

### Concessions for Small Business

From 1 July 2007, small businesses with a turnover of less than \$2 million may qualify for a range of tax concessions. Eligible businesses can choose to use the following:

- Capital Gains Tax (CGT) reductions/rollovers and exemptions
- Simpler Depreciation - Pooling and higher immediate write off thresholds
- Simpler Trading Stock rules - Stock take requirements relaxed
- Prepayment rules adjusted
- Entrepreneur's Tax Offset - Continuation although Simplified Tax System no longer operational
- Accounting for GST on a Cash Basis



The ATO has commenced a media campaign to promote the eligibility for these concessions.

Please contact our office for an appointment to discuss how you can benefit.

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### Superannuation Fund Trustee Declarations



From 1 July 2007, all new Trustees of a Self Managed Superannuation Fund (SMSF) must sign a declaration within 21 days of consenting to act, stating that they understand their duties and responsibilities as a Trustee.

- The declarations must be witnessed by a person over 18 years.
- The declaration must be kept for 10 years.
- Fines and penalties up to \$5500.00 may be imposed if the declaration is not able to be produced if requested. Further the Fund's complying fund status may be revoked and the Fund taxed at 45%.

## Get next year's tax refund now!

If your circumstances lead to a large tax refund because of high tax deductions, varying the amount of tax your employer withholds from your wages is a cash flow strategy you can adopt.

If you have a loss on an investment property or other large deductions, lodging an application for a PAYG Withholding Variation with the ATO will allow you to claim the loss throughout the year via reduced tax each week or fortnight rather than waiting until you do your tax.



This will result in a higher take home pay which you can use to reduce any personal (non deductible) debts you may have.

Once the application is lodged, the ATO will assess your situation, and if granted, they will issue your employer with a tax rate to be used rather

than the normal scales.

The sooner this application is lodged and approved, the sooner your take home pay will increase.

Contact us to discuss if this will assist you.



### Turning 60?

### What does it mean for Super Fund members

Your Super Fund will determine the proportion of tax-free and taxable components just before a lump sum benefit is paid to you or when you commence an income stream.

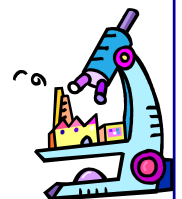
If your super benefit consists wholly of a taxed element in the Fund, the benefit will be tax free.

If your super benefit contains an untaxed element, as in certain public sector Super Funds, the untaxed elements will be subject to tax at special rates.

You will only receive a payment summary if your super income stream benefit includes an untaxed element in the Fund.

### Builders Tax Returns in CSA Spotlight

The Minister for Human Services has announced that the Child Support Agency (CSA) believes that there are up to 8000 taxpayers in the building trade or related industries who fail to lodge returns each year or who are in receipt of cash income and as a result avoid paying the right amount of child support.



As always, care should be taken to ensure that all lodgements are completed by the due date and the accuracy of the income and expenditure disclosed.

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