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Practice Update



Director ID

A reminder that all company directors are now required to apply for a Director ID.

You only need to apply once and the ID number remains with you for life. This is required for all directors of companies including those that are trustees for a trust fund or SMSF.

For those appointed between 1 November 2021 and 4 April 2022, you must apply within 28 days of your appointment. For Directors appointed **before** 31 October 2021 you have until **22 November 2022**.

We cannot make this application for you but you can do so at www.abrs.gov.au/director-identification-number

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WHAT'S NEW

DIRECTOR ID

EXTENSION OF
COMMERCIAL TENANCY
RELIEF

RAT KITS - ARE THEY
TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

Extension of Commercial Tenancy Relief Program

In response to the pandemic and its effect on businesses, the Commercial Tenancy Relief Program was introduced.

This program has now been extended until 16 March 2022. The program is retrospective to 16 January 2022 so that affected businesses who were already part of the scheme (and remain eligible) do not see a gap in the support.

The scheme is available to businesses with a turnover of less than \$10 million and who have experienced a drop in turnover of at least 30%. The relief offered is commensurate to the drop in turnover experienced by the applicant business.

This means that if a business is only bringing in 40% of their turnover from pre-pandemic levels, they will only be charged 40% of their rent. Of the remaining 60%, at least half of this amount will be waived and the other half deferred.

The request for relief must take a certain form and evidence of a decline in turnover must be provided. For more information on the format and evidence required, please visit the website of the Victorian Small Business Commission ('VSBC') or contact them on 13 87 22.

The Commercial Landlord Hardship Fund will continue to provide support to landlords offering rent relief.

The VSBC continues to offer mediation to landlord and tenants when an agreement cannot be reached between them.

A moratorium on evictions and rent increases continues to operate.

<https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/commercial-tenancy-support-extended>

<https://www.vsbcc.vic.gov.au/your-rights-and-responsibilities/retail-tenants-and-landlords/#section1>

Super Guarantee Contributions Due Date

Superannuation Guarantee Contributions for the quarter 2 (1 October 2021 - 31 December 2021) are due to be paid to the fund by **28 January 2022**.

If the minimum super contributions are not paid by this date, you must also pay the Superannuation Guarantee Charge and lodge a *Superannuation Guarantee Charge Statement - quarterly* to the Australian Tax Office by 28 February 2022.

<https://www.ato.gov.au/tax-professionals/prepare-and-lodge/tax-agent-lodgment-program/obligation-type/super-lodgment/>

BAS and PAYG Instalments Due

BAS and PAYG instalments for quarter 2 (1 October 2021 - 31 December 2021) are due to be paid to the fund by **28 February 2022**.

If our office are preparing your business activity statements, we ask that you provide your source documentation and instruction 4 weeks prior to this date (31 January 2022).

Fee Changes

Our fees have changed for 2022.

You can find our updated fee schedule posted at Reception and on our website at www.wynpower.com.au/individual-fee-structure

Are RATs Tax Deductible?

Scott Morrison recently announced that it is the intention of the Government for Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) to be tax deductible and for them to be exempt from Fringe Benefit Tax (FBT) for employers. However is it still in doubt whether this will be the case and may require legislative change.

Individuals

In cases of individual tax payers, you may be eligible for a deduction of RATs purchases where it is required by your employer to take the test before undertaking work. For example, where the workplace COVID-19 makes it mandatory.

It is still unclear what position the ATO will take in relation to this. This is because it may be seen as to be 'preliminary' to work or out of work hours and therefore not tax deductible.

Where work-related travel is required and a RAT is required to enter a State or Territory or to return to the individual's home state, this should qualify the individual to claim the cost of the test.

As it stands RATs purchased for personal use are not tax deductible. Legislative change would be required to specifically allow the deduction of RATs purchase for personal use.

Business Taxpayers

Tax deductibility of RATs for employers is much more simplified. If a business purchases RATs for use by employees, this should qualify for tax deduction as a business expense. This is because the employer has a duty to safeguard their employees in the business and is thus an expense incurred in the carrying on of the business.

However where RATs are given to employees at no cost, this could make the cost subject to FBT. It would essentially double the cost of the RAT to the employer. While a deduction can be made for FBT paid, it will not recover the whole cost.



FBT Exemption

It may be possible to for the already existing FBT exemptions to apply but only in certain circumstances.

58M - Work-Related Medical Screening

An exemption may apply under this heading however two conditions apply. Those being:

1. The test must be administered by a medical professional or nurse; and
2. The test is available for all employees.

58P - Minor Benefits

Where the taxable value of the benefit is less than \$300 (inc. GST) and is provided on a minor, infrequent and irregular basis, the cost of the RAT will be exempt.

Otherwise Deductible Rule

This rule may apply where an employer has directly incurred the cost of the RAT as it is required for their employee to undertake work-related travel.

Further, if an employer reimburses an employee for the cost of a RAT, where the test was required for work-related travel, that amount would not be subject to FBT.