

JUNE 2017 COMPLIANCE NEWSLETTER

Couriers and Cleaners Caught Up in TPARS

Courier and cleaning businesses will have to report on the payments made to contractors and will be required to lodge annual TPAR (taxable payments annual report) from 1st July 2018; the first report will be due August 2019

\$20,000 Immediate write off to continue

The \$20,000 immediate write off which was supposed to finish on 30th June 2017 has been extended until 30th June 2018. From the 1st July 2018 however, the immediate deductibility threshold will revert back to \$1,000.

Simpler BAS – Go live 1st July 2017

This won't change our processes - it just means we don't need to nit-pick with you quite so much. We will only need to report total sales, total purchases, and the correct amount of GST applicable to both (ie we no longer have to separately report GST free and Capital purchases). The paper version is not changing; However, you will only be required to complete the relevant items and can ignore the extra labels.

Small Business Benchmarks

The ATO's use of data matching programs will be used in conjunction with the small business benchmarks. Taxpayers identified via a data matching program may be subject to default assessments where income and/or GST reported is outside the benchmark range for their industry.

New GST Rules for Importing Low Value Goods

To ensure that imported supplies are subject to the same GST treatment as equivalent supplies made within Australia, GST will now apply to imported low value goods (ie goods with a customs value of \$1,000 or less) from the 1st July 2017.

UPDATE : Senate amendments have postponed the commencement of this legislation until 1st July 2018.

Providing taxi travel services through ride-sourcing and your tax obligations

Ride-sourcing services (also known as ride-sharing, ride-booking, taxi or ride-hailing services) are increasingly being used to provide alternatives to taxi travel. These services have tax implications for those involved. If you are a driver providing this type of service and carry on an enterprise you must register for the goods and service tax (GST); please go to the ATO website for more information or contact our office for advice.

Backpacker Tax

If you employ "Backpackers" in your business you need to be aware of the new reporting obligations which came into effect from the 1st January 2017. In this case, we are referring to non-resident Backpackers.

General Advice

If you are using Cloud software, please keep your data files up to date to ensure that you are meeting legal requirements. Incorrect tax codes can effect reporting of FBT amounts on Payment Summaries and lodgement of FBT Exemption reports.

eInvoicing

The move to eInvoicing is going to be compulsory in the not too distant future – so why not do it now.

Local, State and Federal governments are suggesting that those not on eInvoices will be preferenced down the list. You will get paid with 15days of issuing your invoice.

If you have any questions, we have a number of solutions to offer you.

Stamp Duty on Insurance

Stamp Duty on ACT insurances now gone. NSW and the other states are still up in the air however.

Bookkeepers Corner

August is a busy month for bookkeepers – do you need help. We have a new locum service and can help get you over this busy period.

TPARS are due by the 15th August

PSAR's – do you need our help to complete these on time?

Regular Reminders

BAS Reminder

If we do your BAS on a quarterly basis, please send your information and queries to admin@dickmans.biz

We prefer you use this address as this way we can ensure that the job is logged in properly ☺ and smooths the workflow in our office. Take advantage of maximum tax planning opportunities by getting your BAS information in on time.

Quarter 1: 21st of October 2017

Quarter 2: 28th of January 2018

Quarter 3: 21st of April 2018

Quarter 4: 21st of July 2018

Using Cloud Accounting?

If you are using Cloud Accounting, please let us know when you have reconciled the period. **We will not commence your BAS until we hear from you.** It is not time-efficient for you, or us, if we are continually checking to see if you have reconciled your accounts.

Please Provide ALL your Bank Statements up to 30th June

Please provide all your bank statements including loan and credit cards (a printed transaction history is acceptable) up to 30th June. Please ensure you have reconciled your accounts to the bank statements, prior to us commencing your BAS. This will save time and you money when completing your end of year work.

Use the Correct Payment Reference Number

Your payment reference numbers (or EFT codes) are different for each of your tax accounts (e.g. income tax, FBT or BAS). Remember to use the correct biller codes and reference numbers when paying, or your payment may not be processed correctly and interest or penalties may apply. The payment reference code appears on your assessment notice, lodgement confirmation statement, BAS debt recovery letter, or payment slips we send you.

Payment Slips

The payment slip that we send to you with your BAS return is relevant for every quarter. So if you don't get one with your BAS email, you can always use the one from the previous quarter.

Car Registration

Not sure how to treat GST? Send us a copy of your invoice and we will work it out with you.

Buying a New Car or Business Equipment?

Please send us **all** the purchase documents as soon as you get them to save you having to locate them again later when it is time for us to do your work. Any time of the year suits us, even if we don't do your BAS.

Superannuation Contributions Due Date

Remember that superannuation (9.5% Superannuation Guarantee) for your employees for the June quarter (same period as the BAS) **must be paid by the 28th of July 2017** to avoid the Superannuation Surcharge.

You are considered an employee if you operate a structure through a company or trust, but not a partnership. The compulsory rate for superannuation is currently 9.5%.

REMEMBER: No tax deduction is available if the payments have not been received by the superfund by 30th June 2017. The deadline means the money must reach the super fund by that date, not just have left your bank account.

Should you require any further clarification, please contact our office.

Employers' Superannuation Obligation

Employers are required to pay Super even if an employee has not returned their choice of Super form. Until they return their form, you must still pay Super for them – to your chosen “default Super Fund” as completed on page 2 of the document.

Upcoming Events for 2017

In 2017 we will be holding a number of events including:

- Property Investment Seminar
- Start-Up Business Workshops
- Business Improvement Workshops
- How to “Adult” at Tax (for those new to tax system)
- Workplace Compliant Workshop

These are just a few of the events we will be holding this year.

For more information, please look at our website www.dickmans.biz or

Facebook page www.facebook.com/kerridickmanco or keep an eye out for emails/mail from us.

