

South Australian Government Stimulus Measure: Land Tax Relief

What is the stimulus/relief?

Businesses and individuals with outstanding South Australian land tax for 2019/20 can defer their quarterly payments for up to six months.

From 2020-21 the Land Tax Transition Fund relief, that was introduced as part of the recent significant land tax reform, will be increased from 50% to 100%.

What is aimed to do?

This measure is designed to support South Australians through the coronavirus pandemic by providing cash flow relief.

Who is eligible?

Businesses and individuals currently paying land tax quarterly will be able to defer their third and fourth quarter instalments for up to six months.

How do I get it?

There is no need to apply for the deferral, it will be applied automatically. Quarterly land tax notices will be issued as normal with details on how the deferral will operate.

Who should use this stimulus / other considerations?

This stimulus measure will not provide any assistance for those who have already paid their land tax in full.

The Land Tax Transition Fund relief is transitional relief for taxpayers with land tax greater than \$2,500, who have had an increase in their land tax assessment as a result of the changes in aggregation of land owned. However, the relief does not apply to increases in relation to trust surcharge amounts.

Previously the relief was calculated as 50% of the increase in the land tax assessment in 2020-21, the relief has now increased to be equal to 100% of the increase.

Taxpayers with an increase above \$102,500 are not eligible for any relief.

More Info: <http://www.revenuesa.sa.gov.au/grants-and-concessions/covid19-relief>

Closing comment

The government is moving quickly and things are changing daily with regards to the response to COVID-19. The above information is current as of 23 March 2020. Should you have any queries regarding this measure or any Government measure announced in relation to COVID-19, please contact your Brentnalls Tax Specialist.