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### **Duties Act 1999**

An Act to create and charge various duties

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### **Chapter 1** Preliminary

#### 1 Name of Act

This Act is the Duties Act 1999.

#### 2A Dictionary

The dictionary at the end of this Act is part of this Act.

Note 1 The dictionary at the end of this Act defines certain terms used in this Act, and includes references (*signpost definitions*) to other terms defined elsewhere in this Act or other legislation.

For example, the signpost definition '*related body corporate*—see the Corporations Act, section 9.' means that the term 'related body corporate' is defined in that section and that the definition applies to this Act.

Note 2 A definition in the dictionary applies to the entire Act unless the definition, or another provision of the Act, provides otherwise or the contrary intention otherwise appears (see Legislation Act, s 155 and s 156 (1)).

#### 2B Notes

A note included in this Act is explanatory and is not part of this Act.

Note See the Legislation Act, s 127 (1), (4) and (5) for the legal status of notes.

#### 2C Offences against Act—application of Criminal Code etc

Other legislation applies in relation to offences against this Act.

#### Note 1 Criminal Code

The Criminal Code, ch 2 applies to all offences against this Act (see Code, pt 2.1).

The chapter sets out the general principles of criminal responsibility (including burdens of proof and general defences), and defines terms used for offences to which the Code applies (eg *conduct*, *intention*, *recklessness* and *strict liability*).

#### Note 2 Penalty units

The Legislation Act, s 133 deals with the meaning of offence penalties that are expressed in penalty units.

#### 3 Incorporation of Taxation Administration Act

The Taxation Administration Act is incorporated and is to be read as one with this Act.

#### 4 Territory not liable for payment of duty

The Territory is not liable to pay duty under this Act.

Note Prescribed territory entities are not exempt from paying duty (see *Taxation (Government Business Enterprises) Act 2003*, s 9).

#### 5 Duty a debt payable to Territory

A duty charged by this Act is, when a liability to pay the duty is created, a debt due to the Territory.

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# Chapter 2 Transactions concerning dutiable property

#### Part 2.1 Introduction and overview

#### 6 Definitions—ch 2

In this chapter:

declaration of trust means any declaration (other than by a will or testamentary instrument) that any identified property vested or to be vested in the person making the declaration is or is to be held in trust for the person or people, or the purpose or purposes, mentioned in the declaration although the beneficial owner of the property, or the person entitled to appoint the property, may not have joined in or assented to the declaration.

*transfer* includes an assignment, an exchange and a buyback of shares in accordance with the Corporations Act, division 2J.1.2.

## 7 Imposition of duty on certain transactions concerning dutiable property

- (1) This chapter charges duty on—
  - (a) a transfer of dutiable property; and
  - (b) the following transactions:
    - (i) an agreement for the sale or transfer of dutiable property;
    - (ii) a declaration of trust over dutiable property;
    - (iii) a grant of a Crown lease;
    - (iv) a grant of a long-term lease;
    - (v) a grant of a franchise arrangement.

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- (2) A transfer or transaction mentioned in subsection (1) is a *dutiable transaction* for this Act.
- (3) In this section:

*grant*, of a Crown lease over land, includes the grant of a new lease following the surrender or determination of a Crown lease over land that includes part or all of the land over which the new lease is granted.

*transfer* does not include a transaction treated as a transfer by chapter 3.

Note

Ch 3 treats certain transactions as transfers (eg, acquiring an interest in a landholder—see s 85 and s 86). Duty may be charged under ch 3 on those transfers. These may involve the vesting of property under a court order, which would otherwise be a transfer for s (1) (a) or (b) (i) (see dict, def *transfer*, par (a) (v)).

## 8 Imposition of duty on dutiable transactions that are not transfers

- (1) The duty charged by this chapter on a dutiable transaction mentioned in section 7 (1) (b) is to be charged as if each such dutiable transaction were a transfer of dutiable property.
- (2) For the purpose of charging duty under this chapter, in relation to a dutiable transaction mentioned in column 2 of an item in table 8:
  - (a) the property mentioned in the item, column 3 is taken to be the property transferred (and a reference in this Act to *property transferred* includes a reference to such property);
  - (b) a person mentioned in the item, column 4 is taken to be the transferee of the dutiable property (and a reference in this Act to a *transferee* includes a reference to such a person);
  - (c) the transfer of the dutiable property is taken to have happened at the time mentioned in the item, column 5 (and a reference in this Act to the *time* when a transfer occurs includes a reference to such a time).

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Table 8

column 1 item	column 2 dutiable transaction	column 3 property transferred	column 4 transferee	column 5 when transfer happens
1	agreement for sale or transfer	the property agreed to be sold or transferred	the purchaser or transferee	when the agreement is entered into
2	declaration of trust	the property vested or to be vested in the declarant	the person declaring the trust	when the declaration is made
3	grant of a Crown lease	the leasehold interest	the lessee	when the lease is granted
4	grant of a long-term lease	(a) for a long-term lease mentioned in s 10 (1) (d) or (e)—the leasehold interest; and (b) for a long-term lease mentioned in s 10 (1) (f)—the extension or further extension mentioned in that section	the lessor	(a) for a long-term lease mentioned in s 10 (1) (d) or (e)—when the lease is granted; and (b) for a long-term lease mentioned in s 10 (1) (f)—when the lease is extended or further extended as mentioned in that section

column 1 item	column 2 dutiable transaction	column 3 property transferred	column 4 transferee	column 5 when transfer happens
5	grant of a franchise arrangement	the franchise	the franchisee	when the franchise arrangement is granted

#### 9 Form of a dutiable transaction

It is immaterial whether or not a dutiable transaction is effected by an instrument or by any other means, including electronic means.

#### 10 Dutiable property

- (1) **Dutiable property** is any of the following:
  - (a) land in the ACT;
  - (b) a Crown lease;
  - (c) a land use entitlement;
  - (d) a lease (a *long-term lease*) that is granted for—
    - (i) a term longer than 30 years; or
    - (ii) an initial term of 30 years or less, but with an option for renewal for 1 or more terms that would, taken together with the initial term, result in a term of longer than 30 years;
  - (e) a lease (also a *long-term lease*) of land that is granted to a person for a term of 30 years or less if—
    - (i) the lease is granted on the surrender of a previous lease of the land granted to the person; and
    - (ii) the term of the lease, taken together with—

- (A) the term for which the person held the previous lease; and
- (B) the term (if any) for which the person held a lease of the land under any earlier surrendered lease;

would result in the person holding a lease of the land for a continuous period of longer than 30 years;

- (f) a lease (also a *long-term lease*) that is granted for an initial term of 30 years or less if—
  - (i) the lease is subsequently extended, or further extended; and
  - (ii) the term as extended, or further extended, is longer than 30 years;
- (g) a franchise arrangement held in relation to a place or area located in the ACT that is granted for—
  - (i) a term of longer than 30 years; or
  - (ii) an initial term of 30 years or less, but with an option for renewal for 1 or more terms that would, taken together with the initial term, result in a term of longer than 30 years;

Note Paragraph (g) was inserted into the definition of *dutiable property* by the *Duties Amendment Act 2006 (No 2)*. It was formerly s 133, def *lease*, par (c). For transitional provisions applying in relation to that paragraph as in force on 30 June 2006, see s 401.

(h) shares—

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(i) in a territory company; or

Note **Territory company**—see the dictionary.

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- (ii) in a corporation incorporated outside Australia, if the shares are kept on the Australian register kept in the ACT;
- Note 1 After 30 June 2010, shares mentioned in this paragraph will no longer be dutiable property (see s 75A (Expiry—provisions relating to unquoted marketable securities)). For the relevant transitional provisions, see pt 15.3.
- Note 2 Shares quoted on a recognised stock exchange (and related rights and interests) are not dutiable property (see s 10 (2)).
- (i) units in a unit trust scheme that are units—
  - (i) registered on a register kept in the ACT; or
  - (ii) that are not registered on a register kept in Australia, but in respect of which the manager (or, if there is no manager, the trustee) of the unit trust scheme is a territory company or is an individual resident in the ACT;
  - Note 1 After 30 June 2010, units mentioned in this paragraph will no longer be dutiable property (see s 75A (Expiry—provisions relating to unquoted marketable securities)). For the relevant transitional provisions, see pt 15.3.
  - Note 2 Units quoted on a recognised stock exchange (and related rights and interests) are not dutiable property (see s 10 (2)).
- (j) an interest in a partnership that holds dutiable property mentioned elsewhere in this section (a *partnership interest*);
  - Note Former paragraphs (i) and (j) (covering certain business assets and statutory licences and permissions) were removed from the definition of *dutiable property* by the *Duties Amendment Act 2006*. For transitional provisions applying to these paragraphs, see s 400.
- (k) goods in the ACT, if the subject of an arrangement that includes a dutiable transaction over any dutiable property (other than intellectual property) elsewhere mentioned in this section, not including the following:
  - (i) goods that are stock-in-trade;

- (ii) material held for use in manufacture;
- (iii) goods under manufacture;
- (iv) goods held or used in connection with land used for primary production;
- (v) livestock;
- (vi) a registered motor vehicle;
- (vii) a ship or vessel;
- (l) an option to purchase land in the ACT or a Crown lease over land in the ACT;
- (m) an interest in any dutiable property mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (l), except to the extent that—
  - (i) it arises as a consequence of the ownership of a unit in a unit trust scheme and is not a land use entitlement; or
  - (ii) it is, or is attributable to, an option over dutiable property; or
  - (iii) it is an interest in a marketable security, if the interest is traded on the Sydney Futures Exchange.
- (2) Despite subsection (1), the following marketable securities are not *dutiable property*:
  - (a) shares, or units in a unit trust scheme, that are quoted on a recognised stock exchange;
  - (b) an interest in shares, or an interest in units in a unit trust scheme, if—
    - (i) the shares or units are quoted on a recognised stock exchange; or

page 10 Duties Act 1999 R42 Effective: 17/12/09-15/03/10 17/12/09 (ii) the interest is quoted on a recognised stock exchange.

Note Marketable securities are shares and units mentioned in s (1) (h) and (i), and related rights and interests (see dict, defs of marketable securities, shares and units).

- (3) For subsection (1) (e), a lease is granted to, or held or surrendered by, a person if it is granted to, or held or surrendered by, the person or an associated person.
- (4) In this section:

holds—a partnership holds dutiable property if (but not only if)—

- (a) the partners hold the property for the partnership; or
- (b) the partnership has an indirect interest in the property.

indirect interest—a partnership has an indirect interest in dutiable
property if—

- (a) through a partnership interest or trust interest there is a connection between the partnership and dutiable property of the other partnership or trust; or
- (b) through a series of partnership interests or trust interests, or a combination of any of them, there is a connection between the partnership and dutiable property of a partnership in the series.

#### 11 When does a liability for duty arise?

- (1) A liability for duty charged by this chapter arises when a transfer of dutiable property occurs.
- (2) However, if a transfer of dutiable property is effected by an instrument, liability for duty charged by this chapter arises when the instrument is first executed.

#### 12 Who is liable to pay the duty?

Duty charged by this chapter is payable by the transferee, unless this chapter requires another person to pay the duty.

#### 13 Liability of joint tenants

For the purpose of assessing duty charged by this chapter, joint tenants of dutiable property are taken to hold the dutiable property as tenants in common in equal shares.

#### 14 Necessity for written instrument or written statement

(1) If a dutiable transaction that is liable to ad valorem duty under this chapter is not effected by an instrument, the transferee must make a written statement.

*Note* If a form is approved under the Taxation Administration Act, s 139C for a statement, the form must be used.

- (2) The statement must be made within 90 days after the liability arises.
- (3) If a dutiable transaction is completed or evidenced by an instrument within 90 days after the day when the dutiable transaction happens, the requirement to lodge a statement and pay duty in respect of the statement may be satisfied by the lodgment of and payment of duty on the instrument within 90 days after the day when the dutiable transaction happens.

#### 15 Lodging instrument etc with commissioner

- (1) A transferee who is liable to pay duty in relation to a dutiable transaction must, within 90 days after the day the liability arises lodge with the commissioner—
  - (a) the instrument that effects the dutiable transaction or, if there is more than 1 instrument that effects the transaction, each of them; or
  - (b) the written statement made in accordance with section 14.
- (2) This section does not apply in relation to a dutiable transaction if, within the 90-day period, an electronic application for assessment of duty in relation to the transaction is lodged with the commissioner by a person approved under section 239.

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#### 16 When must duty be paid?

A tax default does not happen for the Taxation Administration Act if duty is paid within 90 days after the liability to pay it arises.

#### 16A Payment of duty—'off the plan' purchase agreements

- (1) For section 16, liability for duty on an 'off the plan' purchase agreement is taken to arise if at least 1 of the following events happens:
  - (a) the agreement is completed;
  - (b) the whole, or any part, of the purchaser's interest under the agreement is assigned;
  - (c) the following period, beginning on the date of the agreement, ends:
    - (i) for a purchase agreement for a declared affordable house and land package—2 years;
    - (ii) for any other 'off the plan' purchase agreement—1 year;
  - (d) a certificate of occupancy has been issued under the *Building Act* 2004 for the building to which the agreement relates.
- (2) The duty payable on an 'off the plan' purchase agreement—
  - (a) is payable within 14 days after 1 of those events happens; and
  - (b) may be paid before any of those events happens.
- (3) Despite section 16, a tax default happens for the Taxation Administration Act if the duty payable on an 'off the plan' purchase agreement is not paid within the 14 day period under subsection (2) (a).

#### (4) In this section:

declared affordable house and land package means a house and land package declared under section 16B.

#### 'off the plan' purchase agreement means—

- (a) an agreement for the sale or transfer of dutiable property that is, or includes, land where a residence is to be erected or developed before completion of the sale or transfer; or
- (b) a purchase agreement for a declared affordable house and land package.

#### 16B Declaration of affordable house and land packages

- (1) The Minister may declare a house and land package that is, or is to be, offered for purchase to be an affordable house and land package.
- (2) A declaration is a disallowable instrument.

*Note* A disallowable instrument must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the Legislation Act.

#### 17 No double duty

- (1) If a dutiable transaction is effected by more than 1 instrument, 1 instrument is to be stamped with the duty payable on the transaction and in respect of the other instruments—
  - (a) no duty is chargeable on an instrument that is lodged with the commissioner for stamping at the same time as the instrument to be stamped with the duty payable on the transaction; and
  - (b) duty of \$20 is chargeable on an instrument lodged with the commissioner for stamping at any other time.

- (2) If a transfer of dutiable property is made in conformity with an agreement for the sale or transfer of the property—
  - (a) no duty is chargeable in respect of the transfer if it is lodged with the commissioner for stamping at the same time as the agreement for sale or transfer; and
  - (b) duty of \$20 is chargeable in respect of the transfer if it is lodged for stamping at any other time.
- (3) The duty chargeable in respect of a transfer of dutiable property that is not made in conformity with an agreement for the sale or transfer of the dutiable property is \$20 if—
  - (a) the duty chargeable in respect of the agreement has been paid; and
  - (b) the transfer would be in conformity with the agreement if the transferee was the purchaser under the agreement; and
  - (c) the purchaser under the agreement and the transferee under the transfer were related people at the time the agreement was entered into.
- (4) The duty chargeable on a transfer to a trustee of dutiable property subject to a declaration of trust is \$20 if ad valorem duty has been paid on the declaration of trust in respect of the same dutiable property.
- (5) The duty chargeable on a declaration of trust that declares the same trusts as those on and subject to which the same dutiable property was transferred to the person declaring the trust is \$20 if ad valorem duty has been paid on the transfer.
- (6) A dutiable transaction in respect of marketable securities that confer a land use entitlement is taken to be a dutiable transaction in respect of the land use entitlement only and, if duty has been paid on the dutiable transaction in accordance with a law of another Australian jurisdiction, the duty charged by this chapter on the dutiable transaction is to be reduced by the amount of the duty so paid.

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- (7) The duty charged by this chapter on the grant of a long-term lease mentioned in section 10 (1) (e) must be reduced by the amount (if any) of duty paid under chapter 5 on the lease instrument that evidenced or effected the previous surrendered lease or any earlier surrendered lease mentioned in that section.
- (8) The duty charged by this chapter on the grant of a long-term lease mentioned in section 10 (1) (f) must be reduced by the amount (if any) of duty paid under chapter 5 on the lease instrument that evidenced or effected the lease that was extended or further extended as mentioned in that section.
- (9) This section does not apply to a personal relationship financial agreement if—
  - (a) the agreement provides for a transfer of dutiable property; and
  - (b) the transfer is not exempt from duty under section 74B (Transfers relating to certain personal relationships).

#### (10) In this section:

#### personal relationship financial agreement means—

- (a) a financial agreement made under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwlth), section 90B, section 90C or section 90D that is binding on the parties under that Act; or
- (b) a part VIIIAB financial agreement made under the *Family Law Act* 1975 (Cwlth), section 90UB, section 90UC or section 90UD that is binding on the parties under that Act; or
- (c) a domestic relationship agreement or termination agreement under the *Domestic Relationships Act 1994*.

#### 18 Rate of duty

Duty is charged on the dutiable value of the dutiable property subject to the dutiable transaction at the relevant rate set out in part 2.3.

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#### 19 Concessions and exemptions from duty

Concessions and exemptions from duty charged by this chapter are dealt with in part 2.5 and part 2.6.

#### Part 2.2 Dutiable value

#### 20 What is the dutiable value of dutiable property?

- (1) The *dutiable value* of dutiable property that is subject to a dutiable transaction is the greater of—
  - (a) the consideration (if any) for the dutiable transaction (being the amount of a monetary consideration or the value of a non-monetary consideration); and
  - (b) whichever of the following applies:
    - (i) for a long-term lease or franchise arrangement—the unencumbered value of the Crown lease of the land in relation to which the long-term lease or franchise arrangement is granted;
    - (ii) for any other dutiable property—the unencumbered value of the dutiable property.
- (2) However, the *dutiable value* of a dutiable transaction that is a purchase agreement for a declared affordable house and land package, is the lesser of—
  - (a) the value of the land component of the package on the date of the agreement; and
  - (b) the value of the land component of the package on the date the liability for duty arises under section 16A (1).
- (3) However, if the land the subject of a long-term lease mentioned in section 10 (1) (e) is not identical to the land the subject of the previous lease and any earlier surrendered lease, *land* in subsection (1) (b) (i) means the part of the land the person would hold continuously for longer than 30 years.
- (4) The dutiable value of a partnership interest mentioned in section 28 is to be determined in accordance with that section.

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#### (5) In this section:

declared affordable house and land package means a house and land package declared under section 16B.

## 21 What is the consideration for the transfer of dutiable property?

- (1) The consideration for the transfer of dutiable property is taken to include the amount or value of all encumbrances, whether certain or contingent, subject to which the dutiable property is transferred.
- (2) The consideration for the transfer of the interest of a transferee under an uncompleted agreement for the sale or transfer of dutiable property is taken to include the balance of the amount or value of the consideration that would be required from the transferee under the agreement to complete it in accordance with its terms.
- (3) If a Crown lease is granted subject to a requirement that the lessee carry out, or cause to be carried out, works on land other than the land the subject of the lease, the cost of carrying out those works is taken to form part of the consideration for the lease.
- (4) If a Crown lease is granted—
  - (a) for an initial term; and
  - (b) subject to a right provided by the lease for the lessee to be granted a further term (whether or not the exercise of that right is subject to conditions);

the lease is taken to be granted for a term equal to the aggregate of the initial term and the further term, up to a maximum of 99 years, and the consideration for the lease is taken to be the aggregate of—

- (c) any lump sum paid for the grant of the lease; and
- (d) any lump sum payable for renewal of the lease; and
- (e) the rent payable under the lease during the term for which it is taken to have been granted; and

(f) any costs that are taken to form part of the consideration under subsection (3).

#### 22 What is the *unencumbered value* of dutiable property?

- (1) The *unencumbered value* of dutiable property is the value of the property determined without regard to any encumbrance to which the property is subject.
- (2) If, before land is transferred to a transferee, the transferee has made improvements to the land, the unencumbered value of the land is to be determined as if those improvements had not been made.
- (3) The *unencumbered value* of a Crown lease at the time it is granted is, for this chapter, taken to be the amount determined by the granting body to be that value.
- (4) However, if the commissioner is not satisfied with the amount determined by the granting body of a Crown lease to be the unencumbered value of the lease, the commissioner may—
  - (a) have the Crown lease valued as at the time it was granted; and
  - (b) determine the unencumbered value of the lease in accordance with the valuation.
- (5) If the granting body of a Crown lease did not determine the value of the lease at the time it was granted, the commissioner may—
  - (a) have the Crown lease valued as at the time it was granted; and
  - (b) determine the unencumbered value of the lease in accordance with the valuation.
- (6) In determining the unencumbered value of a Crown lease at the time it is or was granted, the granting body or a person making a valuation of the lease under subsection (4) (a) or (5) (a) must assume—
  - (a) that the consideration for the lease is or was to be paid as a lump sum; and

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- (b) that the lessee is not obliged by the lease to carry out any works, or to cause any works to be carried out, on the land leased or elsewhere.
- (7) The commissioner may recover from the lessee under a Crown lease—
  - (a) the cost of getting a valuation under subsection (4) if the value of the Crown lease shown by the valuation was more than the value of the lease determined by the granting authority; or
  - (b) the cost of getting a valuation under subsection (5).
- (8) In this section:

*grant*, of a Crown lease over a parcel of land, includes the grant of a second or subsequent lease over the same parcel.

granting body, in relation to a Crown lease, means the administrative unit or other entity responsible for arranging the grant.

#### 23 Arrangements that reduce dutiable value

If any arrangement affecting the dutiable value of dutiable property that was entered into within 12 months before a dutiable transaction was brought about by any person with the intention of reducing the dutiable value of the dutiable property, the commissioner may—

- (a) cause a valuation of the dutiable property to be made; and
- (b) direct the valuer to disregard the arrangement for the purposes of the valuation; and
- (c) assess duty on the basis of the valuation carried out in accordance with the direction.

#### 24 Aggregation of dutiable transactions

- (1) Dutiable transactions relating to separate items of dutiable property, or separate parts of, or interests in, dutiable property are to be aggregated and treated as a single dutiable transaction if—
  - (a) they occur within 12 months; and
  - (b) the transferee is the same or the transferees are associated people; and
  - (c) the dutiable transactions together form, evidence, give effect to or arise from what is, substantially, 1 arrangement relating to all of the items or parts of, or interests in, the dutiable property.
- (2) Dutiable transactions are not to be aggregated under this section if the commissioner is satisfied—
  - (a) that the transactions are for the purpose of acquiring 2 or more blocks of land in the same subdivision for the purpose of developing the blocks for resale; or
  - (b) that the transactions are for the purpose of purchasing 2 or more units in the same units plan under the *Unit Titles Act 2001* for the purpose of investment; or
  - (c) that the transactions are for the purpose of acquiring 2 or more parcels of shares in a company or 2 or more parcels of units in a units trust scheme which parcels either alone or together with a lease or licence give an entitlement to occupy 2 or more areas that are on a single parcel of land; or
  - (d) that it would not be just and reasonable for the transactions to be so aggregated.
- (3) The dutiable value of aggregated dutiable property is the sum of the dutiable values of the items or parts of, or the interests in, the dutiable property as at the time when each dutiable transaction occurs.

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- (4) The amount of duty payable in accordance with this section is to be reduced by the amount of any ad valorem duty paid on a prior dutiable transaction that is, or prior dutiable transactions that are, aggregated in accordance with this section.
- (5) Duty may be apportioned to the instruments effecting or evidencing the dutiable transactions, or may be charged in accordance with section 17 (1), as determined by the commissioner.
- (6) A person commits an offence if the person—
  - (a) is a transferee in relation to dutiable transactions aggregated under this section; and
  - (b) fails to give the commissioner, in writing, no later than the time when an instrument or statement relating to the transactions is lodged for stamping, details known to the person of—
    - (i) each item or part of, or interest in, the dutiable property included or to be included in the arrangement mentioned in subsection (1); and
    - (ii) the consideration for each item or part of, or interest in, the dutiable property.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (7) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.
- (8) In this section:

dutiable property does not include marketable securities.

## 25 Value of goods in certain transactions also involving other property

The commissioner, if satisfied that it would not be just and reasonable in the circumstances to charge duty on the dutiable value of all the dutiable property in a dutiable transaction involving goods and other property, may disregard the value of the goods, or any of them, in determining the dutiable value of the property involved.

#### 26 Apportionment—dutiable property and other property

- (1) If a dutiable transaction relates to dutiable property and property that is not dutiable property, it is chargeable with duty under this chapter only to the extent that it relates to dutiable property.
- (2) If a dutiable transaction relates to different types of dutiable property for which different rates of duty are chargeable under this chapter, the dutiable transaction is chargeable with duty under this chapter as if a separate dutiable transaction had occurred in relation to each such type of dutiable property.

#### 28 Partnership interests

The dutiable value of a partnership interest (DV) is to be determined in accordance with the following formula:

$$\mathbf{DV} = \mathbf{A} \times \frac{\mathbf{X}}{\mathbf{Y}}$$

where:

A means the value of the partnership interest, or so much of the consideration for the dutiable transaction as relates to the partnership interest, whichever is the greater.

X means the unencumbered value of all dutiable property of the partnership.

Y means the unencumbered value of all assets of the partnership.

#### 29 Partitions

- (1) For this section, a partition occurs when property (some or all of which is dutiable property) that is held by people jointly (as joint tenants or tenants in common) and beneficially is transferred or agreed to be transferred to 1 or more of those people.
- (2) For this section, section 15 and section 17, a partition is taken to be a single dutiable transaction.
- (3) The dutiable value of a partition (DV) is to be determined in accordance with the following formula:

$$\mathbf{DV} = \mathbf{A} \times \frac{\mathbf{X}}{\mathbf{Y}}$$

where:

A means the sum of the amounts by which the unencumbered value of the property transferred or agreed to be transferred to a person exceeds the unencumbered value of the interest held by the person in that property immediately before the partition, or the sum of any consideration for the partition paid by any of the parties, whichever is the greater.

*X* means the unencumbered value of all dutiable property the subject of the partition.

*Y* means the unencumbered value of all property the subject of the partition.

- (4) The minimum duty chargeable on a transaction that effects a partition is \$20.
- (5) Duty charged by this section is payable by the people making the partition or any 1 or more of them.

#### 30 Effect of alteration in purchase price

- (1) If after an agreement for the sale or transfer of dutiable property is entered into and before the property is transferred—
  - (a) the consideration under the agreement is reduced and the reduced consideration is not less than the unencumbered value of the dutiable property when the consideration was reduced; or
  - (b) the consideration under the agreement is reduced because the parties have agreed not to transfer some of the dutiable property previously agreed to be transferred and the reduced consideration is not less than the unencumbered value of the dutiable property that remained to be transferred when the consideration was reduced; or
  - (c) the consideration under the agreement is increased and the dutiable value when the consideration was increased is greater than the dutiable value when the agreement was entered into;

the commissioner must assess or reassess the liability to duty of the agreement in accordance with the change in the consideration.

(2) The liability to pay additional duty arising from an increase in the consideration occurs on the day when the consideration is agreed to be increased.

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### Part 2.3 Rates of duty

#### 31 General rate

Except as provided by this chapter, duty at the determined rate is chargeable on a dutiable transaction.

#### 32 Shares, units and interests—marketable securities

- (1) Duty is chargeable on a dutiable transaction in respect of marketable securities at the determined rate.
- (2) A minimum rate of duty of \$20 is chargeable under this section on dutiable transactions in respect of marketable securities.
- (3) A rate of duty chargeable under this section does not apply to a dutiable transaction that confers a land use entitlement.
  - Note 1 No duty is chargeable on transactions relating to marketable securities that are shares or units quoted on a recognised stock exchange, or related rights or interests (see s 10 (2)).
  - Note 2 After 30 June 2010, no duty will be chargeable on transactions relating to unquoted marketable securities (see s 75A (Expiry—provisions relating to unquoted marketable securities)). For the relevant transitional provisions, see pt 15.3.

#### 33 Certain business assets

- (1) Duty is chargeable at the determined rate on a dutiable transaction so far as it is in relation to—
  - (a) a partnership interest so far as it is not—
    - (i) an interest in property mentioned in section 10 (1) (a), (b) or (c); or
    - (ii) an interest in property mentioned in section 10 (1) (m) that is dutiable property mentioned in section 10 (1) (a), (b) or (c); or

- (b) an interest in property mentioned in section 10 (1) (m), other than an interest in dutiable property mentioned in section 10 (1) (a), (b), or (c).
- (2) The proportion of the dutiable value of a partnership interest that is chargeable with duty under subsection (1) (a) is—
  - (a) if no interest in property of a kind mentioned in subsection (1) (a) (i) or (ii) is transferred as a result of the transfer of the partnership interest—the whole of the value of the partnership interest; or
  - (b) if an interest in property of a kind mentioned in either of those subparagraphs is transferred as a result of the transfer of the partnership interest—the proportion of the value of the partnership interest that is equal to the proportion of so much of the unencumbered value of all the dutiable assets of the partnership as is not constituted by the unencumbered value of the dutiable assets of the partnership that are property of a kind mentioned in either of those subparagraphs.

### Part 2.4 Special provisions

#### 49 Interim payment of duty

- (1) If the full dutiable value of dutiable property subject to an agreement for sale or transfer cannot, in the commissioner's opinion, be immediately ascertained, the commissioner may make an assessment by way of estimate under the Taxation Administration Act, section 11 (2).
- (2) The instrument or written statement required by section 14 may be stamped 'Interim stamp only'.
- (3) When the full dutiable value has been ascertained, the commissioner must reassess the duty payable on the agreement.
- (4) If no further duty is payable, the interim stamp is to be cancelled and any amount paid in excess of the amount assessed is to be refunded.
- (5) If further duty is payable, liability for the further duty arises when the notice of assessment issues, despite section 11.
- (6) On payment of the balance of the duty (and any interest or penalty tax), the instrument or the written statement required by section 14 is to be stamped with the amount of the balance and marked to indicate that duty has been duly paid.

#### 50 Cancelled agreements

- (1) An agreement for the sale or transfer of dutiable property that is cancelled is not liable to duty under this chapter if the commissioner is satisfied—
  - (a) that the agreement was not cancelled to give effect to a subsale; or

- (b) that the purchaser or transferee under the agreement is a promoter of a named company proposed to be incorporated and that the company is the purchaser or transferee of the dutiable property under a subsequent agreement; or
- (c) that the purchaser or transferee under the agreement and the purchaser or transferee under a subsequent agreement relating to the same dutiable property were related people when the agreement that is cancelled was entered into.
- (2) The commissioner must reassess and refund duty paid on an agreement if—
  - (a) the agreement is not liable to duty under this chapter because of this section; and
  - (b) an application for a refund is made within the later of—
    - (i) 5 years after the initial assessment; or
    - (ii) 1 year after the agreement is cancelled.
- (3) In this section:

cancelled means rescinded, annulled or otherwise terminated without completion.

#### 50A Cancelled transfer of dutiable property

- (1) A transfer of dutiable property by instrument is not liable to duty under this chapter if the commissioner is satisfied that—
  - (a) the transfer instrument is cancelled and the dutiable property is not transferred to the transferee; and
  - (b) the transfer was not cancelled to give effect to a subsale.
- (2) The commissioner must reassess and refund duty paid on a transfer of dutiable property if—
  - (a) the transfer is not liable to duty under this chapter because of this section; and

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- (b) an application for a refund is made within 5 years after the initial assessment.
- (3) The transfer instrument must be surrendered to the commissioner unless the commissioner dispenses with that requirement.
- (4) In this section:

#### cancelled—

- (a) means rescinded, annulled or otherwise terminated without completion; and
- (b) includes abandoned.

## 51 Grant of certain Crown leases on surrender of development leases

- (1) Duty of \$20 is chargeable on the grant of a Crown lease (the *new lease*) on the surrender of a development lease if—
  - (a) the new lease is granted to the person who was the lessee under the development lease at the time of its surrender; and
  - (b) the whole of the land comprised in the new lease is land that was comprised in the development lease.
- (2) If—
  - (a) a Crown lease (the *new lease*) is granted on the surrender of a development lease; and
  - (b) the new lease is granted to the person who was the lessee under the development lease at the time of its surrender; and

(c) only part of the land comprised in the new lease is land that was comprised in the development lease;

the duty chargeable on the new lease is the amount of duty that would have been chargeable on the new lease under part 2.3 less the amount of duty that would have been chargeable under part 2.3 on the grant of a Crown lease over the land that was comprised in the development lease, if the Crown lease had been granted on the same terms as the new lease.

(3) In this section:

**development lease** means a Crown lease that is expressed to be granted for the purpose of developing the land comprised in the lease for subdivision and resale.

#### 52 Refund if Crown lease surrendered

- (1) This section applies if—
  - (a) an amount of duty has been paid on a grant of a Crown lease; and
  - (b) the lease is surrendered or terminated; and
  - (c) part or all of the amount paid in relation to the grant of the lease is refunded under the *Planning and Development Act* 2007, section 300 (Refund on lease surrender or termination).
- (2) An amount calculated in accordance with the following formula must be refunded to the person who paid the duty:

 $\frac{\mathbf{D} \times \mathbf{F}}{\mathbf{P}}$ 

#### (3) In subsection (2):

**D** means the amount of duty.

**R** means the amount that would be refundable under the *Planning* and *Development Act 2007*, section 300 if no deduction were made for administrative expenses.

**P** means the amount paid for the grant of the lease.

- (4) However, a refund of duty is payable to a person only if the person applies to the commissioner for the refund.
- (5) An application for a refund of duty must—
  - (a) be in writing; and
  - (b) be made not later than 1 year after the refund mentioned in subsection (1) (c) is made; and
  - (c) contain the information the commissioner requires to allow the amount of the refund to be worked out.

#### 53 Transfers arising from mortgages of land

- (1) The mortgagor and the mortgagee are jointly and severally liable to pay the duty chargeable on a transfer by way of mortgage of dutiable property that is territory land.
- (2) If the commissioner is satisfied that—
  - (a) duty has been paid in accordance with this section on a transfer of dutiable property to which this section applies; and
  - (b) the dutiable property has been re-transferred to the mortgagor (or a person to whom the land has been transmitted by death or bankruptcy) and the mortgagor (or person) is the registered proprietor of the land;

the commissioner must refund the ad valorem duty paid on the transfer less an amount of \$20.

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### Part 2.5 Concessional rates of duty

#### Division 2.5.1 Trusts

#### 54 Change in trustees

(1) In this section:

*new trustee* means a trustee appointed in substitution for a trustee or a trustee appointed in addition to a trustee or trustees.

- (2) Duty of \$20 is chargeable in respect of a transfer of dutiable property to a person as a consequence of the retirement of a trustee or the appointment of a new trustee, if the commissioner is satisfied that, as the case may be—
  - (a) except for a responsible entity of a managed investment scheme—none of the continuing trustees remaining after the retirement of a trustee is or can become a beneficiary under the trust; and
  - (b) except for a responsible entity of a managed investment scheme—none of the trustees of the trust after the appointment of a new trustee is or can become a beneficiary under the trust; and
  - (c) except if a responsible entity of a managed investment scheme acquires a beneficial interest in the managed investment scheme solely as a consequence of its appointment as the responsible entity—the transfer is not part of a scheme for conferring an interest, in relation to the trust property, on a new trustee or any other person, whether as a beneficiary or otherwise, to the detriment of the beneficial interest or potential beneficial interest of any person; and

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- (d) the transfer is not made in connection with a tax avoidance scheme:
- and, if the commissioner is not so satisfied, the transfer is chargeable with the same duty as a transfer to a beneficiary under and in conformity with the trusts subject to which the property is held.
- (3) Duty of \$20 is chargeable in respect of a transfer of dutiable property to a responsible entity if the commissioner is satisfied that the transfer is necessary to enable an undertaking that existed before 1 July 1998 to become a registered scheme.
- (4) Duty of \$20 is also chargeable in relation to a transfer of dutiable property to a person as a consequence of the retirement of a trustee or the appointment of a new trustee for a self managed superannuation fund within the meaning of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* (Cwlth).

#### 55 Transfer to custodian of managed investment scheme

Duty of \$20 is chargeable in respect of a transfer of dutiable property from a responsible entity of a managed investment scheme or a trustee of such a responsible entity to a custodian or agent of the responsible entity.

#### 55A Transfers in relation to managed investment schemes

Duty of \$20 is chargeable for the transfer of dutiable property—

- (a) from the responsible entity of a managed investment scheme to a custodian or agent of the responsible entity as custodian or agent of the scheme; or
- (b) from a custodian or agent of the responsible entity of a managed investment scheme as custodian or agent of the scheme to the responsible entity.

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#### 55B Transfers in relation to registered schemes

- (1) Duty of \$20 is chargeable for the transfer of dutiable property by a trustee of a registered scheme to a custodian or agent of the responsible entity of the scheme as custodian or agent of the scheme.
- (2) However, subsection (1) only applies if—
  - (a) before 1 July 1998 the scheme was a prescribed interest scheme; and
  - (b) when the scheme became a registered scheme the trustee held the dutiable property as a trustee of the scheme.

#### 56 Property vested in apparent purchaser

- (1) Duty of \$20 is chargeable in respect of—
  - (a) a declaration of trust made by an apparent purchaser in respect of identified dutiable property—
    - (i) vested in the apparent purchaser on trust for the real purchaser who provided the money for the purchase of the dutiable property; or
    - (ii) to be vested in the apparent purchaser on trust for the real purchaser, if the commissioner is satisfied that the money for the purchase of the dutiable property has been or will be provided by the real purchaser; or
  - (b) a transfer of dutiable property from an apparent purchaser to the real purchaser if dutiable property is vested in an apparent purchaser on trust for the real purchaser who provided the money for the purchase of the dutiable property.
- (2) In this section:

purchase includes an allotment.

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#### 57 Transfers back from nominee

- (1) If—
  - (a) dutiable property that was transferred to a person to be held by that person as trustee for the transferor is transferred back to the transferor by the trustee for no consideration; and
  - (b) no person other than the transferor has had a beneficial interest in the dutiable property (other than the trustee's right of indemnity) between its transfer to the trustee and its transfer back to the transferor;

the duty chargeable on the transfer of the dutiable property back to the transferor is \$20.

- (2) If duty of \$20 has been paid on a transfer under subsection (1), the initial transfer to the trustee is also chargeable with duty of \$20 and the commissioner must reassess the initial transfer and refund any duty paid in excess of \$20 if an application for a refund is made within—
  - (a) 5 years after the initial assessment; or
  - (b) 12 months after the transfer back to the original transferor; whichever is the later.
- (3) In this section:

dutiable property does not include marketable securities.

*trustee* includes a trustee appointed in substitution for a trustee or a trustee appointed in addition to a trustee or trustees.

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#### 58 Property passing to beneficiaries

- (1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), duty of \$20 is chargeable in respect of a transfer for no consideration of dutiable property to a beneficiary made under and in conformity with the trusts contained in a declaration of trust.
- (2) Subsection (1) applies only to the extent that the property being transferred is property that the commissioner is satisfied is—
  - (a) wholly or substantially the same as the dutiable property the subject of the declaration of trust and that—
    - (i) duty charged by this Act has been paid in respect of the declaration of trust over that property; or
    - (ii) the declaration of trust is exempt from duty; or
  - (b) dutiable property representing the proceeds of reinvestment of property mentioned in paragraph (a); or
  - (c) property to which both paragraphs (a) and (b) apply.
- (3) Subsection (1) applies only if the transferee was a beneficiary at the time at which duty became chargeable in respect of the declaration of trust.

### 60 Declaration of trust relating to managed investment scheme

Duty of \$20 is chargeable in respect of a declaration of trust—

- (a) that is made by a trustee in respect of dutiable property that, immediately before the trust is declared, is held by the trustee as trustee of the responsible entity of a managed investment scheme; and
- (b) that is made for the purpose of holding the dutiable property on trust for the responsible entity of the managed investment scheme.

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### 60A Nomineeing transactions—unquoted marketable securities

- (1) Duty of \$20 is chargeable for a transfer of marketable securities, other than marketable securities that are not dutiable property, between any of the following people:
  - (a) the beneficial owner;
  - (b) a trustee or nominee of the beneficial owner;
  - (c) a custodian of a trustee or nominee of the beneficial owner;
  - (d) a subcustodian of a custodian of a trustee or nominee of the beneficial owner.
- (2) However, subsection (1) only applies if—
  - (a) there is no change in the beneficial ownership of the marketable securities; and
  - (b) if the transferee is a person mentioned in subsection (1) (b), (c) or (d)—
    - (i) the transferee is to hold the marketable securities solely for another person mentioned in subsection (1) (a), (b) or (c); and
    - (ii) there is no contemplation of the marketable securities being held for any other person; and
  - (c) if the transferor is a person mentioned in subsection (1) (b), (c) or (d)—
    - (i) the marketable securities were held by the person solely for another person mentioned in subsection (1) (a), (b) or (c); and
    - (ii) since the time when the marketable securities were first transferred or issued to the transferor, no person has held the marketable securities other than solely for a person mentioned in subsection (1) (a), (b) or (c).

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### Division 2.5.2 Superannuation

### Transfer of property from one superannuation fund to another

- (1) This section applies to the transfer of dutiable property from one superannuation fund to another for no consideration if—
  - (a) the transfer is made from a complying superannuation fund or from a fund that was a complying superannuation fund within the 12 month period before the transfer was made; and
  - (b) the transfer is made to a complying superannuation fund or to a superannuation fund that, in the opinion of the trustees, will be a complying superannuation fund within 12 months after the transfer is made: and
  - (c) the transfer occurs in connection with a person's ceasing to be a member of, or otherwise ceasing to be entitled to benefits in respect of, the fund from which the dutiable property is transferred and the person's becoming a member of, or otherwise becoming entitled to benefits in respect of, the fund to which the dutiable property is transferred.
- (2) Subject to subsections (3) and (4), the duty chargeable on a transfer to which this section applies is ad valorem duty in accordance with this chapter or \$200, whichever is the lesser.
- (3) A minimum rate of duty of \$20 is chargeable on a transfer to which this section applies.
- (4) Duty of \$20 only is chargeable on a transfer to which this section applies from 1 superannuation fund established for the benefit of the employees of a hospital, school or charitable organisation to another superannuation fund established for the benefit of the employees of the same hospital, school or charitable organisation.

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- (5) An application for an assessment of duty in accordance with this section is to be accompanied by the following:
  - (a) a brief explanation of the background to the transfer and the entitlements to be extinguished and created;
  - (b) copies of the governing rules of the complying superannuation funds concerned:
  - (c) a statement of the property to be transferred;
  - (d) a copy of each instrument relating to the transfer;
  - (e) a statutory declaration from a trustee (or a director of a corporate trustee) of each of the superannuation funds concerned stating that, in the opinion of the trustee (or director), the fund will be a complying superannuation fund within 12 months after the transfer occurs.
- (6) The commissioner may require further information.
- (7) In this section:

complying superannuation fund includes a complying approved deposit fund and an eligible rollover fund.

## Transfers between trustees and custodians of superannuation funds or trusts

- (1) This section applies to the following dutiable transactions:
  - (a) a transfer of, or an agreement to transfer, dutiable property from a trustee of a relevant fund or trust to a custodian of the trustee of the fund or trust, if there is no change in the beneficial ownership of the property;
  - (b) a transfer of, or an agreement to transfer, dutiable property from a custodian of a trustee of a relevant fund or trust to a trustee of the fund or trust, if there is no change in the beneficial ownership of the property;

- (c) a transfer of, or an agreement to transfer, dutiable property from a custodian of a trustee of a relevant fund or trust to another custodian of the trustee of the fund or trust, if there is no change in the beneficial ownership of the property.
- (2) The duty chargeable on a dutiable transaction is the lesser of—
  - (a) ad valorem duty in accordance with this chapter; and
  - (b) \$200.
- (3) However, the duty chargeable on a dutiable transaction is \$20 if the dutiable property transferred, or agreed to be transferred, is marketable securities.
  - Note 1 No duty is chargeable on transactions relating to marketable securities that are shares or units quoted on a recognised stock exchange, or related rights or interests (see s 10 (2)).
  - Note 2 After 30 June 2010, no duty will be chargeable on transactions relating to unquoted marketable securities (see s 75A (Expiry—provisions relating to unquoted marketable securities)). For the relevant transitional provisions, see pt 15.3.
- (4) Despite subsection (2), duty of \$20 only is chargeable on a dutiable transaction to which this section applies if the relevant fund or trust is established for the benefit of the employees of a hospital, school or charitable organisation.
- (5) In this section:

complying superannuation fund includes a complying approved deposit fund and an eligible rollover fund.

*relevant fund or trust*, in relation to the transfer of dutiable property, means—

- (a) a complying superannuation fund; or
- (b) a pooled superannuation trust; or

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(c) a fund or trust that, in the trustees' opinion, will be a complying superannuation fund or a pooled superannuation trust within 12 months after the day the transfer takes effect.

#### Division 2.5.3 Miscellaneous

#### Transfer of land to certain authorities and other bodies

- (1) Duty of \$20 is chargeable on a grant of a Crown lease to a non-commercial Commonwealth authority.
- (2) Duty of \$20 is chargeable in respect of a grant or transfer of land to a hospital, school or charitable organisation or to trustees in trust for a hospital, school or charitable organisation.

## 65 Transfer of land under Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act

Duty of \$20 is chargeable on a transfer of land made in accordance with the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (Cwlth), section 82.

#### 66 Conveyances to prescribed people

Duty of \$20 is chargeable in respect of a grant or transfer of land to a prescribed person.

#### 67 Conversion of property to unit title

The duty chargeable on the transfer of a unit within the meaning of the *Unit Titles Act 2001* is \$20 if the commissioner is satisfied that—

(a) the transferee, immediately before registration of the units plan, held a land use entitlement in respect of the land or part of the land the subject of the units plan; and

(b) the transfer is part of an arrangement under which the transferee will take an interest in the unit similar in effect to and in substitution for the interest the transferee had under the land use entitlement immediately before registration of the units plan.

#### 68 Surrender and regrant of Crown lease

- (1) Duty of \$20 is chargeable for the grant of a new Crown lease to the lessee under a previous Crown lease because of the surrender of the previous lease if the surrender was only for 1 or more of the following purposes:
  - (a) changing the purpose for which the land comprised in the lease may be used;
  - (b) granting the lessee a longer leasehold interest in the land comprised in the lease;
  - (c) reducing rent to not more than 5 cents a year;
  - (d) correcting errors or omissions.
- (2) Duty of \$20 is chargeable for the grant of new Crown leases to a lessee under a previous Crown lease because of the surrender of the previous lease if the surrender was only for—
  - (a) subdividing the land comprised in the surrendered lease; or
  - (b) that purpose and 1 or more of the purposes mentioned in subsection (1) (a) to (d).
- (3) Duty of \$20 is chargeable for the grant of a new Crown lease to a lessee under 2 or more previous Crown leases because of the surrender of the previous leases if the surrender was only for—
  - (a) consolidating the land comprised in the surrendered leases; or
  - (b) that purpose and 1 or more of the purposes mentioned in subsection (1) (a) to (d).

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#### 68A Regrant of lease with additional land

If—

- (a) a Crown lease is granted to a lessee under a previous Crown lease because of the surrender of the previous lease; and
- (b) the land comprised in the new lease is all or part of the land comprised in the surrendered lease and additional land;

duty is chargeable only on the transfer of the interest in the additional land.

#### 69 Deceased estates

Duty of \$20 is chargeable in respect of—

- (a) a transfer of dutiable property not made for valuable consideration by the legal personal representative of a deceased person to a beneficiary if the transfer is—
  - (i) a transfer made under and in conformity with the trusts contained in the will of the deceased person or arising on an intestacy; or
  - (ii) a transfer of property the subject of a trust for sale contained in the will of the deceased person; and
- (b) a consent by a legal personal representative of a deceased person to a transmission application by a beneficiary; and
- (c) a transmission application to a devisee who is also the sole legal personal representative.

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#### 70 Certain transfers of marketable securities

Duty of \$20 is chargeable in respect of a transfer of marketable securities—

- (a) issued by a municipal council or other local government body or by a public authority constituted by or under a law of the Territory or of the Commonwealth, a State or another Territory; or
- (b) made to a hospital, school or charitable organisation or to trustees in trust for a hospital, school or charitable organisation; or
- (c) made solely for the purpose of—
  - (i) qualifying the transferee as the director of a company (the *subsidiary company*) to act and vote, as directed, on behalf of another company; or
  - (ii) re-transferring the marketable security from the director so qualified to the other company;

being another company that—

- (iii) controls the appointment or removal of all or a majority of the board of directors of the subsidiary company; or
- (iv) controls more than <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of the voting power in the subsidiary company; or
- (v) beneficially owns more than <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of the paid-up capital of the subsidiary company; or
- (d) made solely for the purpose of rectifying a clerical error in an instrument of transfer; or
- (e) made in accordance with the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (Cwlth), section 84.

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### 70A Corporate reconstructions—concessional duty for dutiable transactions

- (1) This section applies to a dutiable transaction if—
  - (a) by the transaction, property is—
    - (i) transferred (or agreed to be transferred) by a member of a group of corporations to another member of the same group; or
    - (ii) vested in a member of the group, if the property was owned immediately before the vesting by another member of the same group; and
  - (b) the transaction is approved by the commissioner in accordance with any guidelines determined under subsection (4).
- (2) Duty for the transaction is payable at 5% of the amount that would, apart from this section, be payable for the transaction.
- (3) An approval for subsection (1) (b) may be given subject to conditions.
- (4) The Minister may determine guidelines for approvals.
- (5) A determination is a disallowable instrument.

*Note* A disallowable instrument must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the Legislation Act.

(6) In this section:

corporation includes a unit trust scheme.

#### 71 Bankruptcy or insolvency

Duty of \$20 is chargeable in respect of a dutiable transaction if—

(a) it occurs as a consequence of the appointment of a receiver or trustee in bankruptcy; or

- (b) it occurs as a consequence of the appointment of a liquidator; or
- (c) it is a transfer of dutiable property for no consideration to a former bankrupt from the estate of the former bankrupt.

### 72 Transfer to partner of interest in principal place of residence

- (1) Duty of \$20 is payable for a transfer by someone to his or her partner of dutiable property consisting of an interest in property that is, at the date of the transfer of the interest, used as their principal place of residence.
  - Note The dictionary defines *partner* as a person's spouse or someone with whom the person has a domestic relationship. *Domestic relationship* is defined in the dictionary to have the same meaning as in the *Domestic Relationships Act 1994*, s 3.
- (2) However, subsection (1) only applies if the transfer results in the property being held by the partners as—
  - (a) joint tenants; or
  - (b) tenants in common in equal shares; or
  - (c) tenants in common in shares that are proportionate to the contributions of the partners towards the purchase and improvement of the property; or
  - (d) tenants in common in shares that are in proportions prescribed by regulation.

## 72A Reduction of duty—payment in non-Australian jurisdiction

(1) The amount of duty chargeable under this chapter on a transfer of marketable securities is to be reduced by the amount of duty of a similar kind paid in relation to the transfer in accordance with the law of a place outside Australia.

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#### (2) In this section:

*transfer of marketable securities* includes a dealing or arrangement affecting marketable securities by way of a dutiable transaction other than a transfer.

### Part 2.6 Exemptions

## 73 Transfers to State, another Territory or prescribed authority

- (1) A transfer of dutiable property to a State or another Territory is exempt from duty under this chapter.
- (2) A transfer of dutiable property to a prescribed authority of the Commonwealth, a State or another Territory is exempt from duty under this chapter.

#### 73A Transfers etc to entities for community housing

- (1) No duty is chargeable under this chapter on a dutiable transaction that is a transfer or grant of a residential lease if—
  - (a) the transfer or grant is to an entity declared by the Minister; and
  - (b) the commissioner is satisfied that the property the subject of the transfer or grant is to be used for community housing.
- (2) A declaration is a disallowable instrument.
  - *Note* A disallowable instrument must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the Legislation Act.
- (3) The Minister may declare an entity only if satisfied that the entity is a provider of community housing in the ACT.
- (4) In this section:

community housing means housing provided for—

- (a) people on low and moderate incomes or with special needs; or
- (b) nonprofit community organisations.

residential lease means a lease granted for residential purposes only.

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#### 73D Transfers etc—long-term leases for residential purposes

- (1) No duty is chargeable under this chapter on a dutiable transaction that is a transfer or grant of a long-term lease for residential purposes.
- (2) This section applies to a dutiable transaction entered into on or after 29 November 2006.
- (3) Subsection (2) and this subsection expire 5 years after the day they commence.

#### 74 Transfers relating to mortgages

- (1) A dutiable transaction is exempt from duty under this chapter if it is—
  - (a) a dutiable transaction over dutiable property arising from the discharge or transfer of a mortgage or declaration of trust over a mortgage; or
  - (b) a dutiable transaction comprising—
    - (i) a transfer by way of discharge of mortgage; or
    - (ii) a transfer by way of mortgage (other than a transfer by way of mortgage of land, or an estate or interest in land, under the *Land Titles Act 1925*).
- (2) In this section:

*mortgage* means any charge on dutiable property created merely for securing a debt.

#### 74A Financial and other agreements

No duty is chargeable under this chapter on—

(a) a financial agreement made under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwlth), section 90B, section 90C or section 90D that is binding on the parties under that Act; or

- (b) a part VIIIAB financial agreement made under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwlth), section 90UB, section 90UC or section 90UD that is binding on the parties under that Act; or
- (c) a domestic relationship agreement, or a termination agreement, under the *Domestic Relationships Act 1994*.

#### 74B Transfers relating to certain personal relationships

- (1) No duty is chargeable under this chapter on a transfer of dutiable property under—
  - (a) an order of a court under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwlth) or the *Married Persons Property Act 1986*; or
  - (b) any other order of a court for the distribution of property consequent on the end of the relationship between partners.
  - Note The dictionary defines *partner* as a person's spouse or someone with whom the person has a domestic relationship. *Domestic relationship* is defined in the dictionary to have the same meaning as in the *Domestic Relationships Act 1994*, s 3.
- (2) No duty is chargeable under this chapter on a transfer of dutiable property under a financial agreement made under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwlth), section 90B, section 90C or section 90D that is binding on the parties under that Act, if—
  - (a) the commissioner is satisfied that the transfer is consequent on the dissolution, annulment or irretrievable breakdown of a marriage; and
  - (b) the property is matrimonial property; and
  - (c) the transfer is—

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- (i) to the parties to the marriage, or to either of them; or
- (ii) to a child or children of either of them, or to a person in trust for the child or children.

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- (3) No duty is chargeable under this chapter on a transfer of dutiable property under a part VIIIAB financial agreement made under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwlth), section 90UB, section 90UC or section 90UD that is binding on the parties under that Act, if—
  - (a) the commissioner is satisfied that the transfer is consequent on the end of the de facto relationship between the parties; and
  - (b) the property is relationship property; and
  - (c) the transfer is—
    - (i) to the parties to the relationship, or to either of them; or
    - (ii) to a child or children of either of them, or to a person in trust for the child or children.
- (4) No duty is chargeable under this chapter on a transfer of dutiable property under a domestic relationship agreement, or a termination agreement, under the *Domestic Relationships Act 1994*, if—
  - (a) the agreement is in writing and signed by each party; and
  - (b) the agreement is endorsed with, or accompanied by, the certificates mentioned in that Act, section 33 (1) (d) for each party; and

*Note* The certificates relate to independent legal advice about the agreement.

- (c) the commissioner is satisfied that the transfer is consequent on the end of the domestic relationship between the parties; and
- (d) the property is relationship property; and
- (e) the transfer is—
  - (i) to the parties to the relationship, or to either of them; or
  - (ii) to a child or children of either of them, or to a person in trust for the child or children.

- (5) For subsection (2) (a), in deciding whether a transfer is consequent on the irretrievable breakdown of a marriage, the commissioner must have regard to any statutory declaration made by a party to the marriage to the effect that—
  - (a) the party intends to apply for dissolution or annulment of the marriage; or
  - (b) the parties to the marriage have separated, and there is no reasonable likelihood of cohabitation being resumed.
- (6) For subsection (3) (a), in deciding whether a transfer under a part VIIIAB financial agreement is consequent on the end of a de facto relationship, the commissioner must have regard to any separation declaration made by a spouse party to the agreement under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwlth), section 90UF.
- (7) For subsection (4) (c), in deciding whether a transfer under a domestic relationship agreement is consequent on the end of a relationship, the commissioner must have regard to any statutory declaration made by a party to the relationship to the effect that—
  - (a) the relationship has ended; or
  - (b) if the relationship is a civil partnership—the party has given, or intends to give, a termination notice to the registrar-general under the *Civil Partnerships Act 2008*.
- (8) Subsections (5), (6) and (7) do not limit the commissioner's powers under the Taxation Administration Act, section 82 (Power to require information, instruments or records or attendance for examination).
- (9) For this section:

*child* means a person under 18 years old.

de facto relationship—see the Family Law Act 1975 (Cwlth), section 4AA.

spouse party—see the Family Law Act 1975 (Cwlth), section 4.

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#### 75 Marketable securities

- (1) No duty is chargeable under this chapter on the transfer to a person of rights to shares if an earlier transfer of the shares to the person included a right to shares and duty in respect of the rights was paid in connection with that earlier transfer or the earlier transfer was exempt from duty.
- (2) No duty is chargeable under this chapter on the transfer of shares to a person (the *transferee*) if—
  - (a) as a consequence of the transfer of shares in a company—
    - (i) in respect of which ad valorem duty under this Act or a corresponding Act has been paid or that is exempt from duty; and
    - (ii) that is not registered in the share register of the company; the transferee is, on a bonus issue or the issue of a right to shares subsequent to the transfer, entitled to other shares registered in the name of the transferor; and
  - (b) the transferee pays the amount (if any) necessary to take up the other shares.
- (3) No duty is chargeable under this chapter on a transfer, or an agreement for the sale or transfer, of an ADR if—
  - (a) the ADR relates to rights to shares that on issue, on exercise of those rights, will be quoted on a recognised stock exchange; and
  - (b) the transfer, or the sale or transfer that is agreed, is to—
    - (i) a foreign resident on the foreign resident's own behalf; or
    - (ii) a foreign resident acting on behalf of a trustee for another foreign resident; and
  - (c) the ADR is to be registered on an overseas register of legal or beneficial title.

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- (4) No duty is chargeable under this chapter on a transfer, or an agreement for a sale or transfer, of marketable securities if the commissioner is satisfied that the transfer or agreement is made to give effect to a scheme that would qualify as a roll-over under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (Cwlth), subdivision 124-Q.
  - Note 1 No duty is chargeable on transactions relating to marketable securities that are shares or units quoted on a recognised stock exchange, or related rights or interests (see s 10 (2)).
  - Note 2 After 30 June 2010, no duty will be chargeable on transactions relating to unquoted marketable securities (see s 75A (Expiry—provisions relating to unquoted marketable securities)). For the relevant transitional provisions, see pt 15.3.

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# Part 2.6A Deferred payments—home buyers

#### 75AA Definitions—pt 2.6A

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deferral arrangement—see section 75AC (2).

eligible person means a person who—

- (a) is an eligible home buyer under the home buyer concession scheme; or
- (b) is eligible for a first home owner grant under the *First Home Owner Grant Act 2000*.

*eligible property* means a residential lease the value of which is not more than the upper property value threshold under the home buyer concession scheme.

*home buyer concession scheme* means the home buyer concession scheme under the Taxation Administration Act.

residential lease means a lease granted for residential purposes only.

#### 75AB Application to defer payment of duty

- (1) An eligible person may apply to the commissioner to defer payment of duty payable by the person on a dutiable transaction that is—
  - (a) the transfer of an eligible property; or
  - (b) an agreement for the sale or transfer of an eligible property.

*Note* If a form is approved under the Taxation Administration Act, s 139C for this provision, the form must be used.

(2) The application must be made before the duty is payable.

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- (3) If there is more than 1 transferee or purchaser of the property, each transferee or purchaser—
  - (a) must be an eligible person; and
  - (b) must sign the application.
- (4) An applicant must provide the commissioner with any information the commissioner reasonably requires to decide the application.

#### 75AC Approval to defer payment of duty

- (1) The commissioner must, on receipt of an application under section 75AB, approve the deferral of payment of duty payable by the applicant if—
  - (a) the applicant is an eligible person; and
  - (b) the duty is, or would be, payable on—
    - (i) the transfer of an eligible property; or
    - (ii) an agreement for the sale or transfer of an eligible property.
- (2) However, an approval under subsection (1) is subject to the person entering into an arrangement with the commissioner under the Taxation Administration Act, section 52 (Arrangements for payment of tax) about payment of the amount of deferred duty and interest (a *deferral arrangement*).

#### 75AD Conditions of deferral arrangement

- (1) The conditions of a deferral arrangement include the following:
  - (a) that payment, or the first instalment of payment, of the duty may be deferred for not more than 5 years after the day of the dutiable transaction;
  - (b) that the duty, and any accrued interest, must be paid not later than 10 years after the day of the dutiable transaction;

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- (c) that the amount of duty deferred must be at least—
  - (i) \$500; or
  - (ii) if a greater amount is declared under subsection (2) (b)—the amount declared;
- (d) any other condition determined under subsection (2).
- (2) The Minister may determine other conditions, consistent with subsection (1) (a) to (c), to which a deferral arrangement is subject, including conditions to fix—
  - (a) the rate of interest charged on the amount payable under the arrangement; and
  - (b) an amount for subsection (1) (c) (ii).
- (3) A determination is a disallowable instrument.
  - *Note* A disallowable instrument must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the Legislation Act.
- (4) This section does not limit the Taxation Administration Act, section 52 but any arrangement under that section about deferred payment of duty under this part must not be inconsistent with conditions under subsection (1).

#### 75AE Unpaid duty and interest a debt and charge on property

- (1) The amount payable under a deferral arrangement is a debt owing to the Territory.
- (2) The liability of a person under a deferral arrangement is a first charge on the person's interest in the property to which the deferred payment of duty relates.

# Part 2.7 Expiry—provisions relating to unquoted marketable securities

# 75A Expiry—provisions relating to unquoted marketable securities

This part and the following provisions expire on 30 June 2010:

- section 6, definition of transfer
- section 10 (1) (h) and (i)
- section 10 (1) (m) (i) and (iii)
- section 10 (2)
- section 24 (8)
- section 32
- section 57 (3), definition of dutiable property
- section 60A
- section 63 (3)
- section 70
- section 72A
- section 75
- section 90 (4)
- section 91 (2) (h)
- part 3.3
- part 3.5
- section 248
- section 249

- dictionary, definitions of ADR, capital reduction, company, dutiable entitlement, marketable securities, person, rights alteration and voting share
- dictionary, definition of *transfer*, paragraph (b).

Note The expiry takes effect at midnight on 30 June 2010 (see Legislation Act, s 85 (3)).

# Chapter 3 Certain transactions treated as transfers

# Part 3.1 Preliminary

#### 76 Definitions for ch 3

In this chapter:

acquisition statement means a statement under section 87.

*chapter 3 transaction* means a transaction that is treated as a transfer under this chapter.

# 77 Imposition of duty

This chapter charges duty on certain transactions that are not dutiable transactions to which chapter 2 applies.

# Part 3.2 Acquisition of interests in certain landholders

# Division 3.2.1 Preliminary

#### 78 Definitions—pt 3.2

In this part:

acquires, an interest in a landholder—see section 84.

associated person—see section 83A and section 86 (2).

entity—see section 78A.

interest, in a landholder—see section 83.

landholder—see section 79.

landholding—see section 80.

relevant acquisition, in relation to a person—see section 86.

relevant period, for a relevant acquisition, means—

- (a) the 3-year period before the relevant acquisition; or
- (b) if a person makes a relevant acquisition because the person acquires an interest by exercising a right to acquire the interest—the 3-year period before the person or an associated person acquired the right to acquire the interest and ending on the date of the relevant acquisition.

significant interest, in a landholder—see section 83.

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# Division 3.2.2 Landholding entities

#### 78A Meaning of entity—pt 3.2

In this part:

entity means—

- (a) a private company; or
- (b) a private unit trust scheme; or
- (c) a wholesale unit trust scheme.

Note Private company, private unit trust scheme and wholesale unit trust scheme—see the dictionary.

# 79 Meaning of *landholder*—pt 3.2

For this part, a *landholder* is an entity that has a landholding in the ACT.

# 80 Meaning of *landholding*—pt 3.2

(1) For this part, a *landholding* is any interest in land, other than the interest of a mortgagee, chargee or other secured creditor or a *profit à prendre*.

*Note Interest*—see the dictionary.

- (2) However, an interest in land is not a *landholding* of—
  - (a) a private company unless the interest of the company is a beneficial interest; or
  - (b) a unit trust scheme unless the interest is held by the trustees in their capacity as trustees of the scheme.
- (3) This section is in aid of, but does not limit, the operation of any provision of this part providing for constructive ownership of interests.

page 64 Duties Act 1999 R42 Effective: 17/12/09-15/03/10 17/12/09 (4) For this part, the vendor and the purchaser under an uncompleted agreement for the sale of land are taken to be separately entitled to the whole of the land.

# 81 Constructive ownership of landholdings and other property—linked entities

- (1) In addition to any interest in land or other property that it may hold in its own right, an entity (the *principal entity*) is taken, for this part, to hold an interest in land or other property held by a linked entity of the principal entity.
- (2) For this section, a *linked entity* of a principal entity means a person (other than an individual)—
  - (a) who is part of a chain of people—
    - (i) which includes the principal entity; and
    - (ii) which is comprised of 1 or more links; and
    - (iii) in which a link exists if a person would be entitled to receive at least 20% of the unencumbered value of the property of another person if the other person were to be wound up; and
    - (iv) which does not include in any of the links between the person and the principal entity, a public unit trust scheme, a wholesale unit trust scheme or a company whose shares are listed on the Australian Stock Exchange or any other exchange of the World Federation of Exchanges; and
  - (b) who is not a public unit trust scheme, a wholesale unit trust scheme or a company whose shares are listed on the Australian Stock Exchange or any other exchange of the World Federation of Exchanges.

- (3) The value, for duty purposes, of the interest in land or other property that a principal entity is taken, by subsection (1), to hold because of a holding by a linked entity is that part of the interest's unencumbered value to which the principal entity would be entitled (without regard to any liabilities of the linked entity or any other person in the ownership chain) if each entity in the chain of entities were to be wound up.
- (4) In this section:

person includes an entity.

Note Entity—see s 78A.

# 82 Constructive ownership of landholdings and other property—discretionary trusts

- (1) For this section, a person is a *beneficiary* of a discretionary trust if the person is a person, or a member of a class of people, in whose favour, by the terms of the trust, capital the subject of the trust may be applied in the event—
  - (a) of the exercise of a power or discretion in favour of the person or class; or
  - (b) that a discretion conferred under the trust is not exercised.

*Note* **Discretionary trust**—see the dictionary.

- (2) A beneficiary of a discretionary trust is taken to own or to be otherwise entitled to the property the subject of the trust.
- (3) For this part, any property that is the subject of a discretionary trust (the *primary trust*) is taken to be the subject of any other discretionary trust—
  - (a) that is a beneficiary of the primary trust; or
  - (b) any trustee of which (in the capacity of trustee) is a beneficiary of the primary trust.

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- (4) Subsection (3) extends to apply to property that is the subject of a discretionary trust only by the operation of that subsection.
- (5) However, subsection (2) or (3) does not apply in a particular case if the commissioner—
  - (a) is satisfied that the application of the subsection would be inequitable; and
  - (b) determines, in writing, that the subsection does not apply.
- (6) In this section:

person includes an entity.

Note Entity—see s 78A.

# 83 Interest and significant interest in landholders—pt 3.2

- (1) For this part, a person has an *interest* in a landholder if the person has an entitlement (otherwise than as a creditor or other person to whom the landholder is liable) to a distribution of property from the landholder on a winding up of the landholder or otherwise.
- (2) A person who, under subsection (1), has an interest in a landholder has a *significant interest* in the landholder if the person, in the event of a distribution of all the property of the landholder immediately after the interest was acquired, would be entitled to—
  - (a) if the landholder is a private unit trust scheme—at least 20% of the property distributed; or
  - (b) if the landholder is a private company or wholesale unit trust scheme—at least 50% of the property distributed.
- (3) In this section:

person includes an entity.

Note Entity—see s 78A.

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# 83A Meaning of associated person—pt 3.2

- (1) Without limiting the meaning of the dictionary, definition of *associated person*, paragraph (a), a public company and a subsidiary of a public company are taken to be associated people for this part.
- (2) However, the responsible entity of a managed investment scheme (the *first scheme*), and the responsible entity of another managed investment scheme (the *other scheme*), are associated people for this part only if a person who is a member of the first scheme and is beneficially entitled to more than 20% of the property to which the scheme relates is also a member of the other scheme and is beneficially entitled to more than 20% of the property to which the other scheme relates.

*Note* For another exception to *associated person*—see s 86 (2).

(3) In this section:

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*subsidiary*—see the Corporations Act, section 9.

## How person acquires an interest in a landholder—pt 3.2

- (1) For this part, a person *acquires* an interest in a landholder if the person obtains an interest, or the person's interest increases, in the landholder regardless of how it is obtained or increased.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), a person may acquire an interest in a landholder—
  - (a) by any of the following:
    - (i) purchase, gift, allotment, issue or transfer of a share or unit in the landholder;
    - (ii) variation, abrogation or alteration of a right attaching to any such share or unit;
    - (iii) cancellation, redemption or surrender of any such share or unit;

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- (iv) variation, abrogation or alteration of a right of a holder of any such share or unit;
- (v) payment of an amount owing for any such share or unit; or
- (b) by any combination of the means mentioned in paragraph (a); or
- (c) if the person holds an interest in the landholder (whether or not as trustee) and the capacity in which the person holds the interest changes (including if there is a change in the beneficial ownership of an interest held by a person as trustee).

#### Example—par (c)

a person who holds a unit in the landholder declares a trust in relation to the unit

Note

An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see Legislation Act, s 126 and s 132).

- (3) If the acquisition arises from an agreement to purchase, allot or issue a unit or share, the acquisition is made, for this part, when the agreement is completed.
- (4) For subsection (3)—
  - (a) it does not matter whether or not the acquisition or interest acquired is registered; and
  - (b) an agreement is taken to be completed when the necessary transfer or title documents are delivered to the person acquiring the interest and the purchase price is paid in full.
- (5) To remove any doubt, a person may acquire an interest in a landholder without acquiring shares or units in the landholder.

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# Division 3.2.3 Charging of duty

#### When does liability for duty arise?

A liability for duty charged by this part arises when a relevant acquisition is made.

# What is a relevant acquisition?—pt 3.2

- (1) For this part, a person is taken to have made a *relevant acquisition* if the person—
  - (a) acquires an interest in a landholder—
    - (i) that is of itself a significant interest in the landholder; or
    - (ii) that, when aggregated with other interests in the landholder held by the person or an associated person, results in an aggregation that amounts to a significant interest in the landholder; or
    - (iii) that, when aggregated with other interests in the landholder acquired by the person or other people in an associated transaction, results in an aggregation that amounts to a significant interest in the landholder; or
  - (b) having an interest described in paragraph (a) in a landholder, acquires a further interest in the landholder.
- (2) For this part, a person in their capacity as a qualifying investor of a wholesale unit trust scheme is taken not to be an *associated person* of other qualifying investors in relation to the scheme.

Note Associated person—see s 83A.

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#### (3) In this section:

associated transaction, in relation to the acquisition of an interest in a landholder by a person, means an acquisition of an interest in the landholder by another person in circumstances in which—

- (a) those people are acting in concert; or
- (b) the acquisitions form, are evidence of, give effect to or arise from substantially 1 arrangement, 1 transaction or 1 series of transactions.

qualifying investor—see section 95D.

# 87 Acquisition statements

- (1) A person who has made a relevant acquisition must prepare a statement and lodge it with the commissioner.
- (2) The statement must be lodged not later than 90 days after the day the relevant acquisition is made.
- (3) The acquisition statement must contain the following information:
  - (a) the name and address of the person who has acquired the interest;
  - (b) the date of the relevant acquisition;
  - (c) particulars of the interest acquired;
  - (d) particulars of the total interest of the person and any associated person in the landholder at that date;
  - (e) the unencumbered value of all landholdings in the ACT of the landholder as at the date of the relevant acquisition and as at the date of acquisition of each interest acquired in the landholder during the relevant period for the relevant acquisition;

*Note* Relevant period—see s 78.

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- (f) the unencumbered value of the property of the landholder at the date of the relevant acquisition;
- (g) the amount of duty paid under this Act or under a law of another Australian jurisdiction in respect of each earlier acquisition of an interest mentioned in paragraph (e);
- (h) the other information that the commissioner may require.

*Note* If a form is approved under the Taxation Administration Act, s 139C for an acquisition statement, the form must be used.

# When must duty be paid?

A tax default does not happen for the Taxation Administration Act if duty is paid within 90 days after the liability to pay it arises.

## 89 Who is liable to pay duty?

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), duty chargeable under this part is payable by the person who makes the relevant acquisition.
- (2) If a relevant acquisition results from an aggregation of the interests of associated people, the person who made the relevant acquisition and the associated person or people are jointly and severally liable for payment of the duty.

## 90 How duty is charged on relevant acquisitions

(1) If an acquisition statement does not disclose any acquisitions during the relevant period for the relevant acquisition, duty is chargeable, at the rate specified under this Act for a transfer of dutiable property, on the amount calculated by multiplying the unencumbered value of all landholdings of the landholder in the ACT (calculated at the date of acquisition of the interest acquired) by the proportion of that value represented by the interest acquired in the relevant acquisition.

*Note* **Relevant period**—see s 78.

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- (2) If an acquisition statement discloses 1 or more acquisitions during the relevant period for the relevant acquisition, duty is chargeable, at the rate specified under this Act for a transfer of dutiable property, on the aggregate of amounts severally calculated, in the way provided by subsection (1), in respect of each interest required to be disclosed in the statement.
- (3) Duty payable under this section is to be reduced by the sum of the duty paid or payable under this Act in respect of the acquisition, during the relevant period for the relevant acquisition, by the person or any associated person of an interest in the same landholder, but only in proportion to the extent to which the duty paid or payable is attributable to the amount of the duty payable under this section.
- (4) Duty payable under this section is to be reduced by an amount (if any) calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{\mathbf{A}}{\mathbf{R}} \times \mathbf{C}$$

where:

A means the unencumbered value of the landholdings in the ACT of the landholder at the time the dutiable acquisition was made.

**B** means the unencumbered value of all property of the landholder at that time.

*C* means the sum of—

- (a) the duty under this Act paid or payable in respect of—
  - (i) a dutiable transaction in relation to the shares or units; or
  - (ii) a capital reduction or a rights alteration under part 3.3 by which an interest in the landholder was acquired; or

- (iii) an allotment under part 3.5 by which an interest in the landholder was acquired; and
- (b) any duty of a like nature so paid or payable under a law of another Australian jurisdiction.
- (5) If a relevant acquisition is made owing to the aggregation of the interests of associated people, but the commissioner is satisfied that the associated people acquired their respective interests independently and for no common purpose, the commissioner may assess and charge duty on the relevant acquisition without aggregating the interests of the person who made it with the interests of associated people.
- (6) This section is subject to division 3.2.4.

# Division 3.2.4 General and supplemental

# 91 Ch 3 transactions—concessional duty

- (1) Duty of \$20 is chargeable in respect of a chapter 3 transaction—
  - (a) in which the transferee is a hospital, school or charitable organisation or a trustee who is to hold the property transferred in trust for a hospital, school or charitable organisation; or
  - (b) made consequent on the death of a person if the transferor is the executor of the will of the deceased person, the administrator of the estate of the deceased person or a beneficiary of the will or estate of the deceased person; or
  - (c) made by operation of law on the bankruptcy of a person or the winding-up of a company.
- (2) Duty of \$20 is chargeable in respect of a chapter 3 transaction if the land that is the subject of the interest concerned could have been acquired by the person in a way that results in a liability to pay \$20 duty under any of the following provisions:
  - (a) section 54 (Change in trustees);

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- (b) section 55 (Transfer to custodian of managed investment scheme);
- (c) section 55A (Transfers in relation to managed investment schemes);
- (d) section 55B (Transfers in relation to registered schemes);
- (e) section 56 (Property vested in an apparent purchaser);
- (f) section 57 (1) (Transfers back from a nominee), if the initial transfer from the transferor to the trustee was a chapter 3 transaction:
  - *Note* The initial transfer is also chargeable with \$20 duty (see s (3)).
- (g) section 58 (Property passing to beneficiaries);
- (h) section 60A (Nomineeing transactions—unquoted marketable securities);
- (i) section 62 (Transfer of property from one superannuation fund to another);
- (j) section 63 (2) (b) (Transfers to trustees or custodians of superannuation funds or trusts);
- (k) section 63 (3).
- (3) If duty of \$20 has been paid under subsection (2) (f) for a chapter 3 transaction consisting of a transfer back from a trustee to a transferor—
  - (a) the initial transfer from the transferor to the trustee is chargeable with a duty of \$20; and
  - (b) the commissioner must reassess the initial transfer and refund any duty paid in excess of \$20 on application for a refund made within 5 years after the initial assessment, or 12 months after the transfer back to the transferor, whichever is later.

(4) Maximum duty of \$200 is chargeable in respect of a chapter 3 transaction if the land that is the subject of the interest concerned could have been acquired by the person in a way that results in a liability to pay a maximum of \$200 duty under section 63 (2) (a).

# 91A Corporate reconstructions—concessional duty for relevant acquisitions

- (1) This section applies to the making of a relevant acquisition (the *transaction*) if—
  - (a) by the transaction, property is—
    - (i) transferred (or agreed to be transferred) by a member of a group of corporations to another member of the same group; or
    - (ii) vested in a member of the group, if the property was owned immediately before the vesting by another member of the same group; and
  - (b) the transaction is approved by the commissioner in accordance with any guidelines determined under subsection (4).
- (2) Duty for the transaction is payable at 5% of the amount that would, apart from this section, be payable for the transaction.
- (3) An approval for subsection (1) (b) may be given subject to conditions.
- (4) The Minister may determine guidelines for approvals.
- (5) A determination is a disallowable instrument.

*Note* A disallowable instrument must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the Legislation Act.

(6) In this section:

corporation includes a unit trust scheme.

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#### 92 Maximisation of entitlements on distribution of property

- (1) This section applies to any calculation, for this part, of the entitlement of a person (the *interested person*) to participate in a distribution of the property of a landholder, whether on a winding-up of the landholder or otherwise.
- (2) A calculation is to be made based, firstly, on a distribution carried out in accordance with the constitution of the landholder, and with any law relevant to the distribution, as in force at the time of distribution, and the entitlement of the interested person is to be evaluated accordingly.
- (3) Next, a calculation is to be made based on a distribution carried out after the interested person, and any other person whom the interested person has power to direct for such a distribution or who is, in relation to the interested person, an associated person, had exercised all powers and discretions exercisable by them because of having acquired an interest in the landholder concerned—
  - (a) to effect or compel an alteration to the constitution of the landholder; and
  - (b) to vary the rights conferred by shares or units in the landholder; and
  - (c) to effect or compel the substitution or replacement of shares or units in the landholder with other shares or units in it;

in such a way as would maximise the value of the entitlement, and the entitlement of the interested person is to be evaluated accordingly.

(4) The results obtained by an evaluation of the interested person's entitlement in accordance with subsections (2) and (3) are then to be compared, and whichever evaluation results in a greater entitlement is the correct evaluation, for this part, of the entitlement.

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- (5) However, subsection (4) does not apply in a particular case if the commissioner—
  - (a) is satisfied that the application of the subsection would be inequitable; and
  - (b) determines, in writing, that the subsection does not apply.

# 93 Valuation of property

- (1) The provisions of this Act that apply to the ascertainment of the value of transfers chargeable with ad valorem duty apply in the same way to an acquisition statement under this part and the value of landholdings mentioned in it.
- (2) If any arrangement affecting the dutiable value of dutiable landholdings that was entered into within 12 months before a relevant acquisition was brought about by any person with the intention of reducing the dutiable value of the landholdings, the commissioner may—
  - (a) cause a valuation of the landholding to be made; and
  - (b) direct the valuer to disregard the arrangement for the purposes of the valuation; and
  - (c) assess duty on the basis of the valuation carried out in accordance with the direction.

#### 94 Agreements for sale or conveyance of land

- (1) If—
  - (a) at the time of acquisition of an interest by any person in a landholder that requires the lodgment of an acquisition statement under division 3.2.3 (Charging of duty), the landholder was the vendor under an uncompleted agreement for the sale or conveyance of land; and

page 78 Duties Act 1999 R42 Effective: 17/12/09-15/03/10 17/12/09 (b) the agreement is subsequently completed;

the commissioner must assess or reassess the statement as though the land the subject of the agreement was not, at the time of the acquisition concerned, a landholding of the landholder.

*Note* For pt 3.2, the vendor and the purchaser under an uncompleted agreement for the sale of land are taken to be separately entitled to the whole of the land (see s 80 (4)).

#### (2) If—

- (a) at the time of acquisition of an interest by any person in a landholder that requires the lodgment by any person of an acquisition statement under division 3.2.3, the landholder was the purchaser under an uncompleted agreement for the sale or conveyance of land; and
- (b) the agreement is subsequently rescinded, annulled or otherwise terminated without completion;

the commissioner must assess or reassess the statement as though the land the subject of the agreement was not, at the time of the acquisition concerned, a landholding of the landholder.

#### (3) In this section:

landholder includes a linked entity of the landholder.

*linked entity*—see section 81 (2) (Constructive ownership of landholdings and other property—linked entities).

# 95 Duty concession—acquisitions securing financial accommodation

- (1) If the person lodging an acquisition statement under this part in relation to the acquisition of an interest in a landholder—
  - (a) informs the commissioner at the time the statement is lodged that the acquisition is effected for the purpose of securing financial accommodation; and

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(b) the commissioner is satisfied that the acquisition is effected for that purpose;

the statement, so far as it relates to that acquisition, is not chargeable with duty, except as provided by subsection (2).

- (2) The statement is chargeable with duty at the end of the period of 5 years after the date of the acquisition (or the longer period that may be determined by the commissioner in the particular case) if the interest concerned is not—
  - (a) reacquired by the person from whom it was acquired; or
  - (b) for an acquisition by way of mortgage—conveyed by the mortgagee to a third person in exercise of the mortgagee's power of sale;

within that period (or that longer period).

(3) Section 86 does not apply to the reacquisition by a person of the interest concerned.

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# Part 3.2A Registration of unit trust schemes

#### 95A Definitions—pt 3.2A

In this part:

disqualifying circumstance, in relation to a registered unit trust scheme, means a circumstance that causes the scheme to fail or cease to meet the relevant criteria for registration of the scheme.

registered means registered under this part.

*responsible entity*, of a unit trust scheme for which there is no responsible entity within the meaning of the Corporations Act, section 9, means the trustee of the scheme.

*Responsible entity*, for this Act generally—see the Corporations Act, s 9 (see dict).

## 95B Applications for registration

- (1) The responsible entity of a unit trust scheme may apply to the commissioner for registration of the scheme as—
  - (a) an imminent public unit trust scheme; or
  - (b) a wholesale unit trust scheme; or
  - (c) an imminent wholesale unit trust scheme.

*Note* If a form is approved under the Taxation Administration Act, s 139C for an application, the form must be used.

(2) In considering an application for registration, the commissioner may take into account any matter the commissioner considers on reasonable grounds relevant.

#### 95C Registration of imminent public unit trust schemes

- (1) On application by the responsible entity of a unit trust scheme, the commissioner may register the unit trust scheme as an imminent public unit trust scheme if satisfied that the scheme meets the criteria for registration as an imminent public unit trust scheme.
- (2) The criteria for registration as an imminent public unit trust scheme are that—
  - (a) the unit trust scheme will become a listed trust or widely held trust within the prescribed period after the date of effect under section 95F (1) of the registration of the unit trust scheme as an imminent public unit trust scheme; and
  - (b) the units issued in the unit trust scheme before the scheme becomes a listed trust or widely held trust have been or will be issued only for the purpose of the unit trust scheme becoming a listed trust or widely held trust; and
  - (c) those units are or will be the only units issued until the unit trust scheme becomes a listed trust or widely held trust.
- (3) In this section:

#### prescribed period means—

- (a) 12 months; or
- (b) if the commissioner allows, in writing, a longer period—the longer period.

#### 95D Registration of wholesale unit trust schemes

(1) On application by the responsible entity of a unit trust scheme, other than a listed trust, the commissioner may register the unit trust scheme as a wholesale unit trust scheme if satisfied that the scheme meets the criteria for registration as a wholesale unit trust scheme.

Note Listed trust—see the dictionary.

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- (2) The criteria for registration as a wholesale unit trust scheme are that—
  - (a) at least 80% of the units in the unit trust scheme are held by qualifying investors; and
  - (b) each qualifying investor holds less than 50% of the units in the unit trust scheme or, if a qualifying investor holds units in the unit trust scheme in more than 1 capacity, the qualifying investor holds less than 50% of the units in each capacity.
- (3) For this section, a *qualifying investor* in a unit trust scheme is a person who holds units in the unit trust scheme in any of the following capacities:
  - (a) as the trustee of a complying superannuation fund that has at least 300 members;
  - (b) as the trustee of a complying approved deposit fund that has at least 300 members:
  - (c) as the trustee of a pooled superannuation trust;
  - (d) as the trustee of a public unit trust scheme;
  - (e) as a life company if its holding of the units in the unit trust scheme is an investment of a statutory fund maintained by it under the *Life Insurance Act 1995* (Cwlth);
    - *Note* For units held in a separate capacity by a life company, see s (4).
  - (f) as a custodian for a trustee, or a trustee for a life company, mentioned in any of paragraphs (a) to (e) in its capacity as such a custodian or trustee;
  - (g) as the trustee of another wholesale unit trust scheme;

- (h) as the custodian or trustee for an IDPS if the IDPS has at least 300 clients or investors none of whom (individually or together with any associated person) is beneficially entitled to more than 20% of the property to which the IDPS relates;
  - *Note IDPS* means an investor directed portfolio service—see the relevant ASIC regulatory guide which is defined in s (6).
- (i) as the responsible entity of a managed investment scheme registered under the Corporations Act (not being a person to whom paragraph (d) or (h) applies) if the managed investment scheme has at least 300 members, none of whom (individually or together with any associated person) is beneficially entitled to more than 20% of the property to which the scheme relates;
- (j) as the Crown in right of the Territory, the Commonwealth, a State or another Territory (including any statutory body representing the Crown in right of the Territory, the Commonwealth, a State or another Territory);
- (k) a capacity approved by the commissioner under subsection (5).
- (4) For subsection (3) (e), the holding of units by a life company by way of an investment of a statutory fund of the life company is taken to be a holding of units by the life company in a separate capacity from a holding of units by the life company by way of investment of another statutory fund of the life company.
- (5) The commissioner may approve a capacity to be a capacity for subsection (3) (k) if satisfied that—
  - (a) the capacity corresponds to a capacity mentioned in any of subsection (3) (a) to (f) under the law of an external Territory or foreign country; or
  - (b) the capacity is as a wholly owned subsidiary of a person in a capacity referred to in paragraph (a).

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#### (6) In this section:

*IDPS*—see the relevant ASIC regulatory guide.

#### relevant ASIC regulatory guide means—

- (a) the regulatory guide RG 148: Investor directed portfolio services published by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, as in force from time to time; or
- (b) if the Commission publishes another regulatory guide (the *replacement guide*) as a replacement for the guide mentioned in paragraph (a)—the replacement guide.

*subsidiary*—see the Corporations Act, section 9.

(7) The Legislation Act, section 47 (6) does not apply to the relevant ASIC regulatory guide.

# 95E Registration of imminent wholesale unit trust schemes

- (1) On application by the responsible entity of a unit trust scheme, the commissioner may register the unit trust scheme as an imminent wholesale unit trust scheme if satisfied that the scheme meets the criteria for registration as an imminent wholesale unit trust scheme.
- (2) The criteria for registration as an imminent wholesale unit trust scheme are that—
  - (a) the unit trust scheme will meet the criteria for registration as a wholesale unit trust scheme within the prescribed period after the date of effect under section 95F (1) of the registration of the unit trust scheme as an imminent wholesale unit trust scheme; and
  - (b) the units issued in the unit trust scheme before the scheme meets the criteria for registration as a wholesale unit trust scheme have been or will be issued only for the purpose of the unit trust scheme meeting those criteria; and

- (c) those units are or will be the only units issued before the unit trust scheme meets those criteria.
- (3) In this section:

# prescribed period means—

- (a) 12 months; or
- (b) if the commissioner allows, in writing, a longer period—the longer period.

# 95F Duration of registration

- (1) Registration of a unit trust scheme takes effect on the day notified in writing by the commissioner to the applicant for registration of the scheme as being the date of effect of the registration.
- (2) The date of effect may be earlier than the day on which the unit trust scheme is registered.
- (3) Unless cancelled sooner, the registration of an imminent public unit trust scheme remains in force for the prescribed period under section 95C.
  - *Note* For the cancellation of registration, see s 95I.
- (4) Registration of a unit trust scheme registered as a wholesale unit trust scheme remains in force until it is cancelled by the commissioner.
- (5) Unless cancelled sooner, the registration of an imminent wholesale unit trust scheme remains in force for the prescribed period under section 95E.

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# 95G Register of wholesale unit trust schemes

- (1) The commissioner must keep a register of unit trust schemes registered as wholesale unit trust schemes.
- (2) The register must include the following information for each unit trust scheme registered as a wholesale unit trust scheme:
  - (a) the name of the scheme;
  - (b) the date of effect under section 95F (1) of the registration of the scheme;
  - (c) any other information the commissioner approves.
- (3) The register is to be kept in the form the commissioner considers appropriate.
- (4) The commissioner must arrange for a copy of the register to be made available for public inspection on the revenue website and in any other way the commissioner approves.
- (5) For subsection (4), the commissioner may declare a website to be the revenue website.
- (6) A declaration under subsection (5) is a notifiable instrument.

*Note* A notifiable instrument must be notified under the Legislation Act.

#### 95H Reporting requirements for registered schemes

- (1) It is a condition of registration of a wholesale unit trust scheme that the responsible entity of the unit trust scheme gives the commissioner, within 1 month after the end of each financial year, a report containing the following particulars for the financial year:
  - (a) any acquisition by a person of any interest in the unit trust scheme that would entitle the person, in the event of an immediate distribution of all the property of the unit trust scheme, to at least 20% of the property distributed;

- (b) any acquisition by a person of any interest in the unit trust scheme that, when aggregated with other interests the person has in the unit trust scheme, would entitle the person, in the event of an immediate distribution of all the property of the unit trust scheme, to at least 20% of the property distributed.
- *Note* If a form is approved under the Taxation Administration Act, s 139C for a report, the form must be used.
- (2) The commissioner may, as a condition of registration, impose other reporting requirements on the responsible entity of a registered unit trust scheme (whether or not a wholesale unit trust scheme).
- (3) Requirements may be imposed under subsection (2) at the time of registration or at any later time by written notice sent to the responsible entity by the commissioner.

# 95I Cancellation of registration

- (1) The commissioner may cancel the registration of a unit trust scheme at any time if the commissioner is satisfied that—
  - (a) a disqualifying circumstance has occurred in relation to the scheme; or
    - Note **Disqualifying circumstance**—see s 95A.
  - (b) the responsible entity of the unit trust scheme has contravened a condition of registration of the unit trust scheme imposed under this part; or
  - (c) for an imminent public unit trust scheme—the unit trust scheme has become a listed trust or widely held trust; or
  - (d) for an imminent wholesale unit trust scheme—the unit trust scheme is registered as a wholesale unit trust scheme.
- (2) The registration of a unit trust scheme is cancelled by the commissioner giving written notice of the cancellation to the responsible entity of the scheme.

page 88 Duties Act 1999 R42 Effective: 17/12/09-15/03/10 17/12/09 (3) A notice under subsection (2) must include the reasons for the cancellation.

# 95J Disqualifying circumstances for registered unit trust schemes

- (1) If a disqualifying circumstance happens in relation to a registered unit trust scheme—
  - (a) the responsible entity of the unit trust scheme must give the commissioner written notice of the disqualifying circumstance not later than 28 days after the day it happens; and
  - (b) the unit trust scheme is taken to have not been a public unit trust scheme or wholesale unit trust scheme on and after the disqualification date; and
  - (c) the commissioner must make an assessment of duty chargeable under this Act in relation to any acquisition of an interest in the unit trust scheme as if the unit trust scheme had not been a wholesale unit trust scheme or public unit trust scheme, as the case requires, on and after the disqualification date; and
  - (d) a tax default happens for the purposes of the Taxation Administration Act if the whole of any duty assessed under paragraph (c) is not paid to the commissioner within 90 days after the assessment.

Note **Disqualifying circumstance**—see s 95A.

- (2) For this section, the *disqualification date* means—
  - (a) in relation to a unit trust scheme registered as a wholesale unit trust scheme—the date on which the disqualifying circumstance happens; or
  - (b) in relation to a unit trust scheme registered as an imminent public unit trust scheme or imminent wholesale unit trust scheme—the date of effect under section 95F (1) of the registration of the unit trust scheme.

# Part 3.3 Entitlements arising from capital reductions or alterations of rights

# 96 Interpretation—pt 3.3

(1) In this part:

capital reduction means—

- (a) the redemption, surrender or cancellation of a share (including cancellation as part of a buyback of shares in accordance with the Corporations Act, division 2J.1.2); or
- (b) a reduction in the paid-up value of a share.

*company* means a company incorporated (or taken to be incorporated) under the Corporations Act that is—

- (a) taken to be registered in the ACT; and
- (b) not listed on a recognised stock exchange.

dutiable entitlement means a voting share entitlement in respect of whose acquisition a statement is required to be lodged under section 100.

*person* includes people who are associated people.

*rights alteration*, in relation to voting shares, means a variation, abrogation or alteration of rights relating to the shares.

*voting share*—see the Corporations Act, section 9.

(2) For this part, if voting shares acquired by associated people severally do not, but taken in the aggregate would, give an entitlement to which this part applies, the voting shares acquired by the associated people are taken to be aggregated and are taken to give the entitlement on the associated person who last acquired any of those voting shares.

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- (3) If, under subsection (2), an entitlement to voting shares is taken to exist as the aggregate of voting shares of associated people, the associated people are jointly and severally liable for payment of the duty chargeable on the statement required to be lodged under this part.
- (4) Voting shares are not to be aggregated in accordance with subsection (2) if the commissioner is satisfied that the associated people concerned acquired their several shares independently and for no common purpose.

# 97 When does liability for duty arise?

A liability for duty charged by this part arises when a dutiable entitlement is acquired.

# 98 When must duty be paid?

A tax default does not happen for the Taxation Administration Act if duty is paid within 90 days after the liability to pay it arises.

## 99 Who is liable to pay duty?

- (1) Duty chargeable under this part is payable by the person who acquires a dutiable entitlement.
- (2) If the dutiable entitlement results from an aggregation of the voting share entitlements of associated people, the associated people are jointly and severally liable for payment of the duty.

# 100 Entitlement to voting shares arising from capital reduction or rights alteration

- (1) If—
  - (a) a person becomes entitled to at least 50% of the voting shares of a company by means of capital reduction or rights alteration, or both; or

R42 17/12/09 (b) a person who is entitled to at least 50% of the voting shares of a company becomes entitled to at least 10% more of the voting shares over a period of not more than 12 months by means of capital reduction or rights alteration, or both;

the person must lodge a statement with the commissioner in respect of the entitlement.

*Note* If a form is approved under the Taxation Administration Act, s 139C for a statement, the form must be used.

- (2) The statement must be lodged within 90 days after the entitlement arises.
- (3) However, the person is not required to lodge a statement under this section in relation to an entitlement to an interest mentioned in section 86 (What is a *relevant acquisition*?—pt 3.2).

Note **Relevant acquisitions** within the meaning of s 86 are acquisitions of certain interests in landholders. A person entitled to such an interest is required to lodge a statement about the acquisition with the commissioner under s 87.

#### 101 What statement under s 100 must contain

A statement under section 100 must contain the following information:

- (a) the name and address of the person;
- (b) the name of the company;
- (c) the date when each relevant capital reduction or rights alteration, or both, occurred;
- (d) if the person's entitlement has arisen—
  - (i) from capital reduction—the total of the unencumbered value, immediately before each relevant capital reduction, of the shares the subject of the capital reduction; or

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- (ii) from rights alteration—the total of the unencumbered value, immediately before each relevant rights alteration, of the shares the subject of the rights alteration; or
- (iii) from capital reduction and rights alteration—the aggregate of the totals under subparagraphs (i) and (ii);
- (e) the total consideration paid to the person in relation to all relevant capital reductions or rights alterations, or both;
- (f) the other information that may be required by the commissioner.

# 102 Assessment of duty

A statement required to be lodged by a person under section 100 is chargeable with duty at the rate of 60c for every \$100, or part, of the higher of the following:

- (a) the total or aggregate obtained under section 101 (d);
- (b) the total obtained under section 101 (e).

# Part 3.4 Acquisition of land use entitlements by allotment of shares or issue of units

# 103 When does liability for duty arise?

- (1) A liability for duty charged by this part arises when a land use entitlement is acquired by an allotment of shares or an issue of units to anyone otherwise than in circumstances to which subsection (2) applies.
- (2) This subsection applies to an allotment of shares to anyone by a territory company that is not listed on the Australian Stock Exchange or any other exchange that is a member of the World Federation of Exchanges at another person's direction, in discharge of an obligation to that other person, whether that obligation arises as consideration for the purchase of property by the company or otherwise.

*Note Territory company*—see the dictionary.

#### 104 When must duty be paid?

A tax default does not happen for the Taxation Administration Act if duty is paid within 90 days after the liability to pay it arises.

# 105 Who is liable to pay duty?

Duty chargeable under this part is payable by the person who acquires the land use entitlement.

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#### 106 Acquisition of land use entitlement

- (1) A person who acquires a land use entitlement by an allotment of shares or an issue of units must lodge with the commissioner a statement of the entitlement.
  - *Note* If a form is approved under the Taxation Administration Act, s 139C for a statement, the form must be used.
- (2) The statement must be lodged within 90 days after the entitlement is so acquired.

#### 107 What statement under s 106 must contain

A statement under section 106 must contain the following information:

- (a) the name and address of the person;
- (b) the name of the relevant company or unit trust;
- (c) the date when the land use entitlement was acquired;
- (d) the consideration paid by the person for the relevant shares or units:
- (e) the other information that may be required by the commissioner.

#### 108 Assessment of duty

The share allotment or unit issue by which a person acquires a land use entitlement is chargeable with duty at the general rate of duty determined for section 31 on the dutiable value of the land use entitlement.

#### Part 3.5 Allotment of shares by direction

#### 109 Application of pt 3.5

This part applies to an allotment of shares to any person by a territory company that is not listed on a recognised stock exchange at another person's direction, in discharge of an obligation to that other person, whether that obligation arises as consideration for the purchase of property by the company or otherwise.

Note **Territory company**—see the dictionary.

#### 110 When does a liability for duty arise?

A liability for duty charged by this part arises when the relevant shares are allotted.

#### 111 When must duty be paid?

A tax default does not happen for the Taxation Administration Act if duty is paid within 90 days after the liability to pay it arises.

#### 112 Who is liable to pay the duty?

Duty chargeable under this part is payable by the person to whom the relevant shares are allocated.

#### 113 Acquisition of shares by allotment

- (1) A person to whom any shares are allotted in an allotment to which this part applies must lodge with the commissioner a statement in respect of the allotment.
- (2) The statement must be lodged within 90 days after the shares are allotted.

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#### 114 What allotment statement must contain

A statement under section 113 must contain the following information:

- (a) the name and address of the person;
- (b) the name of the relevant company;
- (c) the date when the shares were allotted to the person;
- (d) the other information that may be required by the commissioner.

#### 115 Assessment of duty

An allotment to which this part applies is chargeable with duty at the rate of duty determined for section 32 in respect of a transfer of marketable securities on the dutiable value of the shares.

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Voluntary transfers under Financial Sector (Business Transfer and Group Restructure) Act 1999 (Cwlth)

Section 115A

# Part 3.6 Voluntary transfers under Financial Sector (Business Transfer and Group Restructure) Act 1999 (Cwlth)

#### 115A Definitions—pt 3.6

In this part:

asset—see the FS (BTGR) Act, section 4 (1).

business—see the FS (BTGR) Act, section 4 (1).

FS (BTGR) Act means the Financial Sector (Business Transfer and Group Restructure) Act 1999 (Cwlth).

receiving body—see the FS (BTGR) Act, section 4 (1).

*voluntary transfer* means a transfer under the FS (BTGR) Act, part 3.

#### 115B Declaration required if business transferred

(1) This section applies to the voluntary transfer of a business if the transfer of the assets of the business would be dutiable under this Act.

*Note* The effect of the FS (BTGR) Act, s 22 is that a voluntary transfer of business, in itself, is not dutiable under this Act.

(2) The receiving body must, within 14 days after the voluntary transfer, give the commissioner a declaration about the transfer.

*Note* If a form is approved under the Taxation Administration Act, s 139C for a declaration, the form must be used.

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#### (3) The declaration must state—

- (a) the names, addresses and capacities of the parties to the transfer; and
- (b) the reason for the transfer; and
- (c) a description of the dutiable property transferred; and
- (d) the market value of the property (including the unencumbered value of any land transferred) on the date when the applicable certificate under the FS (BTGR) Act, section 18 comes into force under that section; and
- (e) any other information about the transfer required by the approved form.
- (4) The commissioner may require a receiving body that gives a declaration under subsection (2), or that the commissioner believes is liable to give a declaration under that subsection, to give to the commissioner, within 14 days or any longer period allowed by the commissioner, a statement giving specified information about the transfer.

Note

It is an offence to give false or misleading information to the commissioner, or to fail to give a declaration or statement required under this section (see Taxation Administration Act, s 66 and s 67).

#### 115C When does liability for duty arise?

A liability for duty charged by this part arises when a voluntary transfer of a business is made to a receiving body.

#### 115D When must duty be paid?

There is no tax default for the Taxation Administration Act if duty is paid within 90 days after the liability to pay it arises.

#### 115E Who is liable to pay duty?

Duty chargeable under this part is payable by the receiving body.

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#### 115F Assessment of duty

- (1) A declaration to the commissioner under section 115B (2) is chargeable with duty at the determined rate on the value of the transferred property stated in the declaration.
- (2) For this section, the commissioner may—
  - (a) treat a declaration as having been varied or supplemented by a statement to the commissioner for section 115B (4) in relation to the declaration; or
  - (b) if a declaration has not been given to the commissioner under section 115B (2)—treat a statement to the commissioner for section 115B (4) as a declaration.

#### 115G Exemptions from duty

- (1) The Minister may determine guidelines for exempting from the assessment of duty under this part property that is the subject of a voluntary transfer.
- (2) Section 115F does not apply to property transferred to a receiving body if, under the guidelines, the transfer is to be exempt from duty under this part.
- (3) Section 115F does not apply to property transferred to a receiving body unless the transfer would have given rise to a liability to duty under this Act if it had not been a voluntary transfer.
- (4) A determination under subsection (1) is a disallowable instrument.

Note A disallowable instrument must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the Legislation Act.

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#### Part 3.7 Exemptions—ch 3 transactions

## Division 3.7.1 Exempt transactions—personal relationships

## 115H Exempt transactions relating to certain personal relationships

- (1) No duty is chargeable on a chapter 3 transaction made under—
  - (a) an order of a court under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwlth) or the *Married Persons Property Act 1986*; or
  - (b) any other order of a court for the distribution of property consequent on the end of the relationship between partners.
  - Note The dictionary defines *partner* as a person's spouse or someone with whom the person has a domestic relationship. *Domestic relationship* is defined in the dictionary to have the same meaning as in the *Domestic Relationships Act 1994*, s 3.
- (2) No duty is chargeable on a chapter 3 transaction made under a financial agreement made under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwlth), section 90B, section 90C or section 90D that is binding on the parties under that Act, if—
  - (a) the commissioner is satisfied that the transaction is consequent on the dissolution, annulment or irretrievable breakdown of a marriage; and
  - (b) the property that is the subject of the transaction is matrimonial property; and
  - (c) the parties to the transaction are—
    - (i) the parties to the marriage, or either of them; or
    - (ii) a child or children of either of them, or a trustee for the child or children.

- (3) No duty is chargeable on a chapter 3 transaction made under a part VIIIAB financial agreement made under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwlth), section 90UB, section 90UC or section 90UD that is binding on the parties under that Act, if—
  - (a) the commissioner is satisfied that the transaction is consequent on the end of the de facto relationship between the parties; and
  - (b) the property that is the subject of the transaction is relationship property; and
  - (c) the parties to the transaction are—
    - (i) the parties to the relationship, or either of them; or
    - (ii) a child or children of either of them, or a trustee for the child or children.
- (4) No duty is chargeable on a chapter 3 transaction made under a domestic relationship agreement, or a termination agreement, under the *Domestic Relationships Act 1994*, if—
  - (a) the agreement is in writing and signed by each party; and
  - (b) the agreement is endorsed with, or accompanied by, the certificates mentioned in that Act, section 33 (1) (d) for each party; and
    - Note The certificates relate to independent legal advice about the agreement.
  - (c) the commissioner is satisfied that the transaction is consequent on the end of the domestic relationship between the parties; and
  - (d) the property that is the subject of the transaction is relationship property; and
  - (e) the parties to the transaction are—
    - (i) the parties to the relationship, or either of them; or

- (ii) a child or children of either of them, or a trustee for the child or children.
- (5) For subsection (2) (a), in deciding whether a transaction is consequent on the irretrievable breakdown of a marriage, the commissioner must have regard to any statutory declaration made by a party to the marriage to the effect that—
  - (a) the party intends to apply for dissolution or annulment of the marriage; or
  - (b) the parties to the marriage have separated, and there is no reasonable likelihood of cohabitation being resumed.
- (6) For subsection (3) (a), in deciding whether a transaction under a part VIIIAB financial agreement is consequent on the end of a de facto relationship, the commissioner must have regard to any separation declaration made by a spouse party to the agreement under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwlth), section 90UF.
- (7) For subsection (4) (c), in deciding whether a transaction under a domestic relationship agreement is consequent on the end of a relationship, the commissioner must have regard to any statutory declaration made by a party to the relationship to the effect that—
  - (a) the relationship has ended; or
  - (b) if the relationship is a civil partnership—the party has given, or intends to give, a termination notice to the registrar-general under the *Civil Partnerships Act 2008*.
- (8) Subsections (5), (6) and (7) do not limit the commissioner's powers under the Taxation Administration Act, section 82 (Power to require information, instruments or records or attendance for examination).

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Exemptions—ch 3 transactions

**Division 3.7.2** Exempt transactions—'top hatting' arrangements

Section 115I

#### (9) For this section:

child means a person under 18 years old.

de facto relationship—see the Family Law Act 1975 (Cwlth), section 4AA.

spouse party—see the Family Law Act 1975 (Cwlth), section 4.

*Note* For exemptions under pt 3.6, see s 115G.

## Division 3.7.2 Exempt transactions—'top hatting' arrangements

#### 115I Definitions—div 3.7.2

In this division:

exchanging members—see the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (Cwlth), section 124-1045 (1).

*interposed trust*—see the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (Cwlth), section 124-1045 (1).

#### 115J Exemption for relevant acquisitions

(1) An exchanging member who makes a relevant acquisition to which section 87 (Acquisition statements) applies may apply to the commissioner for an exemption from duty under this Act on the relevant acquisition.

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- (2) The commissioner must grant the exemption if satisfied that—
  - (a) the relevant acquisition was made to give effect to a scheme that would qualify as a roll-over under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (Cwlth), subdivision 124-Q; and

Note A roll-over involves a scheme for interposing a unit trust scheme (whether a new or existing unit trust scheme) between people who have an ownership interest in 2 or more unit trust schemes, or in 1 or more companies and 1 or more unit trust schemes, and the unit trust schemes or companies in which they have an ownership interest. The interests of the unit holders or shareholders are stapled together to form stapled securities and the interposed unit trust becomes the owner of all the stapled interests.

- (b) when the scheme is completed, the interposed trust will be a listed trust, widely held trust or landholder; and
- (c) the acquisition is not part of a scheme a purpose of which is to minimise duty otherwise payable under this Act; and
- (d) the conditions of the exemption, if any, will be met by the applicant.
- (3) If duty under this chapter has been paid on the relevant acquisition, the commissioner must refund any duty paid that is not payable because of the exemption.

#### 115K Conditions of exemption

- (1) An exemption granted under this division is subject to any conditions stated by the commissioner.
- (2) A condition of the exemption is binding on each exchanging member.

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#### 115L Revocation of exemption

- (1) The commissioner may revoke an exemption granted under this division if—
  - (a) the interposed trust is not a listed trust, widely held trust or landholder when the scheme is completed; or
  - (b) the interposed trust ceases to be a listed trust, widely held trust or landholder within 12 months after the day the scheme is completed; or
  - (c) the commissioner is no longer satisfied of a matter mentioned in section 115J (2) (a) or (c); or
  - (d) the decision to grant the exemption was based on false or misleading information in a material particular given to the commissioner in relation to the application; or
  - (e) a condition of the exemption is not met.
- (2) If the commissioner revokes an exemption granted under this division—
  - (a) duty is chargeable under this chapter on the relevant acquisition as if the exemption had never been granted; and
  - (b) the exchanging member who made the relevant acquisition must lodge an acquisition statement with the commissioner not later than 28 days after the day the exemption is revoked; and
  - (c) the commissioner must make an assessment of duty chargeable under this chapter on the relevant acquisition; and
  - (d) a tax default happens for the Taxation Administration Act if the whole of any duty assessed under paragraph (c) is not paid to the commissioner within 90 days after the assessment.

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### **Chapter 7** Mortgages

#### 174 Liability for duty

Duty is charged on a mortgage instrument only if it is liable to duty under another chapter.

#### Chapter 8 Insurance

#### Part 8.1 Preliminary

#### 175 Definitions—ch 8

In this chapter:

general insurance means any kind of insurance that is applicable to—

- (a) property in the ACT; or
- (b) a risk, contingency or event concerning an act or omission that, in the normal course of events, may occur within, or partly within, the ACT;

or both, but does not include life insurance, a life insurance rider or insurance that is exempt from duty under section 201.

general insurer means a person who—

- (a) writes general insurance (otherwise than as an insurance intermediary); and
- (b) is authorised under the *Insurance Act 1973* (Cwlth), section 12 to carry on insurance business in Australia.

#### insurer—

- (a) for this chapter generally, means—
  - (i) a life company under the *Life Insurance Act 1995* (Cwlth) that writes life insurance; or
  - (ii) a person who writes general insurance (otherwise than as an insurance intermediary); and
- (b) for part 8.4 (Payment of duty by insurers)—see section 188A.

page 108 Duties Act 1999 R42 Effective: 17/12/09-15/03/10 17/12/09 *life insurance* means insurance described in the *Life Insurance Act* 1995 (Cwlth), section 9 (1) (a) to (g) and section 9A in respect of—

- (a) a life or lives; or
- (b) any event or contingency relating to or depending on a life or lives;

of a person whose principal place of residence is, or people whose principal places of residence are, in the ACT at the time the policy that effects the insurance is issued.

life insurance rider means insurance that—

- (a) is attached to a policy of life insurance; and
- (b) adds specified events and contingencies to those insured under the policy; and
- (c) is subject to the terms and conditions of the policy.

*paid*, for a premium or an instalment of a premium—see section 176.

*premium*, in relation to general insurance, means the total consideration given to an insurer by or on behalf of the insured person to effect insurance without deductions for any amounts paid or payable, or allowed or allowable, by way of commission or discount to an insurance intermediary but does not include—

- (a) an amount paid to an insurance intermediary by the insured person as a fee, provided that the amount can be clearly identified as a fee; or
- (b) an amount of duty under this or a corresponding Act.

R42 17/12/09 Duties Act 1999 Effective: 17/12/09-15/03/10 *third-party insurance* means insurance effected for the purpose of, and in accordance with the requirements of, a law of the Territory, a State or another Territory relating to the compulsory insurance of owners and drivers of motor vehicles, as defined by that law, against liability in respect of the death of, or bodily injury to, people caused by or arising out of the use of motor vehicles.

#### Example

Third-party insurance under the Road Transport (Third-Party Insurance) Act 2008.

Note

An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see Legislation Act, s 126 and s 132).

#### 176 When is a premium *paid*?

- (1) For this chapter, a premium, or an instalment of a premium, is taken to be *paid* when the first of the following events happens:
  - (a) the premium or instalment is received by the insurer;
  - (b) an account of the insurer is credited with the amount of the premium or instalment.
- (2) A premium or instalment of a premium (apart from the case where the premium or instalment is received directly by an insurer) is taken to have been received by an insurer if it is received by another person on the insurer's behalf.

#### Part 8.2 General insurance

#### 177 Imposition of duty

- (1) This part charges duty on the amount of the premium paid in relation to a contract of insurance that effects general insurance (whether or not it also effects other kinds of insurance).
- (2) The amount of duty is required to be paid each time a premium is paid in relation to a contract of insurance that effects general insurance.

#### 178 Rate of duty

Duty is chargeable on the premium paid in relation to a contract of general insurance at the determined rate.

#### 179 Who is liable to pay duty?

Subject to section 180, the general insurer is liable to pay the duty.

## 180 Circumstances in which duty is payable by insured person

- (1) This section applies to a person who obtains, effects, or renews any general insurance as an insured person with a person who is not a registered insurer.
- (2) A person to whom this section applies must, within 21 days after the end of the month in which the premium relating to the insurance is paid to an insurer (other than a registered insurer) or an insurance intermediary—
  - (a) lodge with the commissioner a return containing the particulars and information about the premium and the insurance that the commissioner may require; and

- (b) pay to the commissioner as duty the amount calculated in accordance with section 178.
- *Note* If a form is approved under the Taxation Administration Act, s 139C for a return, the form must be used.
- (3) A person to whom this section applies is taken to have complied with this section if the person's duty under this section is discharged by another person acting on the person's behalf.
- (4) The payment of a periodic premium in respect of disability income insurance that is continued, but not renewed, on the payment of the premium is taken to effect the insurance for this section.

#### 181 Records to be kept

A person to whom section 180 applies must maintain records that contain particulars of—

- (a) the nature and location of the property insured; and
- (b) the nature and location of each risk, contingency or event insured; and
- (c) the amount of the premiums paid in relation to each contract of insurance.

#### 182 Refunds if premiums returned

- (1) A general insurer or a person to whom section 180 applies is entitled to a refund of duty if the general insurer refunds, or there is refunded to the person, the whole or a part of a dutiable premium in respect of the contract of insurance for which duty has been paid.
- (2) The refund must be the duty paid on the amount of the premium refunded.
- (3) A general insurer to whom duty is refunded may apply the amount of the refund to offset any other payment required to be made under this Act by the general insurer.

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#### Part 8.3 Life insurance

#### 183 Imposition of duty

This part charges duty on—

- (a) a policy of life insurance; and
- (b) a life insurance rider.

### 184 Obligation to make out and execute policy of life insurance

A life company must, on or before the 21st day of each month—

- (a) prepare and execute a policy of life insurance for each contract or agreement for life insurance effected by or on behalf of the life company in the previous month; and
- (b) endorse the policy in the way approved by the commissioner.

#### 185 Rates of duty

- (1) The determined amount of duty is chargeable in respect of a policy of life insurance, other than a temporary or term insurance policy, or a policy of disability income insurance.
- (2) Duty is chargeable at the determined rate on the first year's premium for a policy of temporary or term insurance.
- (3) Duty is chargeable at the determined rate on the first year's premium for a life insurance rider.
- (4) Duty is chargeable at the determined rate on the premium paid to effect disability income insurance under which an amount is payable in the event of the disablement of the insured by accident or sickness.

#### 186 Who is liable to pay duty?

Subject to section 187, the life company or the person issuing the policy or life insurance rider is liable to pay the duty.

#### 187 When duty payable by insured person

- (1) This section applies to a person (other than a registered insurer) who effects a policy of life insurance or life insurance rider as an insured person with a person who is not a registered insurer.
- (2) A person to whom this section applies must, within 21 days after the end of the month in which the policy of life insurance or life insurance rider was effected—
  - (a) lodge with the commissioner a return containing the particulars and information that the commissioner may require; and
  - (b) pay to the commissioner as duty the amount calculated in accordance with section 185.

*Note* If a form is approved under the Taxation Administration Act, s 139C for a return, the form must be used.

(3) A person to whom this section applies is taken to have complied with this section if the person's duty under this section is discharged by another person acting on the person's behalf.

#### 188 Refund on cancellation of life insurance policy

If a premium is refunded to a person because the person cancels a policy of life insurance within 30 days after receiving the policy, a person who has paid duty in respect of the policy is entitled to a refund of the duty.

#### Part 8.4 Payment of duty by insurers

#### 188A Meaning of insurer—pt 8.4

In this part:

#### insurer means—

- (a) a life company under the *Life Insurance Act 1995* (Cwlth) that writes life insurance; or
- (b) a general insurer.

#### 189 Insurers to be registered

An insurer commits an offence if the insurer does not register under this part.

Maximum penalty: 250 penalty units.

#### 190 Registration of insurers

The commissioner must register an insurer who applies for registration under this part.

*Note* If a form is approved under the Taxation Administration Act, s 139C for an application, the form must be used.

#### 191 Cancellation of registration by commissioner

- (1) The commissioner may, by written notice, cancel an insurer's registration under this part—
  - (a) if the insurer stops being authorised under the *Insurance Act 1973* (Cwlth), section 12 to carry on insurance business in Australia; or
  - (b) if the insurer is made bankrupt or, if the insurer is a company, is wound up; or

- (c) if the insurer is convicted of an offence against an Act imposing duty; or
- (d) if the insurer's registration was made in error or as a consequence of a false or misleading statement made in relation to the application for registration; or
- (e) for any other reason the commissioner considers sufficient.
- (2) A cancellation of registration has effect from the date specified for the purpose by the commissioner in the notice of cancellation.

#### 192 Insurer stopping writing insurance business

- (1) A registered insurer commits an offence if—
  - (a) the insurer stops writing insurance business in the ACT; and
  - (b) the insurer fails to—
    - (i) give written notice to the commissioner that the insurer has stopped writing insurance business in the ACT; or
    - (ii) lodge the return required to be lodged under this part; or
    - (iii) pay the duty payable in relation to the return by the 21st day of the month after the month in which the notice is given.

Maximum penalty: 250 penalty units.

(2) If a registered insurer stops writing business in the ACT, the insurer's registration is cancelled on the day when the notice mentioned in subsection (1) (b) (i) is received by the commissioner.

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#### 193 Register of insurers

- (1) The commissioner must keep a register of the insurers who are registered under this part.
- (2) Anyone may inspect the register without charge at the commissioner's principal office during the hours that the office is open to the public.

#### 194 Monthly returns and payment of duty

A registered insurer must, on or before the 21st day of each month—

- (a) lodge with the commissioner a return showing—
  - (i) the total amount of all premiums for general insurance paid to the registered insurer in the previous month; and
  - (ii) the total duty payable on policies of life insurance other than temporary or term insurance effected in the previous month; and
  - (iii) the total amount of all first year's premiums for temporary or term life insurance received by or on behalf of the registered insurer in the previous month; and
  - (iv) the total amount of all first year's premiums for life insurance riders received by or on behalf of the registered insurer in the previous month; and
- (b) pay to the commissioner as duty the amounts determined in accordance with section 178 and section 185.

*Note* If a form is approved under the Taxation Administration Act, s 139C for a return, the form must be used.

#### 195 Recovery of duty by registered insurer

- (1) A registered insurer may require a person to whom insurance is written to pay the insurer an amount equal to the duty chargeable.
- (2) The requirement is duly made if it is contained in a written request that is given to the person and that specifies the amount of the duty.
- (3) If the amount is not paid, the insurer may recover it as a debt.

#### Part 8.5 Apportionment

## Division 8.5.1 Apportionment of premiums and other amounts between Australian jurisdictions

#### 196 Application of div 8.5.1

This division applies to a contract of insurance—

- (a) that insures—
  - (i) property in the ACT as well as property in another place; or
  - (ii) a risk, contingency or event concerning an act or omission that, in the normal course of events, may occur within, or partly within, the ACT as well as within, or partly within, another place;

or both; or

- (b) that insures—
  - (i) lives; or
  - (ii) any event or contingency relating to or depending on lives:

or both, of people whose principal places of residence are variously in the ACT or another place at the time the policy is issued.

#### 197 Object of div 8.5.1

The object of this division is to—

(a) provide the means for apportioning premiums paid and other amounts in relation to a contract of insurance having regard to

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the principles in section 175, definitions of *general insurance* and *life insurance*; and

- (b) avoid multiple duty as between Australian jurisdictions; and
- (c) give Australian jurisdictions their appropriate share of duty by means of the apportionment.

#### 198 Schedule of apportionment

- (1) The commissioner may, from time to time, adopt a schedule of apportionment for the purpose of apportioning premiums, or premiums paid for specific classes of insurance, and other amounts in relation to insurance in accordance with this division.
- (2) The schedule of apportionment may be developed in consultation with any person the commissioner considers suitable.

#### 199 Apportionment in practice

- (1) Subject to subsections (3) and (4), a premium or an amount is to be apportioned in accordance with the schedule of apportionment adopted for the time being.
- (2) An insurer or an insured person may apply in writing to the commissioner to apportion a premium or an amount on a basis other than that provided by the schedule of apportionment.
- (3) On receiving an application under subsection (2) in relation to a premium or amount, the commissioner may apportion the premium or amount on the basis specified in the application.
- (4) If the commissioner is not satisfied that a premium paid or another amount in relation to a contract of insurance has been properly apportioned for each risk insured, the commissioner may determine the apportionment, reassess the liability to duty and charge duty accordingly.

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## Division 8.5.2 Apportionment of premiums and other amounts between different types of insurance

#### 200 Apportionment between different types of insurance

- (1) This section applies to apportionment between different types of insurance that are relevant to determining liability for duty but not to the apportionment of a premium or another amount between the ACT and another place.
- (2) If the commissioner is not satisfied that a premium paid or another amount in relation to a contract of insurance that effects different types or classes of insurance has been properly apportioned, the commissioner may determine the apportionment, reassess the liability to duty and charge duty accordingly.

#### Part 8.6 Exempt insurance

#### 201 Insurance exempt from duty generally

- (1) The following insurances are exempt from duty under this chapter:
  - (a) third-party insurance;
  - (b) insurance under a territory law insuring an employer against liability to people under contract of employment or apprenticeship with the employer;
  - (c) general insurance for the provision of benefits by a friendly society or trade union for its members or their dependants;
  - (d) medical benefits insurance effected by a contract of insurance that is issued by a private health insurer registered under the *Private Health Insurance Act 2007* (Cwlth), part 4.3 and that provides hospital benefits or medical benefits (or both), whether or not other benefits are also provided;
  - (e) insurance by, or on property of, a prescribed authority of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory;
  - (f) insurance on property of, or property held in trust for, a hospital, school or charitable organisation, or other general insurance taken out by a hospital, school or charitable organisation;
  - (g) international trade insurance;
  - (h) an annuity issued, created or sold by a life company or purchased by someone from a life company; or
  - (i) reinsurance.

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- (2) For subsection (1) (h), a contract is an annuity if it satisfies the following requirements:
  - (a) the contract provides for the periodic payment of money to the annuitant in fee for life or for a specified term of years as an annual or more frequent entitlement;
  - (b) the periodic payment is a sum certain expressed as a dollar amount, but may be varied according to a predetermined formula;
  - (c) the periodic payments are not derived from the money paid for the contract but are derived solely from the contract and comprise income and not the repayment of capital.
- (3) In this section:

**reinsurance** means a contract or contracts between 2 parties by which one party indemnifies the other against liability or payment under a contract or contracts of insurance or reinsurance.

#### 201A Insurance exempt from duty in certain circumstances

- (1) The Minister may determine guidelines for exempting from duty under part 8.2 a premium, or part of a premium, paid for a contract for—
  - (a) public liability insurance; or
  - (b) any other general insurance prescribed by the guidelines for this paragraph.
- (2) The guidelines may—
  - (a) state circumstances in which a premium, or part of a premium, paid for a contract of insurance mentioned in subsection (1) is exempt from duty under part 8.2; or
  - (b) state the extent to which a premium paid for a contract of insurance mentioned in subsection (1) is exempt from duty under part 8.2; or

- (c) state procedures to be followed to get an exemption from the duty payable under part 8.2 on the premium, or part of the premium, paid for a contract of insurance mentioned in subsection (1).
- (3) Part 8.2 (other than section 180 and section 181) does not apply in relation to a premium, or part of a premium, paid for a contract of insurance that effects general insurance if, under the guidelines, the premium or the part of the premium is exempt from duty under the section.
- (4) A determination under subsection (1) is a disallowable instrument.

*Note* A disallowable instrument must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the Legislation Act.

#### Part 8.7 Miscellaneous

## 202 Effect on contract of insurance of failure to comply with ch 8

A failure to comply with this chapter does not render a contract of insurance illegal or invalid.

#### **Chapter 9** Motor vehicle registration

#### Part 9.1 Imposition and rates of duty

#### 203 Meaning of dutiable value—pt 9.1

In this part:

*dutiable value*, of a motor vehicle, means the greater of the following amounts, less any premium paid for extended warranty insurance:

- (a) the consideration in money (or money's worth) given for the acquisition of the vehicle;
- (b) the market value of the vehicle at the time duty is payable.

#### 203A Registration of vehicles in the name of 2 or more people

- (1) This section applies if a motor vehicle was, is or is to be registered in the names of 2 or more people.
- (2) In this chapter, a reference to a person in whose name the vehicle was, is or is to be registered includes a reference to all or any of the people in whose names the vehicle was, is or is to be registered.

#### 204 Imposition of duty

This chapter charges duty on an application to register a motor vehicle under the Vehicle Registration Act if—

- (a) the vehicle has not previously been registered under that Act or any other territory law; or
- (b) the person in whose name the vehicle is to be registered is not the person in whose name the vehicle was last registered.

#### 205 Lodgment of statement of dutiable value

A person who is required by law to make an application to register a motor vehicle under the Vehicle Registration Act must lodge with the application for registration a statement of the dutiable value of the vehicle, unless the application is not chargeable with duty under this chapter.

#### 206 Who is liable to pay duty?

Duty is payable by the applicant for registration of the motor vehicle.

#### 207 When does duty become payable?

Duty becomes payable when the motor vehicle is registered under the relevant application.

#### U 208 Rate of duty

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) and section 208AA, duty in respect of an application to register a motor vehicle is payable on the dutiable value of the motor vehicle at the determined rate.
- (2) Duty payable on an application to register a passenger motor vehicle that has a dutiable value of \$45 000 or more and is constructed primarily for the carriage of not more than 9 occupants is payable on the dutiable value of the vehicle at the determined rate.

(3) A determination for this section made under the *Taxation Administration Act* 1999, section 139 may apply, adopt or incorporate an instrument as in force from time to time.

#### Example—instrument

the Green Vehicle Guide for motor vehicles, a copy of which is accessible at www.greenvehicleguide.gov.au

- Note 1 The text of an applied, adopted or incorporated instrument, whether applied as in force from time to time or at a particular time, is taken to be a notifiable instrument if the operation of the Legislation Act, s 47 (5) or (6) is not disapplied (see s 47 (7)).
- Note 2 A notifiable instrument must be notified under the Legislation Act.
- Note 3 An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see Legislation Act, s 126 and s 132).
- (4) In this section:

#### passenger motor vehicle—

- (a) includes any of the following:
  - (i) sedan;
  - (ii) station wagon;
  - (iii) coupe;
  - (iv) convertible;
  - (v) 4-wheel drive vehicle with seats for 4 or more people;
  - (vi) 2-wheel drive panel van with seats for 4 or more people;
  - (vii) 3-wheel car;
  - (viii) forward-control passenger vehicle;
    - (ix) small bus (seating not more than 9 people, including the driver);
    - (x) motor home;

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- (xi) snow vehicle; but
- (b) does not include any of the following:
  - (i) motorcycle (with or without a sidecar);
  - (ii) large bus (seating 10 or more people, including the driver);
  - (iii) hearse;
  - (iv) invalid conveyance.

## 208AA Corporate reconstructions—concessional duty for motor vehicle registration applications

- (1) This section applies to an application to register a motor vehicle if—
  - (a) the application is made by a member of a group of corporations; and
  - (b) immediately before the application was made, the vehicle was registered in the name of another member of the same group; and
  - (c) the application is approved by the commissioner in accordance with any guidelines determined under subsection (4).
- (2) Duty for the application is payable at 5% of the amount that would, apart from this section, be payable for the application.
- (3) An approval for subsection (1) (c) may be given subject to conditions.
- (4) The Minister may determine guidelines for approvals.
- (5) A determination is a disallowable instrument.

Note A disallowable instrument must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the Legislation Act.

(6) In this section:

corporation includes a unit trust scheme.

#### Part 9.2 Exemptions

#### 208A Definitions—pt 9.2

In this part:

*demonstrator* means a new motor vehicle used solely for the sale of another motor vehicle of the same kind.

*trading stock* means a motor vehicle offered or exposed for sale by a licensed vehicle dealer in the course of the dealer's business, other than a motor vehicle used—

- (a) personally by the dealer or a member of the dealer's staff or family; or
- (b) for the general purposes of the dealer's business.

#### 209 Government vehicles

Duty under this chapter is not chargeable on an application to register a motor vehicle if the applicant is—

- (a) the Territory; or
- (b) the Commonwealth; or
- (c) a State or another Territory; or
- (d) an authority established by or under a law of the Commonwealth that is, under that law, not liable to pay tax under a law of the Commonwealth, the Territory, a State or another Territory; or
- (e) a prescribed territory authority; or
- (f) a prescribed authority of a State or another Territory.

## 209A Foreign countries

Duty under this chapter is not chargeable on an application to register a motor vehicle if—

- (a) the applicant is a foreign country; and
- (b) the vehicle is for the official use of a diplomatic mission of the foreign country based in the ACT.

## 209B International organisations and diplomats

Duty under this chapter is not chargeable on an application to register a motor vehicle if the application is exempt from duty under the *International Organisations (Privileges and Immunities)* Act 1963 (Cwlth) or the *Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities* Act 1967 (Cwlth).

## 210 Hospitals and schools

Duty under this chapter is not chargeable on an application to register a motor vehicle if the applicant is—

- (a) a hospital or school; or
- (b) a person who is to hold the vehicle on behalf of, or as a trustee for, a hospital or school.

## 210A Charitable organisations

Duty under this chapter is not chargeable on an application to register a motor vehicle if the applicant is—

- (a) a charitable organisation; or
- (b) a person who is to hold the vehicle on behalf of, or as a trustee for, a charitable organisation.

## 211 Certain disabled people

Duty under this chapter is not chargeable on an application to register a motor vehicle if—

- (a) both the following paragraphs apply:
  - (i) the applicant has served in the Defence Force or in any other armed forces of Her Majesty and who, because of that service—
    - (A) has lost a leg or both arms or has had a leg, or both arms, rendered permanently and wholly useless; or
    - (B) receives a pension under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (Cwlth), part 2 and is a veteran (within the meaning of that part) to whom that Act, section 24 applies; or
    - (C) receives a special rate disability pension under the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* (Cwlth) or is eligible to make a choice under that Act, section 199;
  - (ii) the vehicle is for the applicant's own transportation; or
- (b) both the following paragraphs apply—
  - (i) a doctor has certified that the applicant is permanently unable to use public transport because of the loss of, or loss of use of, a leg or both legs;
  - (ii) the vehicle is for use by the person in travelling to and from gainful employment.

## 211A Partial exemption—modified vehicles for people with disabilities

- (1) This section applies to duty chargeable on an application to register a motor vehicle if—
  - (a) modifications have been made to the vehicle for a person with a disability; and
  - (b) either—
    - (i) the applicant is a person with a disability; or
    - (ii) the motor vehicle is to be used to transport a person with a disability.
- (2) For the purposes of duty chargeable on the application, the dutiable value of the motor vehicle is the dutiable value of the vehicle apart from this section reduced by the value of the modifications.
- (3) For this section:

*modifications*, made to a vehicle for a person with a disability, means modifications made—

- (a) to enable the person with a disability to drive the vehicle; or
- (b) to enable someone else to transport the person with a disability in the vehicle.

#### Example

the addition to a vehicle of an hydraulic lift for a wheelchair

Note An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see Legislation Act, s 126 and s 132).

*value*, of modifications, means the consideration (in money or money's worth) given for the modifications.

### 212 Successors of deceased people

- (1) Duty under this chapter is not chargeable on an application to register a motor vehicle made by—
  - (a) a person in whom an interest in the vehicle has vested as a personal representative of a deceased person in whose name the vehicle was registered in the ACT; or
  - (b) a person who has become beneficially entitled to the vehicle following the death of a person in whose name the vehicle was registered in the ACT.
- (2) Duty under this chapter is not chargeable on an application to register a motor vehicle made by a person who has become beneficially entitled to the vehicle by a right of survivorship following the death of a former joint owner if, at the time of the death of the deceased, the vehicle was registered in the ACT.
- (3) In this section:

*interest* means a proprietary interest and includes an entitlement to such an interest under the will, or on the intestacy, of a deceased person.

## Vehicle registration transfers relating to certain personal relationships

- (1) No duty is chargeable under this chapter on an application to transfer the registration of a motor vehicle following a transfer of property in the vehicle to the applicant under—
  - (a) an order of a court under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwlth) or the *Married Persons Property Act 1986*; or

- (b) any other order of a court for the distribution of property consequent on the end of the relationship between partners.
- Note The dictionary defines *partner* as a person's spouse or someone with whom the person has a domestic relationship. *Domestic relationship* is defined in the dictionary to have the same meaning as in the *Domestic Relationships Act 1994*, s 3.
- (2) No duty is chargeable under this chapter on an application to transfer the registration of a motor vehicle following a transfer of property in the vehicle to the applicant under a financial agreement made under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwlth), section 90B, section 90C or section 90D that is binding on the parties under that Act, if—
  - (a) the commissioner is satisfied that the transfer is consequent on the dissolution, annulment or irretrievable breakdown of a marriage; and
  - (b) the vehicle is matrimonial property; and
  - (c) the transfer is—
    - (i) to the parties to the marriage, or to either of them; or
    - (ii) to a child or children of either of them, or to a person in trust for the child or children.
- (3) No duty is chargeable under this chapter on an application to transfer the registration of a motor vehicle following a transfer of property in the vehicle to the applicant under a part VIIIAB financial agreement made under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwlth), section 90UB, section 90UC or section 90UD that is binding on the parties under that Act, if—
  - (a) the commissioner is satisfied that the transfer is consequent on the end of the de facto relationship between the parties; and
  - (b) the vehicle is relationship property; and

- (c) the transfer is—
  - (i) to the parties to the relationship, or to either of them; or
  - (ii) to a child or children of either of them, or to a person in trust for the child or children.
- (4) No duty is chargeable under this chapter on an application to transfer the registration of a motor vehicle following a transfer of property in the vehicle to the applicant under a domestic relationship agreement, or a termination agreement, under the *Domestic Relationships Act 1994*, if—
  - (a) the agreement is in writing and signed by each party; and
  - (b) the agreement is endorsed with, or accompanied by, the certificates mentioned in that Act, section 33 (1) (d) for each party; and
    - *Note* The certificates relate to independent legal advice about the agreement.
  - (c) the commissioner is satisfied that the transfer is consequent on the end of the relationship between the parties; and
  - (d) the vehicle is relationship property; and
  - (e) the transfer is—
    - (i) to the parties to the relationship, or to either of them; or
    - (ii) to a child or children of either of them, or to a person in trust for the child or children.
- (5) For subsection (2) (a), in deciding whether a transfer is consequent on the irretrievable breakdown of a marriage, the commissioner must have regard to any statutory declaration made by a party to the marriage to the effect that—
  - (a) the party intends to apply for dissolution or annulment of the marriage; or

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- (b) the parties to the marriage have separated, and there is no reasonable likelihood of cohabitation being resumed.
- (6) For subsection (3) (a), in deciding whether a transfer under a part VIIIAB financial agreement is consequent on the end of a de facto relationship, the commissioner must have regard to any separation declaration made by a spouse party to the agreement under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwlth), section 90UF.
- (7) For subsection (4) (c), in deciding whether a transfer under a domestic relationship agreement is consequent on the end of a relationship, the commissioner must have regard to any statutory declaration made by a party to the relationship to the effect that—
  - (a) the relationship has ended; or
  - (b) if the relationship is a civil partnership—the party has given, or intends to give, a termination notice to the registrar-general under the *Civil Partnerships Act 2008*.
- (8) Subsections (5), (6) and (7) do not limit the commissioner's powers under the Taxation Administration Act, section 82 (Power to require information, instruments or records or attendance for examination).
- (9) In this section:

*child* means a person under 18 years old.

de facto relationship—see the Family Law Act 1975 (Cwlth), section 4AA.

spouse party—see the Family Law Act 1975 (Cwlth), section 4.

## 214 Vehicle dealers—registration of demonstrators and trading stock

- (1) Duty under this chapter is not chargeable on an application by a licensed vehicle dealer to register a motor vehicle in the dealer's name if—
  - (a) the vehicle is a demonstrator or trading stock; and

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- (b) the vehicle is not registered in the name of the dealer at the time of the application.
- (2) However, if the dealer has not—
  - (a) disposed of the vehicle; or
  - (b) had the registration of the vehicle renewed under section 214A;

within 12 months after its registration under this section, the dealer becomes liable to pay the duty on the application for registration that would have been payable if the exemption under this section had not applied.

## 214A Renewal of registration of demonstrators and trading stock

- (1) The commissioner may, in accordance with guidelines determined by the Minister, authorise a licensed vehicle dealer to maintain the registration of a motor vehicle mentioned in section 214 (1) for more than 12 months without becoming liable for the payment of duty on the application to register the vehicle in his or her name.
- (2) An authorisation under subsection (1) (a *dealer's authorisation*) may be given subject to conditions.
- (3) A licensed vehicle dealer who renews the registration of a motor vehicle under a dealer's authorisation becomes liable to pay the duty on the application to register the vehicle in his or her name if—
  - (a) the dealer has not disposed of the vehicle within the time for which its registration may be renewed under the authorisation; or
  - (b) the authorisation is revoked.
- (4) If a licensed vehicle dealer who has been given a dealer's authorisation does not comply with a condition of the authorisation, the commissioner may revoke the authorisation.
- (5) The Minister may determine guidelines for subsection (1).

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- (6) Guidelines determined under subsection (5) may provide for payment of an amount by a licensed vehicle dealer for or in relation to obtaining an authorisation under subsection (1).
- (7) A determination under subsection (5) is a disallowable instrument.

Note A disallowable instrument must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the Legislation Act.

## 215 Organisations registered under Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act

Duty under this chapter is not chargeable on an application to register a motor vehicle made by an organisation registered under the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (Cwlth) if the registration is to happen in accordance with that Act, section 85.

## 216 Repossessed motor vehicles

Duty under this chapter is not chargeable on an application to register a motor vehicle if—

- (a) the applicant is in the business of financing the purchase or use of motor vehicles; and
- (b) the vehicle was repossessed by, or voluntarily surrendered to, the applicant; and
- (c) the applicant, in the course of that business, does not dispose of a repossessed or surrendered vehicle except by public tender or public auction or through a person who is a licensed vehicle dealer.

### 217 Veteran, vintage and historic vehicles

- (1) Duty under this chapter is not chargeable on an application to register a veteran, vintage or historic vehicle if—
  - (a) the vehicle had not been registered under the Vehicle Registration Act or a corresponding law during the 2 years immediately before the application for registration; and
  - (b) the registration would be the first registration of the vehicle after its restoration; and
  - (c) on registration the vehicle would be allocated numberplates that carry the words 'veteran car', 'vintage car' or 'historic car'.

### (2) If—

- (a) within the period of 3 years immediately following a registration in relation to which no duty is chargeable under subsection (1) a further application is made for registration of the relevant vehicle under the Vehicle Registration Act; and
- (b) the vehicle is owned by the person who owned it at the time of the registration referred to in subsection (1); and
- (c) on the further registration the vehicle would not be allocated numberplates that carry the words 'veteran car', 'vintage car' or 'historic car';

there is payable, on the first such further application for registration, an amount of tax equal to the tax that would have been payable on the first application for registration of the vehicle after its restoration if subsection (1) had not been applicable.

### (3) In this section:

historic vehicle—see the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2000, dictionary.

veteran vehicle—see the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2000, dictionary.

vintage vehicle—see the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2000, dictionary.

## 218 Avoidance of double duty—duty paid in corresponding Australian jurisdiction

Duty is not chargeable on an application to register a motor vehicle in the ACT if—

- (a) at the time the application was made, the applicant was recorded as the registered operator of the vehicle in the register of an Australian jurisdiction corresponding to the registrable vehicles register within the meaning of the *Road Transport* (Vehicle Registration) Act 1999; and
- (b) duty was paid in that jurisdiction in respect of the registration.

#### Example

Emmy applies to register her car in the ACT. The car is registered in Emmy's name in Queensland. Under Queensland law, registration of Emmy's car is exempt from duty. However, under this Act, registration of Emmy's car is not exempt from duty. Section 218 does not apply, as Emmy has not paid duty in Queensland.

Note

An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see Legislation Act, s 126 and s 132).

## 219 Reassessment of duty—repossession of stolen motor vehicle

- (1) Duty is not chargeable on an application for registration of a motor vehicle that has been repossessed from a person because, before the person acquired it, it had been stolen.
- (2) If requested by a person who has paid duty on an application for registration to which subsection (1) applies, the commissioner must assess or reassess the duty accordingly.

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## Part 9.3 Miscellaneous

## 221 Prerequisites for registration

- (1) Despite anything in the Vehicle Registration Act, the road transport authority may register a motor vehicle under that Act only if—
  - (a) the vehicle had previously been registered under the Vehicle Registration Act, any other territory law or a corresponding law and the last previous registration was solely in the name of the person who is applying for registration; or
  - (b) for an application for registration that is claimed to be exempt from duty under part 9.2 (Exemptions)—the commissioner is satisfied that the application is exempt; or
  - (c) for an application for registration that is claimed to be exempt from duty under section 214—the application is solely in the name of a person who certifies in writing that—
    - (i) the person is carrying on business as a licensed vehicle dealer; and
    - (ii) the vehicle is held by the person as a demonstrator vehicle or trading stock; or
  - (d) for an application for registration that is claimed to be exempt from duty under section 217—the application is accompanied by a certificate by the owner that states—
    - (i) whether the registration is the first registration of the vehicle after its restoration; and
    - (ii) whether the vehicle has been registered under the Vehicle Registration Act or a corresponding law during the period of 2 years immediately before the date of the application and, if it has been, the date when the last registration expired; or

- (e) the applicant for the registration (other than registration mentioned in subsection (2)) pays the amount of the duty chargeable on the application for registration, and the application is accompanied by a statement by the applicant, in writing, of—
  - (i) the amount that, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, is or will be the market value of the vehicle at the time the application is made; and
  - (ii) the purchase price paid for the vehicle by the applicant; and
  - (iii) if the stated market price differs from the purchase price—the reason for the difference.
- (2) The road transport authority must not—
  - (a) register a vehicle sold by a person who is a licensed vehicle dealer if the registration would be the first registration of the vehicle after the sale; or
  - (b) transfer the registration of a vehicle sold by a licensed vehicle dealer if the transfer would be the first transfer of the registration of the vehicle after the sale;
  - unless the dealer's licence code is endorsed on the application for, or for transfer of, registration.
- (3) A person claiming exemption of an application for the registration of a motor vehicle from duty under part 9.2 must give the road transport authority any relevant information the authority requires.

## 223 Returns by road transport authority

- (1) As soon as practicable after the end of each month, the road transport authority must report to the commissioner about applications mentioned in section 221 decided in the month.
- (2) If required by the commissioner, the road transport authority must give the commissioner particulars of all certificates, statements and other information given for section 221 during the month.

## 224 Rectification of errors in registration

Duty of \$20 is chargeable on an application to register a motor vehicle if the application is made solely to rectify an error or omission in a previous registration of the vehicle in the ACT.

## 225 Refund of duty on cancellation of sale

If a person satisfies the commissioner—

- (a) that duty has been paid on an application to register a motor vehicle purchased by the person; and
- (b) that, after the purchase—
  - (i) the transaction by which the purchase was made was cancelled; and
  - (ii) the motor vehicle has been returned to the person from whom it was purchased; and
  - (iii) all money refundable on the cancellation (other than on account of duty) has been refunded to the person who purchased the vehicle;

the commissioner must refund the duty paid on the application.

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## 226 Certificates as evidence

A certificate of the road transport authority to the effect that a stated vehicle was or was not registered in the name of a stated person on a stated date is evidence of those matters and the facts on which they are based.

## Chapter 10 Miscellaneous duties

## 227 Duplicates and counterparts

- (1) Duty is not chargeable on a duplicate or counterpart of—
  - (a) an instrument that effects a dutiable transaction; or
  - (b) an instrument chargeable with duty;

if the duplicate or counterpart is lodged with the commissioner for stamping at the same time as the original instrument.

- (2) Duty of \$20 is chargeable on a duplicate or counterpart of an instrument mentioned in subsection (1) (a) or (b) if the duplicate or counterpart is not lodged with the commissioner for stamping at the same time as the original instrument.
- (3) The person liable to pay the duty chargeable under subsection (2) is the person liable to pay the duty on the original instrument.
- (4) The duplicate or counterpart mentioned in subsection (2) is not to be stamped as a duplicate or counterpart unless it is proved to the commissioner's satisfaction that the proper duty has been paid on the original instrument of which it is the duplicate or counterpart.

### 228 Replicas

- (1) Duty of \$20 is chargeable on a replica.
- (2) The persons liable to pay the duty are the parties to the replica or any 1 or more of them.
- (3) A replica that is stamped is to be marked in the way the commissioner considers appropriate to denote that it is a replica.
- (4) In this section:

replica means an instrument that—

(a) is executed to replace; and

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- (b) contains the same terms as, but no other terms than, those contained in:
- a previously executed instrument that—
- (c) had been stamped; and
- (d) has been lost, spoiled or destroyed.

## 229 Minimum amount of duty

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) and section 229A, despite any other provision of this Act, if the amount of duty chargeable under this Act in respect of a transaction or an instrument would, apart from this section, be less than \$20, the amount of duty chargeable is \$20.
  - *Note* A reference to an Act includes a reference to the statutory instruments made or in force under the Act, including a regulation (see Legislation Act, s 104).
- (2) This section does not apply to transactions and instruments in respect of which duty is imposed by chapter 8 (Insurance).

## 229A Approved agents and taxpayers—exemption from \$20 concessional duty and s 229 minimum duty

- (1) No duty is payable by a taxpayer under this Act for a transaction if—
  - (a) apart from this section, the taxpayer would be charged \$20 duty for the transaction under a provision of this Act; and
  - (b) an approval has been given in relation to the taxpayer under the Taxation Administration Act, section 42 (Special arrangements for classes of people) or section 43 (Special arrangements for individual applicants); and
  - (c) the approval states the provision; and
  - (d) the transaction is recorded in a return lodged, or record kept, in accordance with the approval.

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- (2) Section 229 (Minimum amount of duty) does not apply in relation to a taxpayer for a transaction if—
  - (a) an approval has been given in relation to the taxpayer under the Taxation Administration Act, section 42 (Special arrangements for classes of people) or section 43 (Special arrangements for individual applicants); and
  - (b) the transaction is recorded in a return lodged, or record kept, in accordance with the approval.

## 230 Inter-generational rural transfers

- (1) Duty under this Act is not chargeable on a transfer or agreement for the sale or transfer of land, a lease of land, or a transfer or assignment of a lease or permit in respect of land, used for primary production together with any other property that is an integral part of the business of primary production, if the commissioner is satisfied that—
  - (a) the land was land used for primary production by the transferor, lessor or assignor immediately before the transaction or the date of first execution of the instrument; and
  - (b) the land will continue to be land used for primary production by the transferee, lessee or assignee; and
  - (c) the parties are people of a class identified in guidelines determined by the Minister; and
  - (d) the transaction satisfies the other requirements that may be contained in the guidelines.
- (2) The Minister may determine guidelines for subsection (1) (c) or (d).
- (3) A guideline is a disallowable instrument.

*Note* A disallowable instrument must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the Legislation Act.

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## 231 Specialised agencies

Duty under this Act is not chargeable on any instrument executed by or on behalf of a Specialised Agency within the meaning of the *Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialised Agencies* that was approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 21 November 1947 in respect of which instrument the Specialised Agency is the person described in this Act as the person liable to pay the duty.

## Chapter 12 Miscellaneous

## Part 12.1 Stamping instruments

## 233 Meaning of stamped

- (1) An instrument is *stamped* if—
  - (a) the instrument is endorsed by the commissioner to indicate that—
    - (i) an amount of duty has been paid; or
    - (ii) the duty payable is subject to a deferral arrangement under section 75AC (Approval to defer payment of duty); or
    - (iii) duty is not payable; or
  - (b) a unique authorisation number in relation to the instrument is given by the commissioner under section 239.
- (2) If an electronic assessment application in relation to an instrument has been made to the commissioner by a person approved under section 239, the instrument is taken to have been lodged with the commissioner for stamping.

## 234 Stamping instruments

If an instrument in relation to which duty is chargeable under this Act, or that effects or evidences a dutiable transaction, is lodged with the commissioner for stamping, the commissioner must—

(a) if the instrument is chargeable with duty, or effects or evidences a dutiable transaction, and the duty and any interest or penalty tax under the Taxation Administration Act, part 5 is paid in full—stamp the instrument indicating the amount of duty paid; or

page 152 Duties Act 1999 R42 Effective: 17/12/09-15/03/10 17/12/09 (b) if the instrument is not chargeable with duty, or no duty is chargeable for the transaction effected or evidenced by the instrument—stamp the instrument indicating that duty is not payable.

## 235 Stamping duplicates or counterparts of instruments

If an instrument is stamped and a duplicate or counterpart of the instrument has been lodged with the commissioner in accordance with section 227 (1), the commissioner must stamp the duplicate or counterpart of the instrument.

## 238 Stamp defaced or removed

If an instrument has been stamped as mentioned in section 233 (1) (a), the instrument is taken to have been stamped even if the stamp is defaced or removed from the instrument.

## 239 Electronic assessment and payment of duty

(1) A person may apply to the commissioner, in writing, for approval to make assessment applications and pay duty electronically.

*Note* If a form is approved under the Taxation Administration Act, s 139C for this provision, the form must be used.

- (2) On application under subsection (1), the commissioner must—
  - (a) approve the application; or
  - (b) refuse to approve the application.
- (3) An approval may be given subject to conditions stated in the approval.

### **Examples**

- a condition about the kinds of transactions to which the approval applies
- 2 a condition about how payment must be made

Note An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see Legislation Act, s 126 and s 132).

- (4) The commissioner may amend, suspend or cancel an approval given to a person under this section by written notice given to the person.
- (5) If the commissioner receives an electronic assessment application in relation to a transaction or instrument in accordance with an approval under this section, the commissioner must—
  - (a) make an assessment of the duty payable in relation to the transaction or instrument; and
  - (b) give the person written notice of the assessment stating—
    - (i) the amount of duty payable; or
    - (ii) that duty is not payable; and
  - (c) if the person accepts the assessment, and the full amount of any duty payable is paid—give the person a unique authorisation number for the transaction or instrument.

*Note* A person given a notice under s (5) (b) must keep the records required under the Taxation Administration Act, s 57 (2).

## 241 Offence to stamp without authority

A person other than the commissioner commits an offence if the person—

- (a) endorses an instrument in a way that purports to indicate that the instrument has been stamped by the commissioner as mentioned in section 233 (1) (a); or
- (b) does something that purports to indicate that a unique authorisation number in relation to the instrument has been given by the commissioner as mentioned in section 233 (1) (b).

Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units, imprisonment for 1 year or both.

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## Instruments to be separately charged with duty in certain cases

If an instrument relates to several distinct matters in respect of which duty is chargeable, for this Act, each matter must be treated as if it were dealt with in a separate instrument.

#### 243 Execution of instruments

- (1) For this Act, an instrument is taken to be first executed the first time that it is signed and sealed, or signed (as the case may be) by any party to it.
- (2) However, a contract made by acceptance of an offer contained in an instrument is taken to be first executed when the offer is accepted.
- (3) If an instrument is ineffective because of a failure of the necessary parties to execute it, a refund may be made of any money paid for stamping.

## 244 Stamping of instruments after execution

- (1) This section applies to a person liable to duty in relation to an instrument chargeable with duty or a dutiable transaction.
- (2) The person commits an offence if the person fails to have the instrument, or an instrument that effects or evidences the transaction—
  - (a) stamped within 6 months after it is first executed; or
  - (b) marked 'Interim stamp only' within 6 months after it is first executed.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

Note An instrument may be stamped as mentioned in par (b) under s 49 (Interim payment of duty). Also, the stamp is required under s 147 (Interim stamping of lease instrument).

(3) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

(4) For this section, an instrument that is a written statement is taken to be first executed when the transaction to which the statement relates happens.

## 245 Stamping taken to constitute assessment

For this Act, the stamping of an instrument (excluding a return) by the commissioner is taken to be evidence of an assessment of the duty payable under this Act in respect of the instrument.

## 246 Deferred payments for certain stamped instruments

- (1) The Minister may—
  - (a) in circumstances in which (in the course of an industrial dispute involving people engaged in the administration of this Act) an instrument liable to duty is not stamped because of the refusal of those people to exercise functions relating to the administration of this Act or of any other law; and
  - (b) in any other circumstances that are prescribed;

authorise the stamping of instruments on which duty is payable, even though the duty has not yet been paid, if a written undertaking, has been given by a prescribed person, or a person belonging to a prescribed class of people, as to the payment of duty in respect of the instrument.

*Note* If a form is approved under the Taxation Administration Act, s 139C for an undertaking, the form must be used.

- (2) The Minister's authorisation must provide for the way in which, and the time within which, unpaid duty is to be paid in respect of instruments stamped under the authorisation.
- (3) An instrument that has been stamped under the Minister's authorisation is, except for the purposes of the recovery of any unpaid duty (including any interest or penalty with which the instrument is charged under the Taxation Administration Act) in respect of the instrument, taken to be stamped.

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- (4) If the duty payable in respect of an instrument that has been stamped under the Minister's authorisation is not paid in accordance with the terms of the authorisation, the Taxation Administration Act applies to the payment of that duty in the same way as if the instrument had not been so stamped.
- (5) For subsection (1), the following people are *prescribed people*:
  - (a) a person who is liable to pay duty in respect of an instrument;
  - (b) a person who is authorised (whether by a person who is liable to pay duty in respect of an instrument or by another person) to arrange for the stamping of the instrument on behalf of a person who is liable.

## Part 12.2 Enforcement

## 247 Registration of instruments

- (1) A person commits an offence if—
  - (a) the person registers in a register of legal or beneficial interests in dutiable property a dutiable transaction, an instrument that effects a dutiable transaction or an instrument chargeable with duty; and
  - (b) the transaction or instrument is not—
    - (i) stamped; or
    - (ii) marked by the commissioner or in a way approved by the commissioner; or
    - (iii) endorsed in accordance with an approval under the Taxation Administration Act, division 6.2 (Special arrangements for making returns and paying tax).

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

(2) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

## 248 Registration of transfers of shares

- (1) This section applies to—
  - (a) a transfer of shares on which duty is charged; or
  - (b) a transfer made as a consequence of a sale or purchase of shares on which duty is charged.
- (2) A corporation, company or society commits an offence if it enters the transfer in its records without receiving a transfer instrument that—
  - (a) is stamped; or
  - (b) bears any of the following:

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- (i) an endorsement in accordance with an approval under the Taxation Administration Act, division 6.2 (Special arrangements for making returns and paying tax);
- (ii) an exempt stamp;
- (iii) a current foreign resident declaration; or
- (c) is accompanied by a current exemption certificate.

Maximum penalty: 250 penalty units.

(3) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

## 249 Registration of transfers of units

- (1) This section applies to—
  - (a) a transfer of units on which duty is charged; or
  - (b) a transfer made as a consequence of a sale or purchase of units on which duty is charged.
- (2) A trustee or manager of a unit trust scheme commits an offence if the trustee or manager enters the transfer in the records of the scheme without receiving a transfer instrument that—
  - (a) is stamped; or
  - (b) bears any of the following:
    - (i) an endorsement in accordance with an approval under the Taxation Administration Act, division 6.2 (Special arrangements for making returns and paying tax);
    - (ii) an exempt stamp;
    - (iii) a current foreign resident declaration; or
  - (c) is accompanied by a current exemption certificate.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

(3) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

### 250 Receipt of instruments in evidence

- (1) An instrument that effects a dutiable transaction or is chargeable with duty under this Act is not available for use in law or equity for any purpose and may not be presented in evidence in a court or tribunal exercising civil jurisdiction unless—
  - (a) it is stamped; or
  - (b) it is marked by the commissioner or in a way approved by the commissioner.
- (2) A court or tribunal may admit in evidence an instrument that effects a dutiable transaction, or is chargeable with duty in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and that does not comply with subsection (1)—
  - (a) if the instrument is, after its admission, transmitted to the commissioner in accordance with arrangements approved by the court or tribunal; or
  - (b) if (where the person who produces the instrument is not the person liable to pay the duty) the name and address of the person so liable is forwarded, together with the instrument, to the commissioner in accordance with arrangements approved by the court or tribunal.
- (3) A court or tribunal may admit in evidence an unexecuted copy of an instrument that effects a dutiable transaction, or is chargeable with duty in accordance with the provisions of this Act, if the court or tribunal is satisfied that the instrument of which it is a copy is stamped, or is marked in a way approved by the commissioner.

## 251 Valuation of property

- (1) The commissioner may require a person who is liable to pay duty determined by reference to the value of property to provide a declaration by a competent valuer of the value (unencumbered or otherwise) of the property or to provide the other evidence of that value that the commissioner considers appropriate.
- (2) The commissioner may assess duty in accordance with the value so declared.
- (3) The commissioner may have property valued if the commissioner is not satisfied with the value so declared and may assess duty on the basis of the valuation.
- (4) The commissioner may recover the cost of obtaining a valuation under this section.

## Part 12.3 Miscellaneous

## 252 Objections

Objection may be made by a taxpayer under the Taxation Administration Act, division 10.1 to a decision of the commissioner—

- (a) under section 23 assessing duty on the basis of a valuation of dutiable property made under the section; or
- (b) under section 24 (2) refusing to exempt a transaction from aggregation under that section; or
- (c) under section 25 refusing to disregard the value of goods involved in a dutiable transaction in determining the dutiable value of dutiable property involved in that transaction; or
- (d) under section 70A (3) imposing a condition on an approval under section 70A (1) (b); or
- (e) under section 74B (2) (a) that a transfer is not consequent on the dissolution, annulment or irretrievable breakdown of a marriage; or
- (f) under section 74B (4) (c) that a transfer is not consequent on the end of a domestic relationship; or
- (g) under section 82 (5) refusing to determine that a beneficiary of a discretionary trust is not taken to own or to be otherwise entitled to the property the subject of the trust; or
- (h) under section 82 (5) refusing to determine that property that is the subject of a discretionary trust is not taken to be the subject of another discretionary trust; or
- (i) under section 90 (5) refusing to assess and charge duty on a relevant acquisition without aggregating the interests of the person who made it with the interests of associated people; or

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- (j) under section 91A (3) imposing a condition on an approval under section 91A (1) (b); or
- (k) under section 92 (5) refusing to determine that a person's entitlement to participate in a distribution of the property of a landholder is to be evaluated otherwise than in accordance with whichever of section 92 (2) or (3) results in a greater entitlement; or
- (l) under section 95C (1) refusing to register a unit trust scheme as an imminent public unit trust scheme; or
- (m) under section 95C (3), definition of *prescribed period*, paragraph (b) refusing to extend the period for an imminent public unit trust scheme to become a listed trust or widely held trust; or
- (n) under section 95D (1) refusing to register a unit trust scheme as a wholesale unit trust scheme; or
- (o) under section 95D (5) refusing to approve a corresponding capacity; or
- (p) under section 95E (1) refusing to register a unit trust scheme as an imminent wholesale unit trust scheme; or
- (q) under section 95E (3), definition of *prescribed period*, paragraph (b) refusing to extend the period for an imminent wholesale unit trust scheme to become a wholesale unit trust scheme; or
- (r) under section 95H (2) imposing a reporting condition on the registration of a unit trust scheme; or
- (s) under section 95I (1) (a) or (b) cancelling the registration of a unit trust scheme; or
- (t) under section 115H (2) (a) that a transaction is not consequent on the dissolution, annulment or irretrievable breakdown of a marriage; or

- (u) under section 115H (4) (c) that a transaction is not consequent on the end of a domestic relationship; or
- (v) under section 115J (2) refusing to grant an exemption from duty; or
- (w) under section 115K imposing a condition on an exemption; or
- (x) under section 115L revoking an exemption; or
- (y) under section 191 (1) cancelling an insurer's registration; or
- (z) under section 199 (3) refusing to apportion a premium or amount on the basis specified in an application under section 199 (2); or
- (za) under section 199 (4) reassessing liability to duty; or
- (zb) under section 200 (2) reassessing liability to duty; or
- (zc) under section 208AA (3) imposing a condition on an approval under section 208AA (1) (c); or
- (zd) under section 213 (2) (a) that a transfer is not consequent on the dissolution, annulment or irretrievable breakdown of a marriage; or
- (ze) under section 213 (4) (c) that a transfer is not consequent on the end of a domestic relationship; or
- (zf) under section 214A (1) refusing to give an authorisation to a licensed vehicle dealer; or
- (zg) under section 214A (2) imposing conditions on an authorisation; or
- (zh) under section 214A (4) revoking an authorisation; or

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(zi) under section 230 (1) refusing to treat a transfer or agreement for the sale or transfer of land, a lease of land, or a transfer or assignment of a lease or permit in respect of land, used for primary production together with any other property that is an integral part of a business of primary production as exempt from duty.

## 252AA Review of decisions by ACAT

- (1) This section applies to a determination by the commissioner of an objection to a decision mentioned in section 252.
- (2) The determination is prescribed for the Taxation Administration Act, section 107A (Meaning of *reviewable decision* etc—div 10.2).

Note Applications for review by the ACAT may be made in relation to a determination by the commissioner of a decision on an objection to an assessment.

## 252A Declaration of recognised stock exchanges

- (1) The Minister may declare a financial market to be a recognised stock exchange for this Act.
- (2) A declaration is a disallowable instrument.

*Note* A disallowable instrument must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the Legislation Act.

## 253 Regulation-making power

(1) The Executive may make regulations for this Act.

*Note* Regulations must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the Legislation Act.

(2) A regulation may prescribe offences for contraventions of a regulation and prescribe maximum penalties of not more than 10 penalty units for offences against a regulation.

# Chapter 14 Transitional—Duties Amendment Act 2006

## 400 Application of ch 2 to certain transfers and transactions

(1) In this section:

**repealed provisions** means section 10 (1) (k) and (l) as in force on 30 June 2006.

Note 1 On 30 June 2006, section 10 (1) (k) and (l) provided as follows:

- (1) **Dutiable property** is any of the following:
  - (g) a business asset, being, at any relevant time—
    - (i) the goodwill of a business if, during the previous 12 months, a sale of goods or services, or goods and services, has been made to a territory customer of the business; or
    - (ii) intellectual property that has been used or exploited in the ACT during the previous 12 months, but only if the intellectual property is the subject of a dutiable transaction that is, or forms part of, a sale of a business; or
    - (iii) a statutory license or permission under a Commonwealth law, if the rights under the licence or permission have been exercised, during the previous 12 months, in respect of the ACT or in an area that includes the ACT or a part of the ACT;
  - (h) a statutory licence or permission under a territory law;
- Note 2 Section 27 (Apportionment—business assets in this and other jurisdictions) (as in force before 1 July 2006) applied in relation to property mentioned in section 10 (1) (k) and section 33 (Certain business assets) (as in force before 1 July 2006) provided for the rate of duty chargeable in relation to the property.

transaction means a transaction mentioned in section 7 (1) (b).

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- (2) Despite the repeal of the repealed provisions by the *Duties Amendment Act 2006*, chapter 2 as in force on 30 June 2006 applies to a transfer or transaction in relation to dutiable property mentioned in the repealed provisions if—
  - (a) the transfer or transaction is a transfer or transaction that replaces a transfer or transaction that—
    - (i) included the dutiable property; and
    - (ii) was made before 1 July 2006; or
  - (b) the transfer or transaction is a transfer or transaction under which a party had an option to purchase the dutiable property, or a party had an option to require another party to purchase the dutiable property, if the option was granted before 1 July 2006 and is exercised on or after 1 July 2006; or
  - (c) another arrangement was made before 1 July 2006 the only or main purpose of which was to defer the making of the transfer or transaction until 1 July 2006 or later so that chapter 2 would not apply to it.
- (3) This section is a law to which the Legislation Act, section 88 (Repeal does not end effect of transitional laws etc) applies.

#### 401 Application of ch 5 to certain franchise arrangements

(1) In this section:

*previous provision* means section 133, definition of *lease*, paragraph (c) as in force on 30 June 2006.

Note On 30 June 2006, the definition of *lease*, paragraph (c) provided as follows:

(c) a franchise arrangement that is held in respect of a place or area located in the ACT;

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- (2) Despite the replacement of the previous provision by the *Duties Amendment Act 2006*, chapter 5 (Lease instruments) as in force on 30 June 2006 applies to a lease instrument mentioned in the previous provision if—
  - (a) the lease instrument replaces a lease instrument evidencing or effecting the franchise arrangement that was made before 1 July 2006; or
  - (b) another arrangement was made before 1 July 2006 the only or main purpose of which was to defer the execution of, or a variation to, the lease instrument until 1 July 2006 or later so that chapter 5 would not apply to the lease instrument.
- (3) This section is a law to which the Legislation Act, section 88 (Repeal does not end effect of transitional laws etc) applies.

#### 402 Transitional regulations—ch 14

- (1) A regulation may prescribe transitional matters necessary or convenient to be prescribed because of the enactment of the *Duties Amendment Act 2006*.
- (2) A regulation may modify this chapter to make provision in relation to anything that, in the Executive's opinion, is not, or is not adequately or appropriately, dealt with in this chapter.
- (3) A regulation under subsection (2) has effect despite anything elsewhere in this Act.
- (4) A regulation under subsection (2) expires 12 months after the day it commences.

#### 403 Expiry—ch 14

This chapter expires on 1 July 2011.

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# Chapter 15 Transitional—Duties Amendment Act 2006 (No 2)

#### Part 15.1 Transitional—hire of goods

Note to pt 15.1

The *Duties Amendment Act 2006 (No 2)* inserted s 173A which provided for the expiry of ch 6 (Hire of goods) on 30 June 2007.

# 410 Application of ch 6 to hiring charges received by commercial hire business before 1 July 2007

- (1) The repeal of chapter 6 (Hire of goods) by section 173A (Expiry—ch 6) does not affect any obligation to pay duty under part 6.3 (Arrangements applying to people engaged in business of hiring out goods) in relation to hiring charges received by a commercial hire business before 1 July 2007 and, for that purpose, that part continues to apply as if it had not been repealed.
- (2) In particular, section 169 (Lodgment of returns and payment of duty) continues to apply so that a commercial hire business—
  - (a) is required to lodge a return in accordance with that section in relation to each month before July 2007; and
  - (b) may request a reassessment of duty under section 169 (6).
- (3) This section applies whether or not the hire to which the charges relate is for a period after 30 June 2007.

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# 411 Application of ch 6 to hire of goods entered into before 1 July 2007

- (1) The repeal of chapter 6 (Hire of goods) by section 173A (Expiry—ch 6) does not affect any obligation to pay duty under part 6.4 (Arrangements applying to people other than those engaged in business of hiring out goods) in relation to a hire of goods entered into before 1 July 2007.
- (2) For that purpose—
  - (a) part 6.4 continues to apply to a hire of goods entered into before 1 July 2007 but only if the first or only payment of hiring charges is paid or becomes payable before that date; and
  - (b) no refund of duty is payable in relation to any part of the hiring charges that is paid or becomes payable after 30 June 2007.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not prevent a reassessment of duty being made under section 169 (6) as in force immediately before its repeal.
- (4) This section applies whether or not the hire to which the charges relates is for a period after 30 June 2007.

#### 412 Application of ch 6 to certain arrangements

- (1) In this section:
  - **repealed provisions** means the provisions mentioned in section 173A (Expiry—ch 6) as those provisions were in force immediately before their expiry.
- (2) Despite their expiry, the repealed provisions apply to a hire of goods mentioned in repealed chapter 6 (Hire of goods) if—
  - (a) the hire of goods replaces a hire of goods that was entered into before 1 July 2007; or
  - (b) another arrangement was made before 1 July 2007 the only or main purpose of which was to defer the hire of goods until 1 July 2007 or later so that chapter 6 would not apply to it.

page 170 Duties Act 1999 R42 Effective: 17/12/09-15/03/10 17/12/09 (3) This section is a law to which the Legislation Act, section 88 (Repeal does not end effect of transitional laws etc) applies.

#### 413 Transitional regulations—pt 15.1

- (1) A regulation may prescribe transitional matters necessary or convenient to be prescribed because of the enactment of section 173A (Expiry—ch 6) by the *Duties Amendment Act 2006 (No 2)*.
- (2) A regulation may modify this part to make provision in relation to anything that, in the Executive's opinion, is not, or is not adequately or appropriately, dealt with in this part.
- (3) A regulation under subsection (2) has effect despite anything elsewhere in this Act.
- (4) A regulation under subsection (2) expires 12 months after the day it commences.

#### 414 Expiry—pt 15.1

This part expires on 30 June 2012.

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#### Part 15.2 Transitional—lease instruments

Note to pt 15.2

The *Duties Amendment Act 2006 (No 2)* inserted s 150A which provided for the expiry of ch 5 (Lease instruments) on 30 June 2009.

# 420 Application of ch 5 to leases entered into before 1 July 2009

- (1) The repeal of chapter 5 (Lease instruments) by section 150A (Expiry—ch 5) does not affect any obligation to pay duty under chapter 5 in relation to a lease first executed before 1 July 2009 and, for that purpose, the chapter continues to apply as if it had not been repealed.
- (2) However, section 139 (2) does not apply in relation to a variation to a lease if the variation is made after 30 June 2009.
- (3) Also, the following provisions apply if a lease executed before 1 July 2009 has any unascertainable cost components for which there is an estimate date after 30 June 2009:
  - (a) on the first estimate date after 30 June 2009 (the *final estimate date*), the commissioner must make a final estimate of the cost of the lease;
  - (b) section 144 (3) applies (with any necessary changes) for the making of the final estimate;
  - (c) the lease instrument is chargeable with duty as if the final estimate were the full cost of the lease;
  - (d) no further estimates of the cost of the lease are to be made (despite section 144 (5));
  - (e) section 144 (7) applies only to the final estimate date or an estimate date that happens before the final estimate date;
  - (f) sections 144 (9) and (10) do not apply in relation to any period after the final estimate date.

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#### 421 Application of ch 5 to certain arrangements

(1) In this section:

**repealed provisions** means the provisions mentioned in section 150A (Expiry—ch 5) as those provisions were in force immediately before their expiry.

- (2) Despite their expiry, the repealed provisions apply to a lease instrument mentioned in repealed chapter 5 (Lease instruments) if—
  - (a) the lease instrument replaces a lease instrument evidencing or effecting a lease that was entered into before 1 July 2009; or
  - (b) an option was granted, or another arrangement was made, before 1 July 2009 the only or main purpose of which was to defer the execution of, or a variation to, the lease instrument until 1 July 2009 or later so that chapter 5 would not apply to the lease instrument.
- (3) Without limiting subsection (2), the commissioner must not refund duty under section 148 (Reassessment of duty—early termination) on a lease instrument evidencing or effecting a lease of property if satisfied that the lessee or any associated person will continue to lease the property, or substantially the same property, under a new arrangement.
- (4) This section is a law to which the Legislation Act, section 88 (Repeal does not end effect of transitional laws etc) applies.

#### 422 Transitional regulations—pt 15.2

- (1) A regulation may prescribe transitional matters necessary or convenient to be prescribed because of the enactment of section 150A (Expiry—ch 5) by the *Duties Amendment Act* 2006 (No 2).
- (2) A regulation may modify this part to make provision in relation to anything that, in the Executive's opinion, is not, or is not adequately or appropriately, dealt with in this part.

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- (3) A regulation under subsection (2) has effect despite anything elsewhere in this Act.
- (4) A regulation under subsection (2) expires 12 months after the day it commences.

#### 423 Expiry—pt 15.2

This part expires on 30 June 2014.

# Part 15.3 Transitional—unquoted marketable securities

Note to pt 15.3

The *Duties Amendment Act 2006 (No 2)* inserted s 75A which provided for the expiry of provisions relating to duty on unquoted marketable securities on 30 June 2010.

# 430 Application of repealed provisions to certain arrangements

(1) In this section:

**repealed provisions** means the provisions mentioned in section 75A (Expiry—provisions relating to unquoted marketable securities) as those provisions were in force immediately before their expiry.

- (2) Despite their expiry, the repealed provisions and chapter 2 and chapter 3 as in force immediately before the expiry apply to a transfer or transaction in relation to dutiable property mentioned in the repealed provisions if—
  - (a) the transfer or transaction replaces a transfer or transaction that was entered into before 1 July 2010; or
  - (b) another arrangement was made before 1 July 2010 the only or main purpose of which was to defer the transfer or transaction until 1 July 2010 or later so that chapter 2 would not apply to it.
- (3) This section is a law to which the Legislation Act, section 88 (Repeal does not end effect of transitional laws etc) applies.

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#### 431 Transitional regulations—pt 15.3

- (1) A regulation may prescribe transitional matters necessary or convenient to be prescribed because of the enactment of section 75A (Expiry—provisions relating to unquoted marketable securities) by the *Duties Amendment Act* 2006 (No 2).
- (2) A regulation may modify this part to make provision in relation to anything that, in the Executive's opinion, is not, or is not adequately or appropriately, dealt with in this part.
- (3) A regulation under subsection (2) has effect despite anything elsewhere in this Act.
- (4) A regulation under subsection (2) expires 12 months after the day it commences.

#### 432 Expiry—pt 15.3

This part expires on 30 June 2015.

# Chapter 16 Transitional—Duties Amendment Act 2008

Note

The *Duties Amendment Act 2008* inserted s 72B which provided for the expiry of s 59 (Establishment of a trust relating to unidentified property and non-dutiable property), s 60 (1) (Instrument relating to managed investment scheme) and s 61 (Instruments relating to superannuation) on 30 June 2008.

#### 440 Meaning of repealed provisions—ch 16

In this chapter:

*repealed provisions* means the provisions expired under section 72B (Expiry—provisions relating to duty on certain instruments).

#### 441 Application of repealed provisions

- (1) Despite the expiry of the repealed provisions—
  - (a) the expiry of a repealed provision does not affect any obligation to pay duty under the provision in relation to—
    - (i) for section 60 (1)—an instrument executed before 1 July 2008; or
    - (ii) for section 59 or section 61—an instrument first executed before 1 July 2008; and
  - (b) for paragraph (a)—the repealed provision continues to apply as if it had not expired.
- (2) Also, despite the expiry of the repealed provisions, each repealed provision, as in force immediately before 1 July 2008, continues to apply to an instrument mentioned in the provision if an arrangement was made before 1 July 2008 the only or main purpose of which was to defer until 1 July 2008 or later—
  - (a) for section 60 (1)—the execution of the instrument; or

R42 17/12/09 Duties Act 1999 Effective: 17/12/09-15/03/10 (b) for section 59 or section 61—the first execution of the instrument:

so that the repealed provision would not apply to the instrument.

#### 442 Transitional regulations—ch 16

- (1) A regulation may prescribe transitional matters necessary or convenient to be prescribed because of the enactment of section 72B by the *Duties Amendment Act 2008*.
- (2) A regulation may modify this chapter (including in relation to another territory law) to make provision in relation to anything that, in the Executive's opinion, is not, or is not adequately or appropriately, dealt with in this chapter.
- (3) A regulation under subsection (2) has effect despite anything elsewhere in this Act.
- (4) A regulation under subsection (2) expires 12 months after the day it commences.

#### 443 Expiry—ch 16

This chapter expires on 30 June 2013.

# Chapter 17 Transitional—Duties (Landholders) Amendment Act 2008

# 450 Application of pt 3.2 to existing private unit trust schemes

- (1) In this section:
  - commencement day means the day the *Duties (Landholders)*Amendment Act 2008, section 4 commenced.
- (2) This section applies to a private unit trust scheme that was a public unit trust scheme immediately before the commencement day.
- (3) Despite anything in part 3.2 (Acquisition of interests in certain landholders), the private unit trust scheme is not taken to be an entity.
- (4) This section ceases to apply to the private unit trust scheme on the happening of the earliest of the following:
  - (a) the expiry of 12 months after the commencement day;
  - (b) the registration of the unit trust scheme under part 3.2A (Registration of unit trust schemes);
  - (c) the unit trust scheme becoming a listed trust or widely held trust.
- (5) This section is a law to which the Legislation Act, section 88 (Repeal does not end effect of transitional laws etc) applies.

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#### 451 Transitional regulations—ch 17

- (1) A regulation may prescribe transitional matters necessary or convenient to be prescribed because of the enactment of the *Duties* (Landholders) Amendment Act 2008.
- (2) A regulation may modify this chapter (including in its operation in relation to another territory law) to make provision in relation to anything that, in the Executive's opinion, is not, or is not adequately or appropriately, dealt with in this chapter.
- (3) A regulation under subsection (2) has effect despite anything elsewhere in this Act.

#### M 451A Modification—Payroll Tax Act 1987

#### 452 Expiry—ch 17

This chapter expires on 1 September 2010.

#### **Dictionary**

(see s 2A)

- Note 1 The Legislation Act contains definitions and other provisions relevant to this Act.
- *Note 2* For example, the Legislation Act, dict, pt 1 defines the following terms:
  - ACAT
  - ACT
  - Australia
  - civil partnership
  - commissioner for revenue
  - Corporations Act
  - doctor
  - document
  - external territory
  - GST
  - in relation to
  - land.

*acquires*, an interest in a landholder, for part 3.2 (Acquisition of interests in certain landholders)—see section 84.

*acquisition statement*, for chapter 3 (Certain transactions treated as transfers)—see section 76.

#### Act imposing duty means—

- (a) a corresponding Act; or
- (b) an Act to which the Taxation Administration Act applies.

**ADR** means a negotiable certificated receipt issued by a depositary resident outside Australia acknowledging the interest of the registered holder of the receipt in shares in a territory company held by the depositary, or deposited with a depositary to hold, as trustee for the holder.

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#### application to register a motor vehicle means—

- (a) an application under the Vehicle Registration Act to register a motor vehicle; or
- (b) an application under the Vehicle Registration Act to transfer the registration of a motor vehicle.

approved means approved by the commissioner.

*asset*, for part 3.6 (Voluntary transfers under Financial Sector (Business Transfer and Group Restructure) Act 1999 (Cwlth))—see section 115A.

#### associated person—

- (a) for this Act generally—means a person who is associated with another person in accordance with any of the following provisions:
  - (i) people are associated people if they are related people;
  - (ii) individuals are associated people if they are partners in a partnership to which the *Partnership Act 1963* applies;
  - (iii) private companies are associated people if common shareholders have a significant interest in each private company;
  - (iv) trustees are associated people if any person is a beneficiary common to the trusts (not including a public unit trust scheme) of which they are trustees;
  - (v) a private company and a trustee are associated people if a related body corporate of the company is a beneficiary of the trust (not including a public unit trust scheme) of which the trustee is a trustee; and
- (b) for part 3.2 (Acquisition of interests in certain landholders)—see section 83A and section 86 (2).

Australian register—see the Corporations Act, section 9.

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*bankrupt* includes having executed a personal insolvency agreement.

*business*, for part 3.6 (Voluntary transfers under Financial Sector (Business Transfer and Group Restructure) Act 1999 (Cwlth))—see section 115A.

*capital reduction*, for part 3.3 (Entitlements arising from capital reductions or alterations of rights)—see section 96 (1).

*chapter 3 transaction*, for chapter 3 (Certain transactions treated as transfers)—see section 76.

charge includes impose.

*charitable organisation* means an association, society, institution or body carried on for a religious, educational, benevolent or charitable purpose, other than one carried on for the purpose of securing pecuniary benefits to its members.

commissioner means the commissioner for revenue.

*company*, for part 3.3 (Entitlements arising from capital reductions or alterations of rights)—see section 96 (1).

complying approved deposit fund means an entity that is a complying approved deposit fund in accordance with the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993 (Cwlth), section 43.

complying superannuation fund means an entity that is—

- (a) a complying superannuation fund in accordance with the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* (Cwlth), section 42 or section 42A; or
- (b) an exempt public sector superannuation scheme within the meaning of that Act.

consideration—see section 21.

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*corporation* means a body corporate, whether incorporated in this jurisdiction or elsewhere.

*corresponding Act* means an Act of another Australian jurisdiction that corresponds to this Act.

corresponding law, in relation to a territory law, means a law of a State or another Territory that is similar, or has a similar effect, to that territory law.

*cost*, in relation to a lease—see section 136.

*Crown lease* includes a lease of land granted by or in the name of the Commonwealth or by the Federal Capital Commission.

Note The Federal Capital Commission was appointed under the Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1924 (Cwlth) (repealed).

*declaration of trust*, for chapter 2 (Transactions concerning dutiable property)—see section 6.

*deferral arrangement*, for part 2.6A (Deferred payments—home buyers) see section 75AC (2).

demonstrator, for part 9.2 (Exemptions)—see section 208A.

determined amount, in relation to duty, means an amount—

- (a) determined by the Minister; or
- (b) calculated in a way determined by the Minister;

under the Taxation Administration Act, section 139 for the provision where the expression occurs.

*determined rate*, in relation to duty, means a rate determined by the Minister under the Taxation Administration Act, section 139 for the provision where the expression occurs.

discretionary trust means a trust under which the vesting of the whole or any part of the capital of the trust estate, or the whole or any part of the income from that capital, or both—

- (a) is required to be determined by a person either in respect of the identity of the beneficiaries, or the quantum of interest taken, or both; or
- (b) will occur if a discretion conferred under the trust is not exercised; or
- (c) has occurred but under which the whole or any part of that capital or the whole or any part of that income, or both, will be divested from the person or people in whom it is vested if a discretion conferred under the trust is exercised.

disqualifying circumstance, in relation to a registered unit trust scheme, for part 3.2A (Registration of unit trust schemes)—see section 95A.

domestic relationship—see the Domestic Relationships Act 1994, section 3.

*dutiable entitlement*, for part 3.3 (Entitlements arising from capital reductions or alterations of rights)—see section 96 (1).

dutiable property—see section 10.

dutiable transaction—see section 7 (2).

#### dutiable value—

- (a) of a motor vehicle for part 9.1 (Imposition and rates of duty)—see section 203; and
- (b) of other dutiable property—see section 20.

*eligible person*, for part 2.6A (Deferred payments—home buyers)—see section 75AA.

*eligible property*, for part 2.6A (Deferred payments—home buyers)—see section 75AA.

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eligible rollover fund means an entity that is an eligible rollover fund in accordance with the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993 (Cwlth), section 242, and includes an entity the trustee of which is satisfied will be an eligible rollover fund within 12 months after the date when a liability to duty arises (or would otherwise arise).

*entity*, for part 3.2 (Acquisition of interests in certain landholders)—see section 78A.

*exchanging members*, for division 3.7.2 (Exempt transactions—'top hatting' arrangements)—see section 115I.

*financial market*—see the Corporations Act, section 9.

*first executed*, for an instrument (including a contract)—see section 243.

foreign resident means a person who at the relevant time—

- (a) for a person, other than a person mentioned in paragraph (b) or (c)—is not resident or domiciled in Australia; or
- (b) for a body corporate—is not incorporated under a law of an Australian jurisdiction and—
  - (i) does not have its central management and control in Australia; and
  - (ii) does not have its voting power controlled by shareholders who are residents of Australia; or
- (c) for a partnership or other unincorporated association or body of people—does not have a member who is resident in Australia; or
- (d) for a trust estate—
  - (i) does not have a trustee who is resident in Australia; and
  - (ii) does not have its central management and control in Australia.

*franchise* means the package of rights held by a franchisee under a franchise arrangement.

*franchise arrangement* means an agreement or other arrangement between 2 or more people by which 1 of them (the *franchisor*) authorises or permits another (the *franchisee*)—

- (a) to engage in the business of offering, selling or distributing goods and services within or partly within the ACT, and the franchisee is required to do so—
  - (i) in accordance with a specified marketing, business or technical plan or system; and
  - (ii) under a common format or procedure (or format and procedure); and
- (b) to use a mark or common trade name, in such a way that the business carried on by the franchisee is, or is capable of being, identified by the public as being substantially associated with the mark or name identifying, commonly connected with or controlled by the franchisor or a related person.

franchisee—see the definition of franchise arrangement.

*franchisor*—see the definition of *franchise arrangement*.

FS (BTGR) Act, for part 3.6 (Voluntary transfers under Financial Sector (Business Transfer and Group Restructure) Act 1999 (Cwlth))—see section 115A.

general insurance, for chapter 8 (Insurance)—see section 175.

general insurer, for chapter 8 (Insurance)—see section 175.

**home buyer concession scheme**, for part 2.6A (Deferred payments—home buyers)—see section 75AA.

*hospital* means a recognised hospital within the meaning of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* (Cwlth).

instrument includes a document and a written statement.

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insurance includes assurance.

*insurance intermediary*—see the *Insurance Contracts Act 1984* (Cwlth), section 11.

#### insurer—

- (a) for chapter 8 (Insurance), other than part 8.4—see section 175; and
- (b) for part 8.4 (Payment of duty by insurers)—see section 188A.

#### intellectual property means—

- (a) a business name, trading name, trade mark, industrial design, patent, registered design or copyright; or
- (b) a right, whether or not under a franchise arrangement, to use or exploit—
  - (i) a business name, trading name, trade mark or industrial design; or
  - (ii) a thing, system or process that is the subject of a patent, registered design or copyright (or an adaptation or modification of such a thing, system or process).

#### interest—

- (a) for this Act generally—includes an estate, an interest under a lease or a sublease, a proprietary right and a beneficial interest; and
- (b) in a landholder, for part 3.2 (Acquisition of interests in certain landholders)—see section 83.

#### international trade insurance means—

(a) insurance of freight against loss or damage in the course of, or incidental to, international transport of the freight; or

- (b) insurance of an aircraft or ship against loss or damage during a particular period when the aircraft or ship is under construction or undergoing refitting, maintenance or repairs if, at the time the insurance was effected, the aircraft or ship was intended by the owner to be used wholly or principally for the international transport of freight for an indefinitely continuing period commencing immediately after the completion of the construction, refitting, maintenance or repairs, as the case may be; or
- (c) insurance of an aircraft or ship against loss or damage in the course of, or incidental to, a particular journey or journeys if, at the time the insurance was effected, it was intended by the owner that the journey or journeys would be wholly or principally for the international transport of freight; or
- (d) insurance of an aircraft or ship against loss or damage during a particular period if, at the time the insurance was effected, the aircraft or ship was intended by the owner to be used during that period wholly or principally for the international transport of freight.

*international transport*, in relation to freight, means the transport, in connection with trade or commerce, of the freight between—

- (a) a place in a foreign country; and
- (b) a place in—
  - (i) another foreign country; or
  - (ii) Australia; or
  - (iii) an external Territory.

*interposed trust*, for division 3.7.2 (Exempt transactions—'top hatting' arrangements)—see section 115I.

land includes a stratum.

*landholder*, for part 3.2 (Acquisition of interests in certain landholders)—see section 79.

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*landholding*, for part 3.2 (Acquisition of interests in certain landholders)—see section 80.

#### land used for primary production means land used primarily for—

- (a) the cultivation of the land for the purpose of selling the produce of the cultivation; or
- (b) the maintenance of animals or poultry on the land for the purpose of selling them or their natural increase or bodily produce; or
- (c) the keeping of bees on the land for the purpose of selling their honey; or
- (d) a plant nursery; or
- (e) the propagation for sale of mushrooms, orchids or flowers; or
- (f) aquaculture.

*land use entitlement* means an entitlement to occupy land within the ACT conferred through an ownership of shares in a company or an ownership of units in a unit trust scheme, or a combination of a shareholding or ownership of units together with a lease or licence.

#### lease means—

- (a) a lease of land in the ACT or an agreement for a lease of land in the ACT; or
- (b) an agreement (for example, a licence) by which a right to use land in the ACT at any time and for any purpose is given to or acquired by a person.

Note An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see Legislation Act, s 126 and s 132).

#### lessee includes—

(a) any assignee for the time being of the rights of the lessee under a lease; and

page 190 Duties Act 1999 R42 Effective: 17/12/09-15/03/10 17/12/09 (b) a person who has a right of the kind mentioned in the definition of *lease*, paragraph (b).

*lessor* includes a person who grants a right of the kind mentioned in the definition of *lease*, paragraph (b).

*licensed vehicle dealer* means a licensed dealer under the *Sale of Motor Vehicles Act 1977*, or the holder of a similar licence under a corresponding law.

life company—see the Life Insurance Act 1995 (Cwlth), schedule.

*life insurance*, for chapter 8 (Insurance)—see section 175.

*life insurance rider*, for chapter 8 (Insurance)—see section 175.

*listed trust* means a unit trust scheme all of the units in which are listed for quotation on the Australian Stock Exchange or any other exchange that is a member of the World Federation of Exchanges.

*long-term lease*—see section 10 (1) (d), (e) and (f).

*majority shareholder*, in relation to a private company, means—

- (a) for a company the voting shares in which are not divided into classes—a person entitled to not less than 50% of those shares, and
- (b) for a company the voting shares in which are divided into classes—a person entitled to not less than 50% of the shares in one of those classes.

*managed investment scheme* means a managed investment scheme within the meaning of the Corporations Act, section 9 that complies with that Act, chapter 5C, and includes a public unit trust scheme.

#### marketable securities means—

- (a) shares mentioned in section 10 (1) (h); or
- (b) units mentioned in section 10 (1) (i); or
- (c) an interest in shares, or units, mentioned in section (a) or (b).

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*market value*, in relation to a motor vehicle, means the amount for which the motor vehicle might reasonably be sold, free of encumbrances, on the open market.

marriage includes a void marriage.

*matrimonial property*, of a marriage, means property of the parties to the marriage or of either of them.

mortgage means any charge on land created merely for securing a debt.

#### motor vehicle means—

- (a) a motor vehicle or trailer within the meaning of the Vehicle Registration Act; or
- (b) a caravan.

*new motor vehicle* means a motor vehicle that has not previously been registered under—

- (a) the Vehicle Registration Act or another territory law; or
- (b) a law of the Commonwealth, a State or another Territory.

*non-commercial Commonwealth authority* means a body corporate (other than an incorporated company, society or association) that—

- (a) is incorporated for a public purpose by or under a law of the Territory or the Commonwealth; and
- (b) does not have as its sole or principal function the carrying on of an activity in the nature of a business, whether or not for profit.

*paid*, for a premium or an instalment of a premium, for chapter 8 (Insurance)—see section 176.

*partner*—a person's *partner* is either of the following:

(a) the person's spouse;

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(b) someone with whom the person has a domestic relationship.

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*party*, to a marriage, includes a person who was a party to a marriage that has been dissolved or annulled, in Australia or elsewhere.

**person**, for part 3.3 (Entitlements arising from capital reductions or alterations of rights)—see section 96 (1).

person with a disability means a person who has a disability that—

- (a) is attributable to an intellectual, psychiatric, sensory, physical or neurological impairment, or acquired brain injury; and
- (b) is likely to be permanent; and
- (c) results in substantially reduced capacity in self-care, self-management, mobility or communication requiring significant ongoing, or long-term episodic, support.

pooled superannuation trust means an entity that is a pooled superannuation trust in accordance with the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993 (Cwlth), section 44.

*premium*, in relation to general insurance for chapter 8 (Insurance)—see section 175.

private company means a company—

- (a) that is not limited by shares; or
- (b) whose shares are not quoted on the Australian Stock Exchange or any other exchange that is a member of the World Federation of Exchanges.

*private unit trust scheme* means a unit trust scheme that is not a public unit trust scheme or wholesale unit trust scheme.

property transferred, by a dutiable transaction—see section 8 (2).

*public unit trust scheme* means any of the following unit trust schemes:

(a) a listed trust;

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- (b) a widely held trust;
- (c) a unit trust scheme registered under part 3.2A (Registration of unit trust schemes) as an imminent public unit trust scheme.

**receiving body**, for part 3.6 (Voluntary transfers under Financial Sector (Business Transfer and Group Restructure) Act 1999 (Cwlth))—see section 115A.

#### recognised stock exchange means—

- (a) the Australian Stock Exchange; or
- (b) any other exchange that is a member of the World Federation of Exchanges; or
- (c) a financial market that is declared to be a recognised stock exchange under section 252A.

*registered*, for part 3.2A (Registration of unit trust schemes)—see section 95A.

registered insurer means an insurer registered under chapter 8.4.

registered scheme—see the Corporations Act, section 9.

Note A registered scheme under the Corporations Act is a managed investment scheme that is registered under that Act, ch 5C.

*related body corporate*—see the Corporations Act, section 9.

**related person** means a person who is related to another person in accordance with any of the following provisions:

- (a) individuals are related people if—
  - (i) they are partners, or they have been partners and the partnership has ended (whether the partnership ended in Australia or elsewhere); or
  - (ii) the relationship between them is that of parent and child, brothers, sisters, or brother and sister;

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- (b) private companies are related people if they are related bodies corporate;
- (c) an individual and a private company are related people if the individual is a majority shareholder or director of the company or of another private company that is a related body corporate of the company;
- (d) an individual and a trustee are related people if the individual is a beneficiary of the trust (other than a public unit trust scheme) of which the trustee is a trustee;
- (e) a private company and a trustee are related people if the company, or a majority shareholder or director of the company, is a beneficiary of the trust (other than a public unit trust scheme) of which the trustee is a trustee.

*relationship property*, of a domestic relationship, means property of the parties to the relationship or of either of them.

*relevant acquisition*, in relation to a person, for part 3.2 (Acquisition of interests in certain landholders)—see section 86.

*relevant period*, for a relevant acquisition, for part 3.2 (Acquisition of interests in certain landholders)—see section 78.

*replica*—see section 228.

*residential lease*, for part 2.6A (Deferred payments—home buyers)—see section 75AA.

#### responsible entity—

- (a) for this Act generally—see the Corporations Act, section 9; and
- (b) of a unit trust scheme for which there is no responsible entity within the meaning of the Corporations Act, section 9, for part 3.2A (Registration of unit trust schemes)—see section 95A.

R42 17/12/09 Duties Act 1999 Effective: 17/12/09-15/03/10 *right*, in relation to shares or units, means any right (whether actual, prospective or contingent) of a person to have shares or units issued by a company or trust to the person, whether or not on payment of money or for other consideration, but does not include a convertible note.

**rights alteration**, in relation to voting shares, for part 3.3 (Entitlements arising from capital reductions or alterations of rights)—see section 96 (1).

#### scheme includes—

- (a) an agreement, arrangement, understanding, promise or undertaking, whether express or implied and whether or not enforceable, or intended to be enforceable, by legal proceedings; or
- (b) a plan, proposal, action, course of action or course of conduct, whether unilateral or otherwise.

shares includes rights to shares.

significant interest, in a landholder—see section 83.

stamped—see section 233.

**Taxation Administration Act** means the *Taxation Administration* Act 1999.

*tax avoidance scheme* means a scheme if the person who has, or 1 or more of the people who have, entered into or carried out the scheme or a part of the scheme did so for the purpose of securing—

- (a) that an amount of duty would not be payable by a person that would have been, or might reasonably be expected to have been, payable by the person; or
- (b) that an amount of duty payable by a person would be less than the amount that would have been, or might reasonably be expected to have been, payable by the person; or

page 196 Duties Act 1999 R42 Effective: 17/12/09-15/03/10 17/12/09 (c) that a refund of duty would be payable to a person, that would not have been or might reasonably be expected not to have been, payable to the person;

if the scheme had not been entered into or carried out, or for purposes of which that purpose was the dominant purpose.

#### territory company means—

- (a) a company incorporated (or taken to be incorporated) under the Corporations Act that is taken to be registered in the ACT; or
- (b) a corporation that is incorporated under a territory Act.

third-party insurance, for chapter 8 (Insurance)—see section 175.

time, of transfer of dutiable property—see section 8 (2).

*trading stock*, for part 9.2 (Exemptions)—see section 208A.

#### transfer—

- (a) includes any of the following:
  - (i) assignment;
  - (ii) exchange;
  - (iii) a buyback of shares in accordance with the Corporations Act, division 2J.1.2;
  - (iv) vesting of an interest in property under a law of the Territory, the Commonwealth, a State or another Territory, unless the interest does not exist before it is vested;
  - (v) vesting of an interest in property under a court order, unless the interest did not exist before it is vested; and
- (b) for chapter 2 (Transactions concerning dutiable property)—see section 6.

*transferee*, of dutiable property—see section 8 (2).

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#### trustee includes—

- (a) a person who is a trustee under an implied or constructive trust; and
- (b) in relation to a deceased person—an executor of the will, or an administrator of the estate, of the deceased person; and
- (c) a receiver, guardian, committee or manager of the property of a person under a legal or other disability; and
- (d) a receiver or manager of the property of a company, or a liquidator of a company for the purpose of its winding-up; and
- (f) a person who holds a marketable security for the benefit of another person; and
- (g) a person who may be required to exercise his or her voting power in relation to a marketable security at the direction of another person.

*unascertainable*, for an amount of a cost component, for part 5.4 (Unascertainable lease costs)—see section 143 (2).

unencumbered value—see section 22.

unit, in relation to a unit trust scheme, means—

- (a) a right or interest (whether described as a unit or a sub-unit or otherwise) of a beneficiary under the scheme; or
- (b) a right to any such right or interest.

unit trust scheme means any arrangements made for the purpose, or having the effect, of providing, for people having funds available for investment, facilities for the participation by them, as beneficiaries under a trust, in any profits, income or distribution of assets arising from the acquisition, holding, management or disposal of any property whatever under the trust.

page 198 Duties Act 1999 R42 Effective: 17/12/09-15/03/10 17/12/09 **Vehicle Registration Act** means the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Act 1999.

*Note* A reference to an Act includes a reference to the statutory instruments made or in force under the Act, including a regulation (see Legislation Act, s 104).

*voluntary transfer*, for part 3.6 (Voluntary transfers under Financial Sector (Business Transfer and Group Restructure) Act 1999 (Cwlth))—see section 115A.

**voting** share, for part 3.3 (Entitlements arising from capital reductions or alterations of rights)—see the Corporations Act, section 9.

wholesale unit trust scheme means a unit trust scheme, other than a listed trust, that is registered under part 3.2A (Registration of unit trust schemes) as—

- (a) a wholesale unit trust scheme; or
- (b) an imminent wholesale unit trust scheme.

widely held trust means a unit trust scheme—

- (a) that is a managed investment scheme registered under the Corporations Act, part 5C.1; and
- (b) in which units have been offered to the public; and
- (c) that has at least 300 registered unit holders; and
- (d) in which none of the registered unit holders, individually or together with any associated person, holds or is entitled to more than 20% of the units in the unit trust scheme.

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#### **Endnotes**

#### 1 About the endnotes

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Not all editorial amendments made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 are annotated in the amendment history. Full details of any amendments can be obtained from the Parliamentary Counsel's Office.

Uncommenced amending laws and expiries are listed in the legislation history and the amendment history. These details are underlined. Uncommenced provisions and amendments are not included in the republished law but are set out in the last endnote.

If all the provisions of the law have been renumbered, a table of renumbered provisions gives details of previous and current numbering.

The endnotes also include a table of earlier republications.

#### 2 Abbreviation key

am = amended amdt = amendment

ch = chapter def = definition dict = dictionary

disallowed = disallowed by the Legislative

Assembly

div = division exp = expires/expired Gaz = gazette hdq = heading

IA = Interpretation Act 1967 ins = inserted/added LA = Legislation Act 2001 LR = legislation register

LRA = Legislation (Republication) Act 1996

mod = modified/modification

o = order

om = omitted/repealed

ord = ordinance orig = original

par = paragraph/subparagraph

pres = present prev = previous (prev...) = previously

pt = part r = rule/subrule renum = renumbered reloc = relocated R[X] = Republication No

RI = reissue

s = section/subsection sch = schedule sdiv = subdivision sub = substituted SL = Subordinate Law

<u>underlining</u> = whole or part not commenced

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#### 3 Legislation history

#### Duties Act 1999 No 7

notified 1 March 1999 s 1, s 2 commenced 1 March 1999 (s 2 (1)) remainder commenced 1 March 1999 (s 2 (2) and Gaz 1999 No S8)

as amended by

#### Road Transport Legislation Amendment Act 1999 No 79

notified 23 December 1999 commenced 1 March 2000 (s 2 and Gaz 2000 No S5)

## Duties (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2000 SL No 15 (see 2000 No 46 s 25)

notified 28 February 2000 commenced 28 February 2000 (reg 2)

#### **Duties Amendment Act 2000 No 5**

notified 1 March 2000 (Gaz 2000 No S8) commenced 1 March 2000 (s 2)

#### Duties Amendment Act 2000 (No 2) No 30

notified 6 July 2000 (Gaz 2000 No S33) s 1, s 2 commenced 6 July 2000 (IA s 10B) remainder commenced 1 July 2000 (s 2)

### Financial Relations Agreement Consequential Amendments Act 2000 No 34

notified 6 July 2000 s 1, s 2 commenced 6 July 2000 ss 3, 18, 24, 25 and pt 4 commenced 1 July 2000 (see s 2 (1)) remainder commenced 1 July 2001 (see s 2 (2))

## Duties Amendment Act 2000 (No 3) No 46 pt 2 (ss 3-23) (as am by 2001 No 55)

notified 28 September 2000 (Gaz 2000 No 39) s 1, s 2 commenced 28 September 2000 (IA s 10B) s 12 commences 1 July 2001 (s 2 (4)) ss 13, 18-22 taken to have commenced 28 February 2000 (s 2 (3)) s 23 taken to have commenced 1 March 1999 (s 2 (1)) pt 2 remainder commenced 28 September 2000 (s 2 (5))

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#### Statute Law Amendment Act 2000 No 80 amdt 3.4

notified 21 December 2000 (Gaz 2000 No S69) commenced 21 December 2000 (s 2)

#### Unit Titles Consequential Amendments Act 2001 No 17 sch 2

notified 5 April 2001 (Gaz 2001 No 14)

s 1, s 2 commenced 5 April 2001 (IA s 10B) sch 2 commenced 5 October 2001 (s 2)

#### Insurance Levy Legislation Repeal Act 2001 No 22 sch 1 pt 1

notified 19 April 2001 (Gaz 2001 No 16)

s 1, s 2 commenced 19 April 2001 (IA s 10B) (s 2 (1))

sch 1 pt 1 commenced 1 September 2001 (s 2 (3))

#### **Duties Amendment Act 2001 No 40**

notified 29 June 2001 (Gaz 2001 No S36) s 1, s 2 commence 29 June 2001 (IA s 10B) remainder commenced 16 July 2001 (s 2)

## Legislation (Consequential Amendments) Act 2001 No 44 pt 115 (as am by Duties Amendment Act 2001 No 55 sch 1 pt 4)

notified 26 July 2001 (Gaz 2001 No 30) s 1, s 2 commenced 26 July 2001 (IA s 10B) pt 115 commenced 12 September 2001 (s 2 and see Gaz 2001 No S65)

#### Duties Amendment Act 2001 (No 2) No 55 pt 2, pt 3, sch 1 pt 1

notified 15 August 2001 (Gaz 2001 No S57) s 1, s 2 commenced 15 August 2001 (IA s 10B)

amdts 1.1-1.3 taken to have commenced immediately after the commencement of Act 2000 No 80 amdt 3.4 on 21 December 2000 (amdts 1.1-1.3)

remainder commenced 15 August 2001 (s 2)

#### **Duties Amendment Act 2002 No 6**

notified LR 17 April 2002

s 1, s 2 commenced 17 April 2002 (LA s 75)

s 4 commenced 17 April 2002 (s 2 (1))

remainder taken to have commenced 1 March 1999 (s 2 (2))

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# **Duties (Personal Relationship Agreements) Amendment Act 2002 No 14**

notified LR 23 May 2002 s 1, s 2 commenced 23 May 2002 (LA s 75) remainder commenced 24 May 2002 (s 2)

### **Duties (Insurance Exemptions) Amendment Act 2002 No 20**

notified LR 13 June 2002

s 1, s 2 commenced 13 June 2002 (LA s 75) remainder commenced 1 July 2002 (s 2 and see CN2002-6)

# **Duties Amendment Act 2003 A2003-1**

notified LR 3 March 2003

s 1, s 2 commenced 3 March 2003 (LA s 75 (1)) remainder commenced 4 March 2003 (s 2)

# Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2003 (No 2) A2003-29 pt 2

notified LR 30 June 2003

s 1, s 2 commenced 30 June 2003 (LA s 75 (1)) pt 2 commenced 1 July 2003 (s 2)

#### Statute Law Amendment Act 2003 A2003-41 sch 3 pt 3.8

notified LR 11 September 2003

s 1, s 2 commenced 11 September 2003 (LA s 75 (1)) sch 3 pt 3.8 commenced 9 October 2003 (s 2 (1))

# Sexuality Discrimination Legislation Amendment Act 2004 A2004-2 sch 1 pt 1.6

notified LR 18 February 2004

s 1, s 2 commenced 18 February 2004 (LA s 75 (1)) sch 1 pt 1.6 commenced 22 March 2004 (s 2 and CN2004-4)

# Construction Occupations Legislation Amendment Act 2004 A2004-13 sch 2 pt 2.8

notified LR 26 March 2004

s 1, s 2 commenced 26 March 2004 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 2 pt 2.8 commenced 1 September 2004 (s 2 and see Construction Occupations (Licensing) Act 2004 A2004-12, s 2 and CN2004-8)

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# **Criminal Code (Theft, Fraud, Bribery and Related Offences)** Amendment Act 2004 A2004-15 sch 2 pt 2.29

notified LR 26 March 2004 s 1, s 2 commenced 26 March 2004 (LA s 75 (1)) sch 2 pt 2.29 commenced 9 April 2004 (s 2 (1))

# Statute Law Amendment Act 2005 A2005-20 sch 3 pt 3.18

notified LR 12 May 2005

s 1, s 2 taken to have commenced 8 March 2005 (LA s 75 (2)) sch 3 pt 3.18 commenced 2 June 2005 (s 2 (1))

# Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2005 A2005-29 pt 2

notified LR 28 June 2005

s 1, s 2 commenced 28 June 2005 (LA s 75 (1)) pt 2 commenced 1 July 2005 (s 2 (1))

### Criminal Code Harmonisation Act 2005 A2005-54 sch 1 pt 1.18

notified LR 27 October 2005

s 1, s 2 commenced 27 October 2005 (LA s 75 (1)) sch 1 pt 1.18 commenced 24 November 2005 (s 2)

# **Duties Amendment Act 2006 A2006-13**

notified LR 6 April 2006 s 1, s 2 commenced 6 April 2006 (LA s 75 (1))

remainder commenced 1 July 2006 (s 2)

### Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2006 A2006-19 pt 2

notified LR 17 May 2006

s 1, s 2 commenced 17 May 2006 (LA s 75 (1)) pt 2 commenced 18 May 2006 (s 2 (3))

#### Civil Unions Act 2006 A2006-22 sch 1 pt 1.12

notified LR 19 May 2006

s 1, s 2 commenced 19 May 2006 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 1 pt 1.12 never commenced

Note Act repealed by disallowance 14 June 2006 (see Cwlth Gaz

2006 No S93)

#### Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2006 (No 2) A2006-32 pt 2

notified LR 30 August 2006

s 1, s 2 commenced 30 August 2006 (LA s 75 (1))

pt 2 commenced 31 August 2006 (s 2)

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### Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2006 (No 3) A2006-37 pt 2

notified LR 26 September 2006

s 1, s 2 commenced 26 September 2006 (LA s 75 (1))

Statute Law Amendment Act 2006 A2006-42 sch 3 pt 3.10

# pt 2 commenced 27 September 2006 (s 2)

notified LR 26 October 2006

s 1, s 2 taken to have commenced 12 November 2005 (LA s 75 (2)) sch 3 pt 3.10 commenced 16 November 2006 (s 2 (1))

# Duties Amendment Act 2006 (No 2) A2006-45

notified LR 28 November 2006

s 1, s 2 commenced 28 November 2006 (LA s 75 (1)) remainder commenced 29 November 2006 (s 2)

### Statute Law Amendment Act 2007 A2007-3 sch 3 pt 3.33

notified LR 22 March 2007

s 1, s 2 taken to have commenced 1 July 2006 (LA s 75 (2)) sch 3 pt 3.33 commenced 12 April 2007 (s 2 (1))

#### Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2007 A2007-21 pt 2

notified LR 19 June 2007

s 1, s 2 commenced 19 June 2007 (LA s 75 (1)) pt 2 commenced 20 June 2007 (s 2)

# Planning and Development (Consequential Amendments) Act 2007 A2007-25 sch 1 pt 1.9

notified LR 13 September 2007

s 1, s 2 commenced 13 September 2007 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 1 pt 1.9 commenced 31 March 2008 (s 2 and see Planning and Development Act 2007 A2007-24, s 2 and CN2008-1)

# **Duties Amendment Act 2007 A2007-38**

notified LR 4 December 2007

s 1, s 2 commenced 4 December 2007 (LA s 75 (1)) remainder commenced 5 December 2007 (s 2)

#### Civil Partnerships Act 2008 A2008-14 sch 1 pt 1.10

notified LR 15 May 2008

s 1, s 2 commenced 15 May 2008 (LA s 75 (1))

sch 1 pt 1.10 commenced 19 May 2008 (s 2 and CN2008-8)

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#### **Duties Amendment Act 2008 A2008-17**

notified LR 30 June 2008 s 1, s 2 commenced 30 June 2008 (LA s 75 (1)) s 4 commenced 1 July 2008 (s 2 (2)) remainder commenced 30 June 2008 (s 2 (1))

#### Statute Law Amendment Act 2008 A2008-28 sch 3 pt 3.23

notified LR 12 August 2008 s 1, s 2 commenced 12 August 2008 (LA s 75 (1)) sch 3 pt 3.23 commenced 26 August 2008 (s 2)

# Duties (Landholders) Amendment Act 2008 A2008-31

notified LR 18 August 2008 s 1, s 2 commenced 18 August 2008 (LA s 75 (1)) remainder commenced 1 September 2008 (s 2 and CN2008-12)

#### Duties Amendment Act 2008 (No 2) A2008-34

notified LR 2 September 2008 s 1, s 2 commenced 2 September 2008 (LA s 75 (1)) remainder commenced 3 September 2008 (s 2)

# ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Legislation Amendment Act 2008 (No 2) A2008-37 sch 1 pt 1.32

notified LR 4 September 2008 s 1, s 2 commenced 4 September 2008 (LA s 75 (1)) sch 1 pt 1.32 commenced 2 February 2009 (s 2 (1) and see ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2008 A2008-35, s 2 (1) and CN2009-2)

as modified by

#### **Duties (Transitional Provisions) Regulation 2008 SL2008-38 s 3**

notified LR 11 September 2008 s 1, s 2 commenced 11 September 2008 (LA s 75 (1)) s 3 commenced 12 September 2008 (s 2)

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#### Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2009 A2009-4 pt 2

notified LR 4 March 2009 s 1, s 2 commenced 4 March 2009 (LA s 75 (1)) pt 2 commenced 5 March 2009 (s 2)

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#### **Duties Amendment Act 2009 A2009-15**

notified LR 29 June 2009 s 1, s 2 commenced 29 June 2009 (LA s 75 (1)) remainder commenced 1 July 2009 (s 2)

# Road Transport (Third-Party Insurance) Amendment Act 2009 A2009-16 sch 3 pt 3.1

notified LR 30 June 2009 s 1, s 2 commenced 30 June 2009 (LA s 75 (1)) sch 3 pt 3.1 commenced 5 July 2009 (s 2)

# Statute Law Amendment Act 2009 A2009-20 sch 3 pt 3.24

notified LR 1 September 2009 s 1, s 2 commenced 1 September 2009 (LA s 75 (1)) sch 3 pt 3.24 commenced 22 September 2009 (s 2)

### Duties Amendment Act 2009 (No 2) A2009-45

notified LR 24 November 2009 s 1, s 2 commenced 24 November 2009 (LA s 75 (1)) s 19, s 20 awaiting commencement (s 2 (2)) remainder commenced 25 November 2009 (s 2 (1)) Note default commencement under LA s 79: 24 May 2010

# Statute Law Amendment Act 2009 (No 2) A2009-49 sch 3 pt 3.22

notified LR 26 November 2009

s 1, s 2 commenced 26 November 2009 (LA s 75 (1)) sch 3 pt 3.22 commenced 17 December 2009 (s 2)

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Name of Act

s 1 sub 2000 No 46 s 4

Commencement

s 2 om 2000 No 46 s 5

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s 2A ins 2000 No 34 s 4

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s 2B ins 2000 No 34 s 4

# Offences against Act—application of Criminal Code etc

s 2C ins A2005-54 amdt 1.98

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Territory not liable for payment of duty
                  defs reloc to dict 2000 No 34 s 5
                  om 2000 No 34 s 5
                  ins 2001 No 55 s 4
                  am A2006-42 amdt 3.55
                  sub A2009-45 s 4
                  def Australian Stock Exchange om 2000 No 34 s 5
                  def broker om 2000 No 34 s 5
                  def chess om 2000 No 34 s 5
                  def CUFS om 2000 No 34 s 5
                  def futures broker om 2000 No 34 s 5
                  def futures contract om 2000 No 34 s 5
                  def general insurer reloc to dict A2000-34 s 5
                  def identification code om 2000 No 34 s 5
                  def index trust om 2000 No 34 s 5
                  def instalment warrant om 2000 No 34 s 5
                  def IR om 2000 No 34 s 5
                  def marketable securities om 2000 No 34 s 5
                  def Motor Traffic Act om 1999 No 79 sch 3
                  def private company om 2000 No 34 s 5
                  def proper SCH transfer om 2000 No 34 s 5
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                  def registered independent options trader om 2000 No 34
                  def registered scheme reloc to dict A2000-34 s 5
                  def relevant interest om 2000 No 34 s 5
                  def relevant SCH participant om 2000 No 34 s 5
                  def SCH om 2000 No 34 s 5
                  def SCH business rules om 2000 No 34 s 5
                  def SCH participant om 2000 No 34 s 5
                  def SCH-regulated transfer om 2000 No 34 s 5
                  def SEATS om 2000 No 34 s 5
                  def transfer document om 2000 No 34 s 5
                  def transfer identifier for an SCH-regulated transfer
                    om 2000 No 34 s 5
                  def transfer value of marketable securities om 2000 No 34
                  def warrant om 2000 No 34 s 5
                  def warrant-issuer om 2000 No 34 s 5
Payment of duty equivalents by territory departments
s 4A
                  ins 2001 No 55 s 4
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def majority interest ins A2006-42 amdt 3.48
   om A2008-31 amdt 1.29
def majority shareholder reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
def managed investment scheme am 2001 No 40 s 15
def marriage ins 2002 No 14 s 15
def marketable securities ins 2001 No 34 s 23
   exp 30 June 2010 (s 75A)
def market value reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
def matrimonial property ins 2002 No 14 s 15
def mortgage reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
def motor vehicle am 1999 No 79 sch 3
   reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
def new motor vehicle sub 1999 No 79 sch 3
   reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
def non-commercial Commonwealth authority reloc from
s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
def paid ins A2006-42 amdt 3.48
def partner ins A2004-2 amdt 1.21
   am A2006-22 amdt 1.57 (A2006-22 rep before
    commenced by disallowance (see Cwlth Gaz 2006
def partnership interest am 2001 No 55 amdt 1.5
   sub A2006-13 s 16
def party ins 2002 No 14 s 16
def person ins A2006-42 amdt 3.48
   exp 30 June 2010 (s 75A)
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def personal relationship ins A2006-22 amdt 1.56 (A2006-22
 rep before commenced by disallowance (see Cwlth Gaz 2006
 No S93))
def person with a disability ins A2006-19 s 17
def pooled superannuation trust reloc from s 4 2000 No 34
def premium ins A2006-19 s 18
def private company ins 2001 No 34 s 23
   sub A2008-31 s 15
def private corporation reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
   om A2008-31 amdt 1.30
def private unit trust scheme sub A2008-31 s 15
def property transferred ins A2006-42 amdt 3.48
def public unit trust scheme am 2000 No 34 s 5
   reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
   am 2001 No 40 ss 16-18
   sub A2008-31 s 15
def receiving body ins A2006-42 amdt 3.48
   am A2008-28 amdt 3.84
def recognised stock exchange ins A2008-31 s 16
def registered ins A2008-31 s 31
def registered insurer reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
def registered scheme ins 2000 No 46 s 6
   reloc from s 4 A2000-34 s 5
   sub 2001 No 40 s 19
def related body corporate sub 2001 No 40 s 20
   reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
def related person am 2001 No 40 s 21
   reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
   am A200-4-2 amdt 1.22
def relationship property ins 2002 No 14 s 17
   am A2006-22 amdt 1.57 (A2006-22 rep before
    commenced by disallowance (see Cwlth Gaz 2006
    No S93))
def relevant acquisition ins A2006-42 amdt 3.48
   sub A2008-31 amdt 1.32
def relevant period ins A2008-31 s 33
def replica reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
def residential lease ins A2007-29 s 12
def responsible entity sub 2001 No 40 s 22
   reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
   sub A2008-31 amdt 1.34
def right reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
def rights alteration ins A2006-42 amdt 3.48
   exp 30 June 2010 (s 75A)
def scheme reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
def shares reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
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def significant interest ins A2008-31 s 35
def solicitor reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
   om A2006-42 amdt 3.49
def special hiring agreement reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
   exp 30 June 2007 (s 173A)
def spouse reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
   om A2004-2 amdt 1.23
def stamped ins A2006-37 s 16
def stock exchange ins 2000 No 34 s 23
   am 2001 No 44 amdt 1.1258
   om A2008-31 amdt 1.36
def subsidiary reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
   sub A2006-42 amdt 3.50
   om A2008-31 amdt 1.37
def Taxation Administration Act reloc from s 4 2000 No 34
 s 5
def tax avoidance scheme reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
def tenement reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
   om A2006-45 s 45
def territory company sub 2001 No 40 s 23
   reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
def third-party insurance ins A2006-19 s 18
def time ins A2006-42 amdt 3.51
def trading stock reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
   sub A2006-42 amdt 3.52
def transfer sub 2001 No 55 s 38; A2006-42 amdt 3.53
   am A2006-45 s 46; pars renum R22 LA
   sub A2008-31 amdt 1.38
def transferee ins A2006-42 amdt 3.54
def trustee am 2000 No 34 s 5
   reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
def unascertainable ins A2006-42 amdt 3.54
def unencumbered value reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
def unit reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
def unit trust scheme reloc to from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
def value of the lease ins 2001 No 55 s 39
   exp 30 June 2009 (s 150A)
def variation reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
   exp 30 June 2009 (s 150A)
def Vehicle Registration Act ins 1999 No 79 sch 3
   reloc from s 4 2000 No 34 s 5
   sub 2001 No 44 amdt 1.1259
def voluntary transfer ins A2006-42 amdt 3.54
   am A2008-28 amdt 3.84
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R42 Duties Act 1999 17/12/09 Effective: 17/12/09-15/03/10 def **voting share** ins A2006-42 amdt 3.54 exp 30 June 2010 (s 75A)

def *wholesale unit trust scheme* ins A2008-31 s 16 def *widely held trust* ins A2008-31 s 16

# 5 Earlier republications

Some earlier republications were not numbered. The number in column 1 refers to the publication order.

Since 12 September 2001 every authorised republication has been published in electronic pdf format on the ACT legislation register. A selection of authorised republications have also been published in printed format. These republications are marked with an asterisk (\*) in column 1. Electronic and printed versions of an authorised republication are identical.

Republication No and date	Effective	Last amendment made by	Republication for
R0A 13 Feb 2006	1 Mar 1999– 27 Feb 2000	-	new Act and retrospective amendments by A2002-6
R0B 13 Feb 2006	1 Mar 2000– 30 June 2000	A2000-5	amendments by A1999-79, SL2000-15, A2000-5 and A2000-46 and includes retrospective amendments by A2002-6
R0C 13 Feb 2006	6 July 2000– 27 Sept 2000	A2000-34	amendments by A2000-30 and A2000-34 and includes retrospective amendments by A2002-6

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Republication No and date	Effective	Last amendment made by	Republication for
R0D 13 Feb 2006	28 Sept 2000– 30 June 2001	A2000-46	amendments by A2000-46 and includes retrospective amendments by A2002-6
R1 17 Apr 2001	12 Sept 2001– 4 Oct 2001	A2001-55	amendments by A2000-80, A2001-22, A2001-40, A2001-55 and includes retrospective amendments by A2002-6
R2 17 Apr 2002	5 Oct 2001– 1 Mar 2002	A2001-55	amendments by A2001-17 and includes retrospective amendments by A2002-6
R3 (RI) 30 Sept 2016	2 Mar 2002– 31 Mar 2002	A2001-55	commenced expiry and includes retrospective amendments by A2002-6 reissue for correction to ch 13
			expiry
R4 (RI) 30 Sept 2016	1 Apr 2002– 16 Apr 2002	A2001-55	commenced expiry and includes retrospective amendments by A2002-6
			reissue for correction to ch 13 expiry

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Republication No and date	Effective	Last amendment made by	Republication for
R5 (RI) 30 Sept 2016	17 Apr 2002– 23 May 2002	A2002-6	amendments by A2002-6
			reissue for correction to ch 13 expiry
R6 (RI) 30 Sept 2016	24 May 2002– 30 June 2002	A2002-14	amendments by A2002-14
			reissue for correction to ch 13 expiry
R7 (RI) 30 Sept 2016	1 July 2002– 3 Mar 2003	A2002-20	amendments by A2002-20
			reissue for correction to ch 13 expiry
R8 (RI) 30 Sept 2016	4 Mar 2003– 30 June 2003	A2003-1	amendments by A2003-1
			reissue for correction to ch 13 expiry
R9 (RI) 30 Sept 2016	1 July 2003– 8 Oct 2003	A2003-29	amendments by A2003-29
			reissue for correction to ch 13 expiry
R10 (RI) 30 Sept 2016	9 Oct 2003– 21 Dec 2003	A2003-41	amendments by A2003-41
			reissue for correction to ch 13 expiry
R10A 30 Sept 2016	22 Dec 2003– 21 Mar 2004	A2003-41	expiry of transitional provisions (ch 13)
R11 22 Mar 2004	22 Mar 2004– 8 Apr 2004	A2004-2	amendments by A2004-2
R12 9 Apr 2004	9 Apr 2004– 31 Aug 2004	A2004-15	amendments by A2004-15

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Republication No and date	Effective	Last amendment made by	Republication for
R13	1 Sept 2004–	A2004-15	amendments by
1 Sept 2004	1 June 2005		A2004-13
R14	2 June 2005–	A2005-20	amendments by
2 June 2005	30 June 2005		A2005-20
R15	1 July 2005–	A2005-29	amendments by
1 July 2005	23 Nov 2005		A2005-29
R16	24 Nov 2005–	A2005-54	amendments by
24 Nov 2005	17 May 2006		A2005-54
R17	18 May 2006–	A2006-19	amendments by
18 May 2006	30 June 2006		A2006-19
R18	1 July 2006–	A2006-19	amendments by
1 July 2006	30 Aug 2006		A2006-13
R19	31 Aug 2006–	A2006-32	amendments by
31 Aug 2006	26 Sept 2006		A2006-32
R20	27 Sept 2006–	A2006-37	amendments by
27 Sept 2006	15 Nov 2006		A2006-37
R21	16 Nov 2006–	A2006-42	amendments by
16 Nov 2006	28 Nov 2006		A2006-42
R22*	29 Nov 2006–	A2006-45	amendments by
29 Nov 2006	11 Apr 2007		A2006-45
R23 12 Apr 2007	12 Apr 2007– 19 June 2007	A2007-3	amendments by A2007-3
R24	20 June 2007–	A2007-21	amendments by
20 June 2007	30 June 2007		A2007-21
R25 1 July 2007	1 July 2007– 2 Oct 2007	A2007-21	commenced expiry
R26	3 Oct 2007–	A2007-29	amendments by
3 Oct 2007	4 Dec 2007		A2007-29
R27	5 Dec 2007-	A2007-38	amendments by
5 Dec 2007	30 Mar 2008		A2007-38
R28	31 Mar 2008–	A2007-38	amendments by
31 Mar 2008	18 May 2008		A2007-25

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R29	19 May 2008–	A2008-14	amendments by
19 May 2008	29 June 2008		A2008-14
R30	30 June 2008–	A2008-17	amendments by
30 June 2008	30 June 2008		A2008-17
R31 1 July 2008	1 July 2008– 25 Aug 2008	A2008-17	amendments by A2008-17 and commenced expiry
R32	26 Aug 2008–	A2008-31	amendments by
26 Aug 2008	31 Aug 2008		A2008-28
R33	1 Sept 2008–	A2008-31	amendments by
1 Sept 2008	2 Sept 2008		A2008-31
R34	3 Sept 2008–	A2008-34	amendments by
3 Sept 2008	11 Sept 2008		A2008-34
R35 12 Sept 2008	12 Sept 2008– 1 Feb 2009	SL2008-38	modifications by SL2008-38
R36	2 Feb 2009–	SL2008-38	amendments by
2 Feb 2009	4 Mar 2009		A2008-37
R37	5 Mar 2009–	A2009-4	amendments by
5 Mar 2009	30 June 2009		A2009-4
R38 1 July 2009	1 July 2009– 4 July 2009	<u>A2009-16</u>	amendments by A2009-15 and commenced expiry
R39	5 July 2009–	A2009-16	amendments by
5 July 2009	21 Sept 2009		A2009-16
R40	22 Sept 2009–	A2009-20	amendments by
22 Sept 2009	24 Nov 2009		A2009-20
R41	25 Nov 2009–	<u>A2009-45</u>	amendments by
25 Nov 2009	16 Dec 2009		A2009-45

Note Republication 6 was published in printed format. It has been replaced with republication 6 (RI).

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# 6 Expired transitional or validating provisions

This Act may be affected by transitional or validating provisions that have expired. The expiry does not affect any continuing operation of the provisions (see *Legislation Act 2001*, s 88 (1)).

Expired provisions are removed from the republished law when the expiry takes effect and are listed in the amendment history using the abbreviation 'exp' followed by the date of the expiry.

To find the expired provisions see the version of this Act before the expiry took effect. The ACT legislation register has point-in-time versions of this Act.

# 7 Modifications of republished law with temporary effect

The following modifications have not been included in this republication:

# **Duties (Transitional Provisions) Regulation 2008 SL2008-38 s 3**

# 3 Transitional—modification of Act, ch 17, s 451 (2)

The Act, chapter 17 applies as if the following section were inserted:

# '451A Modification—Payroll Tax Act 1987

- (1) The Payroll Tax Act 1987 is modified as set out in the Duties (Transitional Provisions) Regulation 2008, schedule 1.
- (2) This section expires on the day the *Duties (Transitional Provisions)*Regulation 2008 expires.'

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#### 8 Uncommenced amendments

The following amendments have not been included in this republication because they were uncommenced at the republication date:

# Duties Amendment Act 2009 (No 2) A2009-45 s 19, s 20

# 19 Rate of duty Section 208 (2)

substitute

- (2) Duty payable on an application to register a motor vehicle is payable on the dutiable value of the vehicle at the determined rate if—
  - (a) the vehicle has a dutiable value of at least—
    - (i) \$45 000; or
    - (ii) if an amount is determined under the *Taxation Administration Act* 1999, section 139—the amount determined; and
  - (b) the vehicle is not any of the following:
    - (i) a motorcycle (with or without a sidecar);
    - (ii) a large bus (seating 10 or more people, including the driver);
    - (iii) a hearse;
    - (iv) an invalid conveyance;
    - (v) a caravan;
    - (vi) a trailer;
    - (vii) a vehicle with a gross vehicle mass more than 4.5t;
    - (viii) plant or equipment;

page 248 Duties Act 1999 R42 Effective: 17/12/09-15/03/10 17/12/09 (ix) a vehicle prescribed by regulation.

# Example—par (viii)

forklift

Note

An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see Legislation Act, s 126 and s 132).

# 20 Section 208 (3)

omit

for this section made under the Taxation Administration Act 1999, section 139

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of a determined rate for this section

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