

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



STATE TAXATION OFFICE

Pay-roll Tax

Circular No. 153

***STATUTES AMENDMENT (PAY-ROLL TAX AND TAXATION
ADMINISTRATION) ACT 1997 - No 34 of 1997***

INTRODUCTION

Your attention is drawn to the above amendment Act which was assented to on 19 June, 1997.

The purpose of the amendments are:-

- To amend the *Pay-roll Tax Act 1971* to enable employers to obtain immediate relief from the payment of pay-roll tax in respect of wages eligible for rebate under the Government's pay-roll tax rebate schemes; and
- To amend the secrecy provisions of the *Taxation Administration Act 1996* to ensure that taxation information remains confidential to individual taxpayers.

DATE OF OPERATION

The amendments to the principal Acts have been proclaimed to operate with effect from 1 July 1997.

AMENDMENT TO PAY-ROLL TAX ACT 1971

In recent years, the Government has implemented a number of administrative pay-roll tax incentive schemes for employers. Due to legislative impediments, this assistance has taken the form of a rebate of pay-roll tax actually paid and is usually refunded to the taxpayer at the end of the rebate period.

Upon application to the Commissioner taxpayers will now have the potential to deduct the rebate amount for the return period from their pay-roll tax liability.

As the calculation of the Exporters Pay-Roll Tax Rebate Scheme requires employers to provide export earnings details over a six month period, the new return facility will only be available, at this stage, in respect of the Trainee Wages Pay-Roll Tax Rebate Scheme and the Young Persons Employment Incentive Pay-Roll Tax Rebate Scheme.

Approved employers will therefore be able to calculate and receive, from the July 1997 return period, their rebate entitlement as per the following:

- 100% rebate of pay-roll tax paid on wages paid to eligible employees under the Young Persons Employment Pay-Roll Tax Rebate Scheme.
- 98% rebate of pay-roll tax paid on wages paid to eligible employees under the Trainee Wages Pay-Roll Tax Rebate Scheme.

At the conclusion of the rebate period, a reconciliation form will be sent to those employers who have elected and been approved to administer the rebate this way.

Employers who wish to receive the rebate in this manner should contact the State Taxation Office on (08) 8226 4074 to make the necessary arrangements.

The process and conditions relating to the eligibility criteria for the Government's rebate schemes have not altered as a result of the current amendments. Details concerning the Young Persons Employment Incentive Pay-Roll Tax Rebate Scheme and Trainee Wages Pay-Roll Tax Rebate Scheme are found in State Taxation Office Circular No 144.

AMENDMENT TO THE *TAXATION ADMINISTRATION ACT 1996*

The *Taxation Administration Act 1996* has been amended to prevent compulsory disclosures of confidential information to third parties which falls outside the original level of disclosure intended by Parliament.

The amendment is essential to ensure that taxation information remains confidential to a particular taxpayer and cannot be accessed by individuals without proper authority and consent.

FURTHER INFORMATION?

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