

Saudi Arabia's Regional Headquarters (RHQ) Programme — Mandating Multinational Companies to Base in Riyadh

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Quality score: 62/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Saudi Arabia's RHQ Programme offers multinationals 30-year tax breaks to base their regional headquarters in Riyadh, and since 2024 has restricted government contracts to compliant firms; licences grew from 350 in early 2024 to over 600 by 2025, ahead of the original 2030 target.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	3/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-21

[Royal Commission for Riyadh City \(RCRC\) & Ministry of Investment of Saudi Arabia \(MISA\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-21

[DLA Piper — Saudi Regional Headquarters Program: tax and non-tax incentives](#) — accessed 2026-09-21

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