

REVENEWS



Revenue Management Division Newsletter

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Kia Orana tatou katoatoa and welcome to Revenue Management's first edition of Revenews

Revenews will be a quarterly newsletter from the Revenue Management Division to provide regular updates that may affect our taxpaying community. Revenue Management is committed to working with our community to provide services and resources that will inform and educate you on current tax news and obligations. Revenews' aim is to make complying with your tax obligations easier.



Up and coming Seminars

Seminar Type	Date	Time	Venue
Income Tax Online	18th Oct 2016	12.30 pm	MFEM Conference Room
Employers—PAYE	27th Oct 2016	1.00 pm	MFEM Conference Room
Income Tax Online	10th Nov 2016	1.00 pm	MFEM Conference Room
Employers—PAYE	17th Nov 2016	1.00 pm	MFEM Conference Room

Seminar Registrations

How to Register

To register your interest in any of the seminars please contact Chiavanni via email on chiavanni.lemon@cookislands.gov.ck or phone her on 29365 extension 8227.

Tax Outreach Programme

Chiavanni Le'Mon is our Tax Advisory Officer, her job involves working with the community and local businesses, holding seminars to help our taxpayer community understand their tax obligations. If you would like to utilize our tax outreach services please feel free to contact Chiavanni on phone 29365 or email chiavanni.lemon@cookislands.gov.ck



Due Date Reminders

Tax Types	Period	Due date
PAYE, VAT and Withholding tax returns and payments are due:	Sep-16	20th Oct
	Oct-16	20th Nov
	Nov-16	20th Dec
	Dec-16	20th Jan
Income Tax Payment	2015	1st Nov
Provisional Tax	Dec-16	1st Dec

Our Vision

"We will act without fear or favour to collect revenue which pays for our Cook Islands way of life"

FRESH START

Campaign

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In March 2016 an incentive scheme was launched to help taxpayers pay off their tax debts faster. Reductions in additional tax owed by taxpayers are available to taxpayers who can either pay their outstanding tax debts in full immediately, or by instalment arrangement. The shorter the time it takes to pay the debt, the greater the tax reduction available. This incentive scheme is called the Fresh Start incentive.

We would just like to remind you not to miss out on this opportunity. If you have a tax debt and would like to remedy it, please come in and see one of our Debt & Return Collections team. You could be eligible for a remission on some of your debt. You may contact them on phone 29365 ext 8232, 8231 or 8228.

E-Tax online services

In November 2015 we launched our new online services where taxpayers can access their tax records and file VAT and PAYE returns online.



Since then we have upgraded our online services to allow you to file your Income Tax returns, Withholding Tax and PAYE reconciliations online.

This service is available to everyone free of charge and will provide convenient access to tax account records held with RMD where you can also file and pay your taxes online. We encourage you all to register for our free online services.

We are currently working on further enhancements to our online services and will be launching our email notification service in the next month which will initially send email notifications to you reminding you if you have any outstanding debt.

We hold regular seminars demonstrating this online facility to the public, so if you are interested please contact our Tax Advisory Officer.

Staff Movements

We have had a number of staff movements in the last 6 months.

We welcome Amanda Hutchings who has joined us as our new Tax Officer, she comes with a wealth of experience in financial accounting and we trust that she will be a great asset to our team. Amanda commenced her position on Monday 3rd October.

In addition, we soon will welcome a new Senior Tax Auditor to the team, Andrew Simmonds. Andrew brings with him experience from Inland Revenue New Zealand. He looks forward to making his contribution to the Cook Islands

It is with sadness that we bid farewell to Gina Pritchard and Roimata Wichman. We would like to wish Roimata all the best in her future endeavours as she continues to pursue her goals in the Treasury Division. Gina's inspirational and motivational words of advice will push us to always do our best. Your presence will be missed by all staff at the Revenue Management Division.



Roimata Wichman



Gina Pritchard

Fishing Project

If you're earning an income from your fishing activities and would like more information about



your tax obligations we will be providing more community education and seminars soon. Please contact Chiavanni for more information on how we can assist the fishing industry with your tax filing. Chiavanni can be contacted on 29365 ext 8227 or email: tax.info@cookislands.gov.ck



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