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ATO to disclose your tax debts to credit reporting agencies



During the pandemic, the ATO moved away from the debt collection of unpaid taxes and super to providing stimulus payments and assistance to businesses in order to help keep them afloat. However, **since July 2023**, the focus has reverted to "business-as-usual" debt collection. The ATO will no longer play nice and is determined to rein in all tax debt.

One of the ways the ATO will chase tax debt is by issuing **Notices of Intent to Disclose Business Tax Debts** to businesses with a tax debt of at least \$100,000 that is overdue by more than 90 days. These notices indicate that if the business does not pay its debt or enter into an appropriate payment arrangement within 28 days of the issue date of the notice, the ATO will disclose the tax debt to credit reporting agencies.

Such a disclosure can severely harm a business' credit rating, making it difficult to obtain bank or other finance, and will be a deterrent to suppliers to engage with the business.

The ATO expects more than **50,000** notices of intent will be issued during the 2023-24 financial year. During Sept/Oct 2023 alone, more than 9,000 businesses will have their tax debts disclosed.

If your business is at risk of receiving a notice of intent from the ATO, the best thing you can do is get in touch with them ASAP. The ATO Commissioner, Jillian Kitto says:

*'We want to work with businesses to help them get on top of their debts. Anyone with a debt is encouraged to reach out to us as soon as possible, We give businesses ample opportunity to re-engage with us. However, those who show **continued and ongoing disregard** for their tax and super obligations will have their debts disclosed. While we do not take disclosures lightly, consequences will apply to businesses who refuse to pay or engage with us.'*

So there you have it, contact the ATO ASAP if your business is experiencing difficulty paying its tax debt, otherwise, there will be consequences to face!

In Other Bookkeeping_BAS News...

Our Key Dates Page has been Updated for Q2 2023-24 - [see here for important due dates.](#)

[Can I Claim the GST on That](#) page updated: Some new items have been added to this list including reimbursements to employees, motor vehicle sales and purchases, and export of goods for consumption and use outside of Australia.

Super Due Date: You must ensure that super guarantee contributions for Q1 2023-24 have reached super funds by **28th October**. This means that you need to make the payment at least a week or more before this date. If you fail to do this, you need to pay the super guarantee charge. [See more details here via the ATO.](#)

Next BAS due date: the next quarterly BAS for the period **July to September 2023**, is due by **30th October** if you have elected to lodge by paper and are not an active STP reporter, **13th November** if you lodge electronically or **27th November** if your BAS or Tax Agent lodges on your behalf.

Latest Articles



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Learn how to set up MyGovID on a new device or if you want to set it up on multiple devices.



Upcoming Changes to Workplace Laws

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What NOT to include in Payslips for Paid Family & Domestic Violence Leave

Something important to call out in relation to paying this leave is the information that is **prohibited** from being included on the employee's payslip.



Xero Tips & Tricks

Here is my list of useful tips and tricks that I use when wrangling Xero. I'll try to keep adding new tips etc as I discover them. I hope you find them useful.

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