

Stamp Duties Circular No 276

## STAMP DUTIES ACT 1923 RENTAL BUSINESS PROVISIONS SUMMARY OF CHANGES EFFECTIVE FROM 1 JULY 2007

As previously advised, as part of the 2005/2006 State Budget, the Government announced that rental duty would be phased out between 1 July 2007 and 1 July 2009. (Refer to Circular No. 255).

Commercial hire purchase and other equipment finance arrangements for terms of not less than nine months currently attract duty at a rate of 0.75% of rental income. The duty rate will reduce to 0.5% from 1 July 2007, 0.25% from 1 July 2008 and will be abolished with effect from 1 July 2009.

All other rental business attracts duty at a rate of 1.8% on rental income in excess of \$6,000 per month. The duty rate will reduce to 1.2% from 1 July 2007, 0.6% from 1 July 2008 and will be abolished with effect from 1 July 2009.

Statements lodged must declare the total income received during the preceding period in respect of the dutiable components of the rental business. The dutiable components, which are defined within the *Stamp Duties Act 1923*, are based on when the contract was entered into as follows:

General Rental Business Income			
Contracts entered into during the period:	Annual Threshold	Rate:	
Prior to 30 June 2002	\$24,000	1.8%	
1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003	\$52,000	1.8%	
1 July 2003 to 30 June 2007	\$72,000	1.8%	
1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008	\$72,000	1.2%	
1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009	\$72,000	0.6%	
Contracts entered from 1 July 2009	NIL		

Equipment Financing Arrangement			
Contracts entered into during the period:	Annual Threshold	Rate	
Prior to Oct 2003	NIL	1.8%	
1 October 2003 to 30 June 2007	NIL	0.75%	
1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008	NIL	0.5%	
1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009	NIL	0.25%	
Contracts entered from 1 July 2009	NIL		

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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