

Tax Alert

Not-for-Profit: New reporting requirements for self-assessing income tax exempt entities

At a glance

- Non-charitable NFPs are required to lodge an annual NFP self-review return to affirm their income tax exempt status from 1 July 2024.
- The law has not changed but reporting obligations have.
- It is time to confirm and document your annual self-review.
- How EY can help.

From 1 July 2024 there is a new requirement to lodge an annual Not-for-Profit (NFP) self-review return. This captures NFP entities that self-assess as income tax exempt.

What is new?

NFP entities that self-assess as income tax exempt have always been required to review their entitlement to be income tax exempt. However, there is now a requirement to lodge an annual return with the Australian Taxation Office ('ATO") confirming eligibility.

The return will include:

- Organisational details including estimating the gross revenue range
- Questions to test eligibility.

This applies to NFP entities that are self assessing as income tax exempt but does not apply to registered charities, certain government entities and taxable NFPs.

How do I lodge?

The NFP self-review return can be lodged online using the ATO's "Online Services for business" or a registered tax agent can lodge using the "Online services for agents".

There will be an interim telephone lodgment option available for smaller NFPs.

What should I do now?

For those entities that have not recently undertaken a self-review, we recommend that the organisation prepares documentation outlining compliance with Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. This will require consideration of the organisation's constitution, activities, and expenditure, as well as relevant ATO rulings and judicial precedent. Our NFP tax team are able to assist with this process. Administrative steps include confirming Australian Business Number contact details are up to date and applying for a Substituted Accounting Period if a year-end other

than 30 June is relevant for your organisation.

When is the first lodgment due?

Lodgement of the first self-review for the 2023-24 income year is required between 1 July 2024 and 31 October 2024.

What happens if I don't lodge?

Income tax exemption is dependent on lodgment and therefore failure to lodge the self-review can result in the entity no longer being income tax exempt. Penalties may also apply for late lodgment, subject to ATO transitional support arrangements.

How EY can help

EY can help you understand your obligations and assist with any actions required.

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