets on component imports.	5% to flat 1% Advance Income Tax (AIT) on local phone manufacturing inputs	SRO No-273-AIN/AIKOR-5/2026, Date: 30 July, 2026
Startup Sandbox	Startup TAX Exemption Framework	Tax exemption on “Income from business or profession” for a startup during its growth year.	0% Income Tax Rate are applicable on Startup Sandbox.	Finance Act, 2026
IT & ITeS Operations	Startup VAT Exemption Framework	Standard 15% VAT applied at the local supply level, on imported services, and on commercial office/premises rental.	0% VAT at the local level, on imported services, and on premises/facilities rental locked until June 30, 2035.	Budget Speech

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Digital Services & Telecom	SIM Card Tax Abolition	Tk 300 tax imposed on each mobile SIM card.	Tk 300 SIM Card Tax completely removed	Finance Act, 2026 - Excise Duty Schedule (SIM/RIM Card Tax provision repealed)
Telecom Infrastructure	BTRC Fees & Revenue Sharing	20% withholding tax on BTRC fees; 12% on network services.	• 0% Withholding Tax on BTRC revenue sharing & license fees • Telecom service withholding trimmed from 12% to 10%	Finance Act, 2026 - Income Tax Ordinance, Withholding Tax Rate Schedule (BTRC Fees & Revenue Sharing)
Digital Device & IT Assembly (New Update)	Local IT Hardware & Device Assembly	Previous SRO contained legal/statutory errors.	Concessionary framework maintained; baseline SRO repealed and formally re-issued to insert missing operational terms.	SRO No. 168-Ain/2026/23-Customs (repeals & replaces SRO No. 214-Ain/2025)
Consumer Electronics & LED (New Update)	LED Lamps, Washers, ATM, & CC Camera Production	Variable baseline duties; LED SRO set to lapse June 2026.	• LED Lamp concessions validity extended by 5 years to June 30, 2030. • Additional duties waived for washing machine assemblers (specific transformers/DC motors). • Local ATM & CC Camera assembly concessions maintained.	SRO No. 173-Ain/2024/25-Customs (LED Lamps, re-issued to 30 June 2030); SRO No. 151-Ain/2026/06-Customs, Table-4 & Table-5 (Washing Machine Transformers/DC Motors); SRO No. 215-Ain/2025/37-Customs (ATM & CC Camera Assembly)
IT & ITeS / Creative Economy	Freelancing & Content Creation Tax & VAT	Income tax exemption was restricted strictly to IT freelancing; content creation and non-IT freelancing services were subject to standard tax and VAT brackets.	0% income tax extended to all freelancing income (across all sectors beyond IT) and all content creation, plus a full 15% VAT waiver on services provided, to encourage legal banking remittances.	Finance Act, 2026