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# *Year-end tax planning*

What you need to know for 30 June 2023

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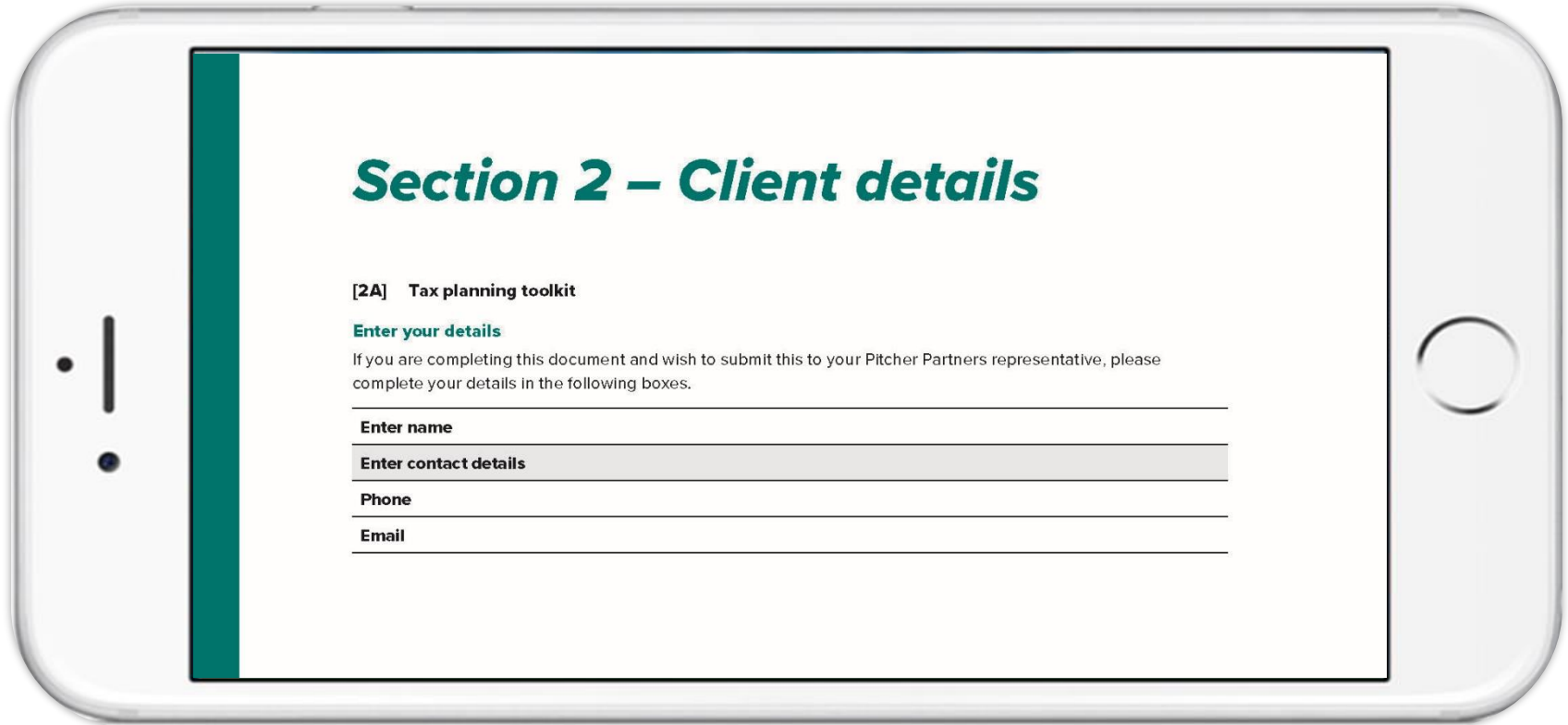
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## ***Our guide to tax planning***



**Section 2 – Client details**

**[2A] Tax planning toolkit**

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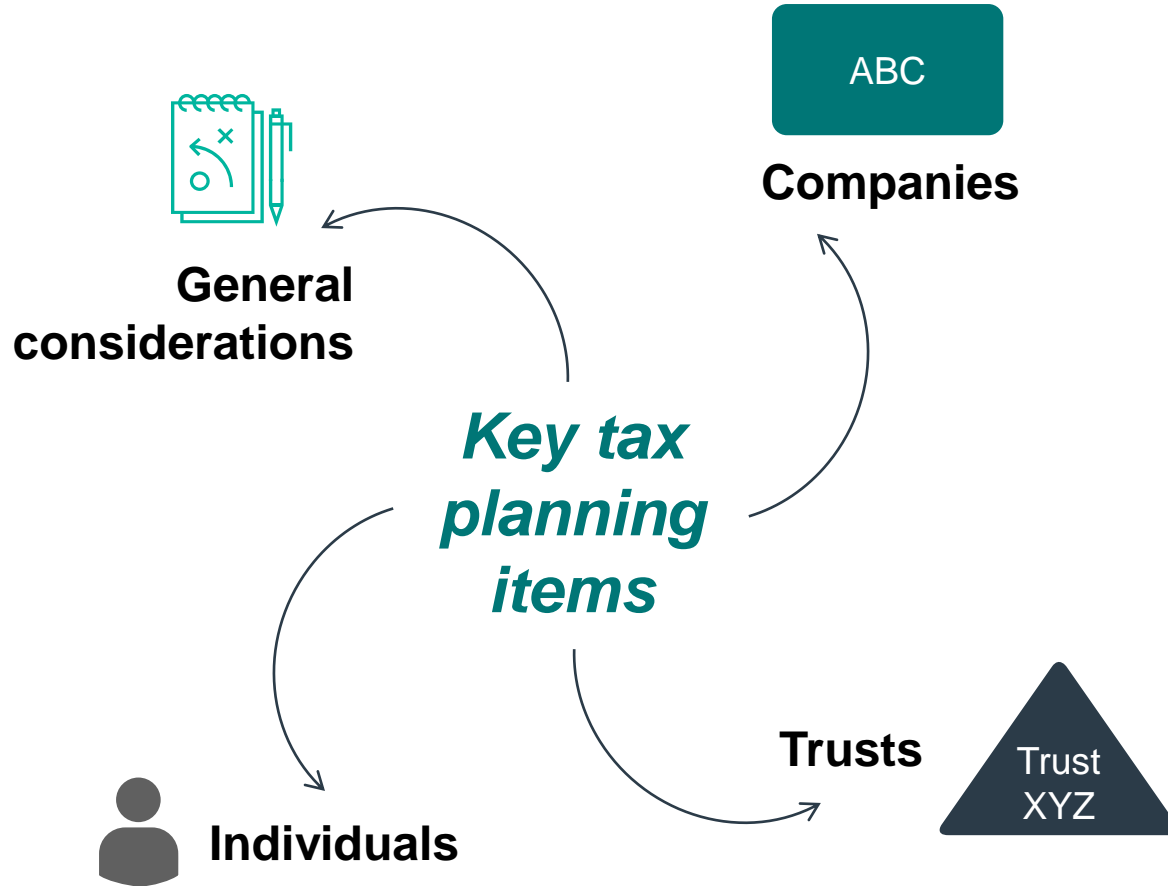
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## *General considerations*

# *Complete review of standard year end items*

➔ Timing of income & deductions

➔ Review large transactions

➔ Prepaying expenses

➔ Bad debt write-offs

➔ Trading stock elections

➔ Bonuses and accruals

➔ Gifts and donations

➔ Tax losses



# ***Individuals***

## *Year end tax planning considerations*



# Individuals

## Tax rates and thresholds

Rate	2022-23	2023-24
<b>Nil</b>	\$0 – \$18,200	\$0 – \$18,200
<b>19%</b>	\$18,201 – \$45,000	\$18,201 – \$45,000
<b>32.5%</b>	\$45,001 – \$120,000	\$45,001 – \$120,000
<b>37%</b>	\$120,001 – \$180,000	\$120,001 – \$180,000
<b>45%</b>	\$180,001 and over	\$180,001 and over
<b>Low income tax offset</b>	Up to \$700	Up to \$700

Rates exclude the Medicare Levy

# Individuals

## Value of franking credits (residents) for 2023

Tax rate	30%	25%
Dividend	116,145	75,260
Gross up	49,777	25,086
<b>Gross income</b>	<b>165,922</b>	<b>100,347</b>
Marginal tax	46,458	23,080
MCL	3,318	2,077
Franking credit	(49,777)	(25,086.83)
<b>Additional tax</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>

# Individuals

## Other items of interest



### Working from home expenses for FY22-23

**67 cents per hour**

Fixed rate plus depreciation of equipment and furniture



### Superannuation

Maximising concessional contributions **\$27,500 cap**

Catchup concessional contributions

Non-concessional contributions cap **\$110,000**



### HECS / HELP debts

Increasing by a factor of 7.1% from 1 June 2023

Consider voluntary repayments

***SG rate increases to 11% from 1 July 2023***

# Individuals

## Downsizer contributions

From 1 July 2022 for individuals over 60



<b>Proceeds from selling their home</b>	Maximum \$300,000 – each spouse (\$600,000 per couple)
<b>Ownership duration</b>	The individual (or their spouse) must have owned the home for at least 10 years
<b>CGT main residence exemption</b>	Eligible for a full or part or would be if acquired pre-19 September 1985
<b>Other requirement</b>	Contribution made within 90 days (or such further period as the ATO allows) of the <b>date of settlement</b> of the sale

From 1 Jan 2023 for individuals over **55**

## *ATO focus areas for individuals*



**Work related expenses**  
is greater than industry and  
occupational average



**Non-commercial  
rental income**  
from holiday homes



**Rental property  
deductions**



**Interest deductions**  
from private proportion  
of loans



**Data matching**  
including cryptocurrency  
transactions and transfers  
of units and shares



**GST registrations**  
when not carrying on  
a business



# ***Trusts***

*Year end tax planning considerations*


# Trusts

## *Year end trust distributions and resolutions*

- 1 ▶ Consider the trust deed and constitution of corporate trustee ✓
- 2 ▶ Definition of income ✓
- 3 ▶ Nomination of beneficiaries ✓
- 4 ▶ Review family and interposed entity elections ✓
- 5 ▶ Trust streaming requirements for franked dividends and capital gains ✓
- 6 ▶ Evidencing your trust resolutions are made in time ✓
- 7 ▶ Focus on intention and ensure consistent with deed ✓
- 8 ▶ Obtaining TFNs from beneficiaries before the distribution ✓
- 9 ▶ Take care on proposed distributions to loss entities ✓

Consider *Owies vs JJE Nominees Pty Ltd* [2022] VSCA 142

# ATO guidance

 Australian Government  
Australian Taxation Office

Taxation Ruling  
**TR 2022/4**

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Status: **legally binding**

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**Taxation Ruling**  
Income tax: section 100A reimbursement agreements

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**❶ Relying on this Ruling**  
This publication (excluding appendixes) is a public ruling for the purposes of the *Taxation*

 Australian Government  
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Practical Compliance Guideline  
**PCG 2022/2**

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**Practical Compliance Guideline**  
Section 100A reimbursement agreements – ATO compliance approach

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**❶ Relying on this Guideline**  
This Practical Compliance Guideline sets out a practical administration approach to assist taxpayers

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Australian Taxation Office


Taxpayer Alert  
**TA 2022/1**

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**Taxpayer Alert**  
Parents benefitting from the trust entitlements of their children over 18 years of age

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**❶ About Taxpayer Alerts**  
A taxpayer alert is a public statement of the ATO's view on a tax issue.

 Australian Government  
Australian Taxation Office

Taxation Determination  
**TD 2022/11**

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**Taxation Determination**  
Income tax: Division 7A: when will an unpaid present entitlement or amount held on sub-trust become the provision of 'financial accommodation'?

On **23 February 2022**, the ATO released a package of advice and guidance products on the application of section 100A and Division 7A

Compliance approach

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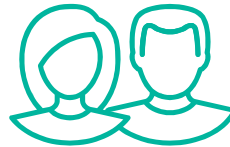
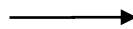
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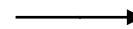
**Section 100A is designed to capture distributions to lower taxed beneficiaries where the benefit is enjoyed by another person**



**If section 100A applies**



**Beneficiary is not presently entitled to the relevant part of the income**



**Section 99A assessment to the trustee**



**Note that an unlimited period of review applies in respect of section 100A**

# Section 100A

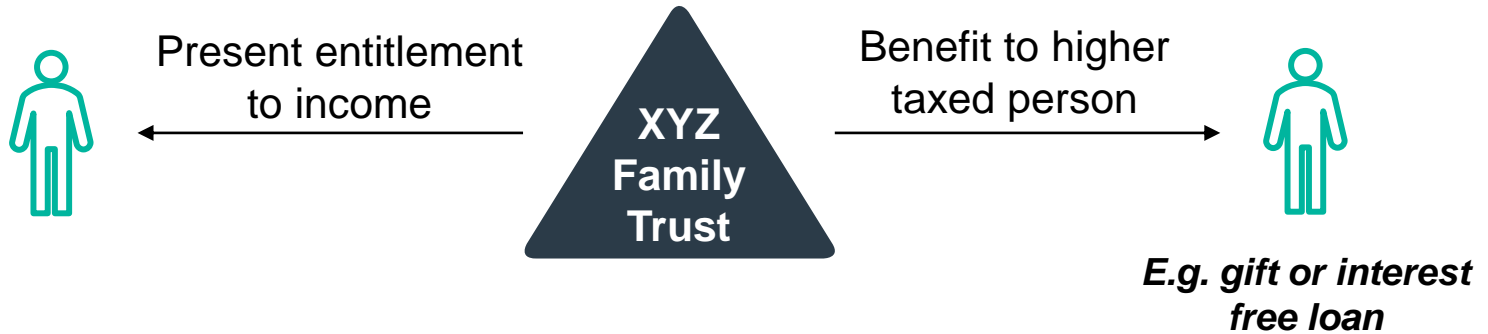
## PCG 2022/2 – a qualitative risk assessment framework

White	Green	Red
<p><b>DESCRIPTION</b></p> <p>Pre 1 July 2014 arrangements unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• outside Green Zone and continuing arrangement;</li></ul> <p><b>or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• otherwise under review for that year</li></ul> <p><b>COMPLIANCE ACTIVITY</b></p> <p>None</p>	<p><b>DESCRIPTION</b></p> <p>Arrangements that resemble one of four scenarios, with no additional features</p> <p><b>COMPLIANCE ACTIVITY</b></p> <p>Only to confirm categorisation</p>	<p><b>DESCRIPTION</b></p> <p>Arrangements that resemble one of six scenarios</p> <p><b>COMPLIANCE ACTIVITY</b></p> <p>Will consider applying s 100A as high priority</p>

**Pre 1 July 2022** entitlements can rely on ATO “factsheet” where more favourable to taxpayer

# Trusts

## Reimbursement agreement (section 100A)



**PCG 2022/2** This may be a **Red Zone** arrangement

# Key themes arising out of ATO products

## Section 100A



**Distribution to family members**



**Trustee retention of funds**

UPEs and loans back



**Distributions to loss entities**



**Artificial or contrived arrangements**

Exploitation of accounting vs tax differences

Circular flow of funds

Expenses of minors repaid

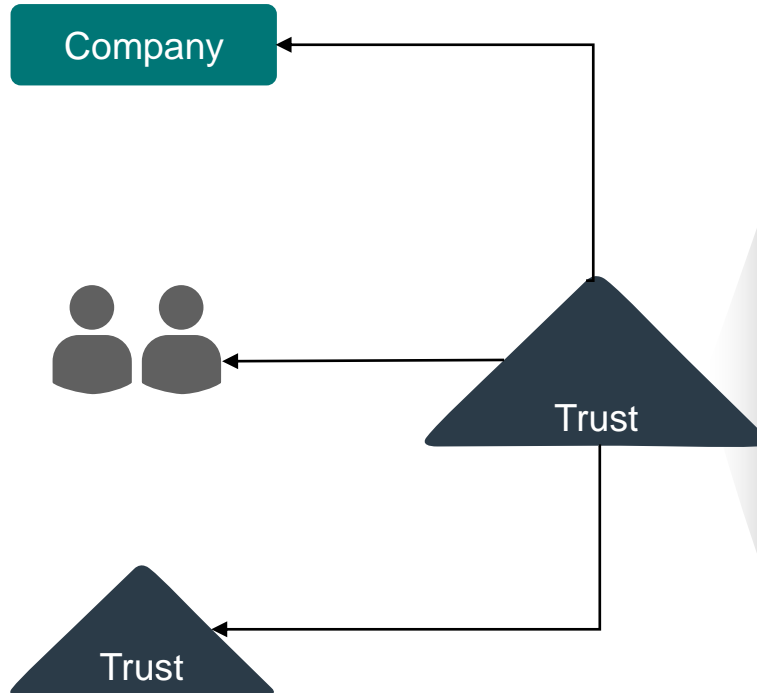
# Section 100A

## Green zone – Trustee retention of funds

**SCENARIO 3B**  
Must be controlled by controller of trust and UPE on commercial terms

**SCENARIO 3A**  
Individual (or spouse) must control the trust or manage the trust's business

**SCENARIO 3B**  
Within the same "family group" and UPE or loan on commercial terms



### Use of funds

- Working capital
- Investment asset or
- Commercial terms (eg s109N loans) for companies and trusts

Cannot benefit associate in other ways

e.g. non-commercial use of property

**Arrangements are excluded from green zone if they have certain listed features**

# Key takeaways

for section 100A



**Entitlements paid to beneficiary and used for own benefit**



**Dealing with UPEs**  
Consider whether retention of funds by trustee in accordance with guidelines



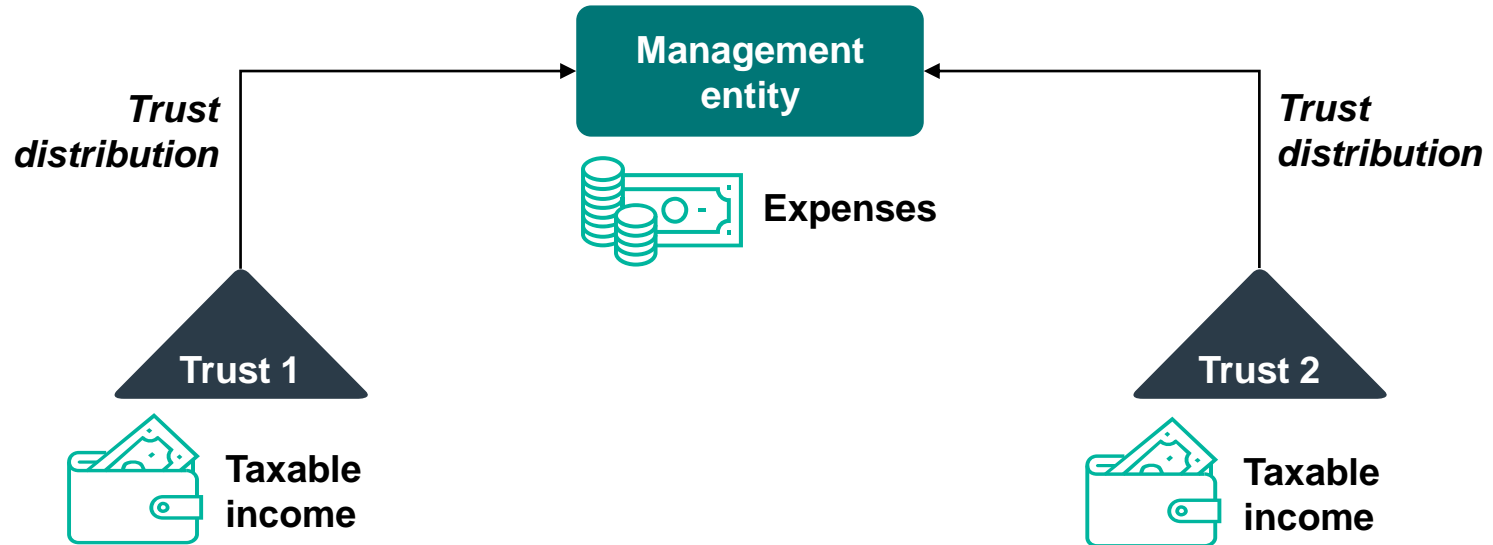
**Review historic arrangements and consider risk classification**



**Appropriate record keeping and evidence**  
Document family dealings and commercial objectives

# Trusts

## Discretionary trust distributions and deductions



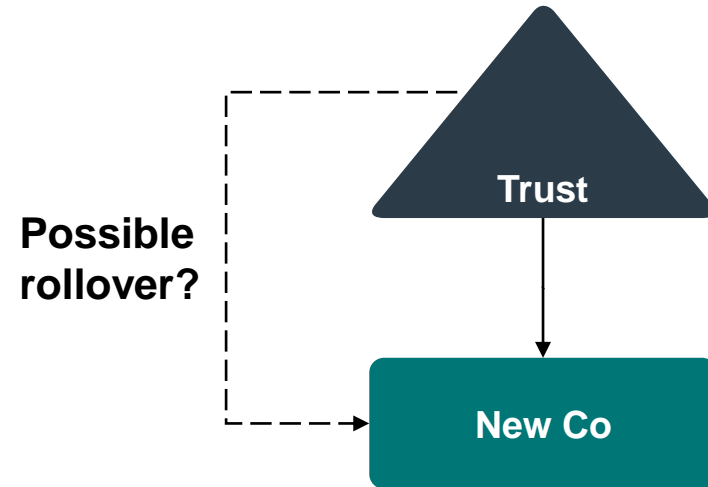
**TD 2018/9 and Chadbourne [2020] AATA 2441**

# Trusts

***Consider restructuring from a trust to a company for new year***

## May provide

- Lower tax rate
- Simpler Division 7A
- Reduced risk of section 100A
- CGT concessions on sale of shares



## Other considerations

**GST  
going concern**

**Stamp  
duty**

**Funding**

**Contractual  
arrangements**





# ***Companies***

*Year end tax planning considerations*

# Division 7A

## General compliance before year end

- |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | ▶ | Benchmark interest rate for 30 June 2023 year repayments – 4.77%            | ✓ |
| 2 | ▶ | Identify all inter company transactions (loans, payments, debt forgiveness) | ✓ |
| 3 | ▶ | Loan documents are in place   | ✓ |
| 4 | ▶ | Investment agreements are in place  | ? |
| 5 | ▶ | Current year minimum yearly repayments paid                                 | ✓ |
| 6 | ▶ | Franked dividends have been declared  | ✓ |
| 7 | ▶ | Ensure re-borrowings do not occur (even through interposed entities)        | ✓ |
| 8 | ▶ | Ensure transactions through interposed entities considered                  | ✓ |

**Div 7A interest rate to increase significantly from 1 July 2023**



Status: legally binding

## Taxation Determination

Income tax: Division 7A: when will an unpaid present entitlement or amount held on sub-trust become the provision of ‘financial accommodation’?

## Unpaid present entitlements

From **1 July 2022**, a private company that has an unpaid present entitlement (UPE) will be taken, under the Commissioner’s ruling, to provide **financial accommodation** to **anyone the company allows to have access to the amount** to which they are entitled

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# Division 7A

## PCG 2017/13

Until 30 June 2022, PCG allowed UPE to be put on sub-trust and then refinance with a Division 7A loan on maturity

Allows up to 18 years to fully pay distribution to corporate beneficiary



**7 / 10 year  
interest-only arrangements**



**Interest rates for year  
ending 30 June 2023**

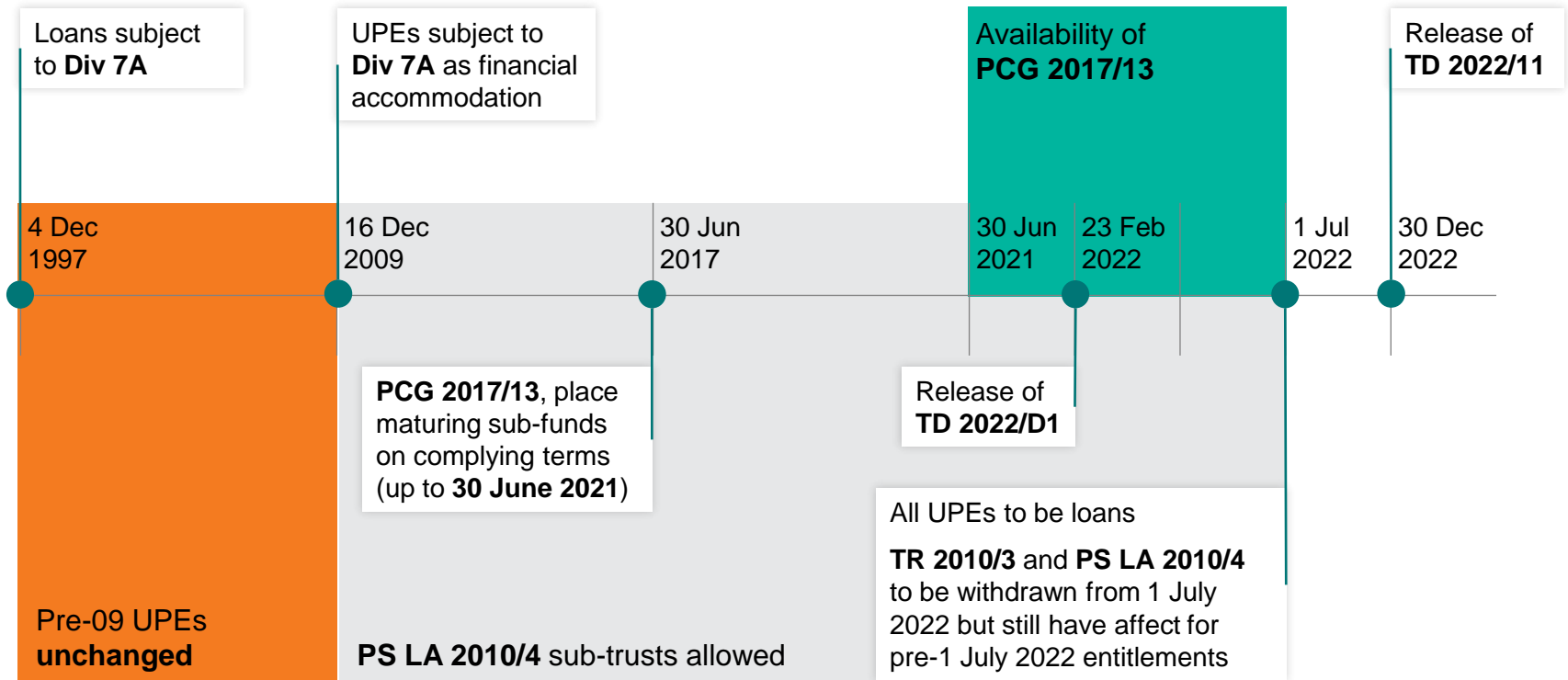
Option 1 (7-year) – 4.77%

Option 2 (10-year) – 6.82%

**Interest rates to increase 1 July 2023**

# Division 7A

## Change in treatment of UPEs



# Temporary full expensing

## Thresholds – cost at year-end

First used or installed ready for use for a tax purpose by	Small business entity (SBE) < \$10m aggregated turnover	Companies and other business entities < \$5b aggregated turnover
2021-22	No limit	No limit <sup>#</sup>
2022-23	No limit	No limit <sup>#</sup>
<b>1 July 2023 onwards</b>	\$20,000	No longer applicable

### # Watch outs

Second hand assets excluded where aggregated turnover >\$50m

Exclusion where balancing adjustment event occurs

**Entities not using simplified depreciation may make an irrevocable choice to opt-out of TFE on an asset-by-asset basis**

**TFE replaced by IAWO from 1 July 2023**

# Companies

## ***Extension of temporary loss carry-back***

Loss carry back measures **cease** from 1 July 2023



<b>Who's eligible?</b>	Corporate tax entities < \$5b turnover
<b>Which losses?</b>	2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 income years
<b>Carry back years</b>	Previously taxed profits in 2018-19 or later income years
<b>Other requirements</b>	Limited by franking account balance at end of claim year

**Carry back choice can be amended (subject to time limits)**

# Company tax and franking rates


## 2022-23 and later years

	Company tax rate	Franking rate
Default rate	30%	30%
Reduced rate	25%	25%
Criteria for reduced rate	Aggregated turnover for <b>CY &lt; \$50M</b>  Passive income for <b>CY ≤ 80%</b>	Aggregated turnover for <b>PY &lt; \$50M</b>  Passive income for <b>PY ≤ 80%</b>
First year rate		25%



## *ATO focus areas for companies*

**Private companies**  Private use of business assets, Division 7A

**Tax consolidation**  Incorrect application of cost-setting rules, membership and loss utilisation

**International transactions**  Failure to report or incorrect reporting

**Lower company tax rate**  Artificial arrangements implemented to access

**TFE and loss carry back**  Consideration of eligibility

# Q&A



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