

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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SC Accounting: Supplementary Coronavirus Update

Due to the fast pace of change, this supplementary update will focus on the quarantine measures that have been put in place effective today, business planning, working from home as well as an update on last week's stimulus package.

Working from Home - Allowable Deductions



We will no doubt see a major shift towards working from home so we are requesting all clients keep records of all associated costs relating to setting up and maintaining a home office. This will ensure that you receive all tax deductions available to you. As per our last update, we are available via phone if you wish to discuss any of the below.

The following is a list of key items we will require you to record for your 2020 tax return;

- Your Annual / Monthly Internet & Home Phone Plans
- Separate listing of laptops, Tablets PC's, Monitors or other electronic devices including the date of purchase
- Mobile Phone Monthly Costs
- Office Furniture including the date of purchase (chairs, desks etc)
- Printers and scanners
- Consumables including printer cartridges, pens, paper and other stationary
- VPN, Remote Access and other setup costs
- Antivirus and software costs
- Online backup and membership subscriptions
- Portable USB hard drives
- Portable heaters, fans, air-conditioning units
- Cleaning costs (relating to your home office)
- Repairs (relating to home office equipment). This includes mobile phone screen replacement.
- External IT maintenance plans
- Laptop bags and other bags used primarily to transport items to and from the workplace.
- A log on the number of hours you work from home (on average)
- Headphones, headsets, and other audio-visual accessories (including mobile phone accessories)

Please note that some of the above are deductible outright, others may need to be depreciated. In some circumstances, items will not be allowable and others are percentage based. In order to claim the above, you must have a dedicated work area at home.

Working From Home – Setup for employees

There are a large number of ways employees can work from home with VPN's and remote desktops being very popular. It is highly recommended that you engage a professional to set up these networks to ensure that they are reliable and secure. Please contact us at SC Accounting and we can arrange an IT technician to contact you.

Coronavirus Business Impact



The Coronavirus will impact various business sectors in different ways and we recommend all clients call Steve Creelman or Mark Caruso to discuss business planning measures to ensure the best possible outcome for both employers and employees.

Both Steve and Mark have been CFO's for very large companies and have firsthand experience in planning for significant events. In addition, they have both ran and managed businesses and have decades of experience.

There is a large range of measures that employers and employees can do right now to ensure that they are set up and ready for these external threats and in some cases opportunities. Some of these items include, reviewing your net position and cashflows, providing scenario-based budgeting systems, strategic positioning and business planning, HR management and engagement of professional advisors to assist you.

Steve and Mark are specialised in assisting business and individuals with the HR, legal and financial issues that you may have. We also note that some sectors, particularly those supplying to the Health and Medical sectors or manufacturing and exporting various goods, will see significant growth. It is important to plan for this growth.

Coronavirus and Forced Leave Entitlements / Quarantine



Employers have a duty of care and an obligation to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of their employees. As such, employers have the ability to quarantine any employees who are unwell or, effective today, have recently returned from overseas. If possible and if available, employees who are unwell should be encouraged to work from home if the sickness is not impacting their ability to work and they wish to continue working.

In the event that an employee has contracted Coronavirus, the normal sick leave entitlements apply. Full time employees receive 20 annual leave days and an additional 10 sick leave days.

There are various ways to manage staff under quarantine. Please contact us at SC Accounting if you have any questions or if your impacted by the above.

Government Stimulus update

Updating from the announcement provided last week, the key aspects of the stimulus package are:

- Business with employees will receive **\$2,000 - \$25,000 a cash payment** from April 2020. The calculation is based upon 50% of employees amount withheld capped at \$25,000.
- 6 Million low income earners will receive the Additional Cash Payments of **\$750**.
- New rules allowing businesses to **defer tax obligations**, these will be dealt with on a case by case basis – Please contact us at SC Accounting to arrange
- Accelerated Depreciation for Investments (for business turnover of less than \$500mil): Depreciation in the year of purchase will now be **50%**.
- Effective Immediately there is an Instant Asset tax deduction of up to **\$150,000** on eligible assets.
- 50% wage subsidy for employers with eligible apprentices for up to 9 months



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UPDATE: OUR TEAM



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CURRENT SERVICES AVAILABLE:

Business Accounting & Tax	Basic Individual Tax Returns	Financial Advisory
BAS, FBT, GST, State Taxes	Succession & Estate Planning	Super Advisory (SMSF)
Finance – Mortgage & Asset acquisitions	TRIS, Pensions, Super Contributions – NCC, CC	Insurance Products – Life, TPD, Income Protection
Investment Management & Monitoring	ASX / Compliance Board Advisory	Public Superannuation Fund Advisory / Tax
NDIS Service Provider – Financial Intermediary	Management Reporting, Cash Flow & Budgeting Needs	Business Advisory, Structural, Business Acquisitions and Sales
Outsourced Payroll	XERO / MYOB / QuickBooks Personalised Training Services	

Best Wishes from the team at SCA



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Please note that the above information is intended as a general guide only and is not intended as tax or investment advice. It is in a summarised format and not all information may be specific to your circumstances. If you believe that any of the above impact you, you are recommended to contact us on 95697516 to discuss your specific circumstances and if any of the above applies and the outcome of this impact.