Tax operating costs comprise compliance costs plus the tax authority's administration costs. This chapter focuses on the conceptual, theoretical and methodological issues of administrative and compliance costs from an international perspective. Tax compliance costs are placed in a policy context wherever possible. Their increasing public and political recognition in many countries throughout the world, together with a growing number of research studies, is emphasised. Pitt, M. M., and Slemrod, J. R. (1988), The Compliance Costs of Itemising Deductions: Evidence from Individual Tax Returns', Working Paper No. 2526, Cambridge, Mass.: National Bureau of Economic Research. Google Scholar.