

June 2019 Newsletter

6 WAYS THE NZBN WILL SAVE YOU TIME AND MONEY

Whatever the size or shape of your business, the New Zealand Business Number (NZBN) will make doing business easier, faster and more professional.

Here's how:

- Search the NZBN Register and you'll have details for all the businesses you deal with at your fingertips.
- Know your suppliers' NZBNs and process and pay their accounts more quickly.
- Using your NZBN means you won't have to repeat your key details to customers and suppliers.
- It pre-populates online forms with your information to save time.
- Always deliver goods to the right place by getting alerts when your customers change their physical address.

More than 675,000 Kiwi businesses have their NZBN, do you? Head to <https://www.nzbn.govt.nz/>

EMAILING INVOICES

In a move to reduce our environmental footprint we are moving to email invoices, statements and tax notices to our clients.

If this is an option you would like to use please email us preferably from the email address you want us to use. If you want to use a certain email address for your invoices/statement and another for your tax notices that is fine please just list in your email how you wish them to be emailed out.

Unless we are notified we will continue to mail as usual but if emailing is an option for you please contact us ASAP hcmail@hcpartners.co.nz

CONDUCTING R & D? CASH IN!

Are you conducting research and development on home turf? You could be eligible for a tax credit of 15% on eligible R&D expenditure. The Government have introduced legislation bringing in a new R&D tax credit effective from the 2019/20 income tax year (1 April 2019 for most taxpayers) to encourage more Kiwi businesses to invest in new or improved processes, services or goods. It means innovative companies can receive a tax credit and maybe then have a bit of extra cash to help grow their business when they need it most.

So, who can get the tax credit, and who can't?

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE IF YOUR R&D ACTIVITY:

- Has a goal to create new knowledge, or new or improved processes, services or goods; and
- Uses a systematic approach to resolve scientific or technological uncertainty, and
- Is new on a worldwide basis, not just new to your business or New Zealand, and
- You spend more than \$50,000 on R&D

YOU'RE NOT ELIGIBLE IF:

- The knowledge required to resolve the scientific or technological uncertainty is not publicly available and cannot be worked out by a competent professional in that field with a systematic process
- You performed the R&D on contract for other parties, received a Callaghan Growth Grant in the same tax year, are associated with/controlled by a Crown Research Institute, DHB, or tertiary education organisation.
- Your research was conducted in the social sciences, humanities, arts or investigating the market for your product or service
- Someone has already successfully done what you are trying to do. You must be able to show that you searched for an existing solution before you started your R&D.

Could this apply to you? Make sure you have clear, accurate information about the project's content, scope and costs involved (including appropriate apportionment of overheads). You can't create the documentation at the end of tax year. It needs to be done as the R&D is progressed. Clearly record your R&D expenditure as it is incurred so it's easily identifiable. The documentation requirements are detailed so it is important to do this correctly. Unsure if you're eligible? Call us to talk about your R&D project.

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ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH PAYROLL?

Then let our experts manage your payroll for you.

“We make Payroll easy”

Recent Inland Revenue changes and new employment legislation can be a challenge for any business.

If you are struggling with PayDay filing as well as running a payroll,

then why not contact us?

We offer the very latest cloud-based Payroll solution.

Let us take away the stress of paying your employee's for you, allowing you to spend more time growing your business.

So why wait, contact us today!

Your initial 1st hour consultation is free!

Contact Adrian on 03 687 9222

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Own residential property?

Take note!

In an effort to level the playing field between property investors and home buyers, a new law ring-fencing rental losses looks set to come into effect on 1 April 2019. It means you'll no longer be able to offset tax losses from your residential properties against other income (e.g. salary or wages, or business income).

However, the losses will be able to be used in the future when the properties are making profits, or if you are taxed on the sale of land. Need more information? Give us a call.



ACC and Student Loan rate changes from 1 April:

- The Student Loan Scheme annual repayment threshold increases from \$19,448 to \$19,760.
- Average ACC Work levies paid by employers and self-employed people will decrease from 72 cents to 67 cents per \$100 of liable earnings. The Earners levies paid through PAYE (or invoiced directly through ACC for self-employed people) remain at \$1.21 per \$100 of liable earnings.



KEY TAX DATES - JUNE 2019

Date	Category	Description
5 June	PAYE	Large employers' payment due. File employment information within two working days after payday.
20 June	PAYE	Small and large employers' payment due. File employment information within two working days after payday.
20 June	RWT	RWT return and payment due for deductions from dividends and deductions of \$500 or more from interest paid during May.
20 June	NRWT / Approved Issuer Levy	Payment and return for May.
28 June	GST	Payment and return for May.

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