

Newsletter, December 2021

Practice Update

As at the end of October, we had most of our outstanding 2020 tax lodgements done (it took us until March to get to the same place with 2019 tax lodgements so we're five months ahead of that!). In the previous year, the JobKeeper extension was going from October to April so that additional workload has now gone.

We were recently slowed down by the July lockdown, NSW JobSaver (which finished at the start of this month) and other related covid issues. We're cautiously optimistic that our workload is returning to normal and we'll get be back in front.

We would like to thank everyone for both their support and patience. We would also like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year and we hope that everyone enjoys a normal summer break and gets to spend more time with their families.



Director ID's

From 1 November 2021, an individual who is appointed as a company director for the first time will need to apply for a Director ID within 28 days of appointment. From 5 April 2022, applications need to be made before being appointed as a director.

Existing company directors have until 30 November 2022 to apply for a Director ID.

Each individual director must apply for their own Director ID with a three-step process:

Step 1: Setup myGovID: <https://www.mygovid.gov.au/>

Step 2: Gather your documents: TFN, residential address and two documents to verify your identity.

Step 3: Complete your application: <https://www.abrs.gov.au/director-identification-number/apply-director-identification-number>

Failure to comply with these new Director ID requirements may result in both civil and criminal penalties. The onus to obtain a Director ID is on the director and not the company. At this stage, Director ID's are not recorded with ASIC or the ATO. Directors ID's will initially be private unsearchable numbers (public visibility is being considered by Treasury & the ATO).

Companies can still be incorporated without Director ID's. Companies are expected to be migrated from ASIC to ABR systems from September 2023 where data matching will link directors to companies (the ABR system will also be migrated to ABRs and retired).

Lodgement Dates

The end of the December quarter may easily be forgotten over the Christmas period so you should be aware of the following dates:

- 28 January 2022 December quarter superannuation payment due
- 28 February 2022 December quarter BAS due

Did you know that if your Tax Agent lodges your quarterly BAS electronically, you get a four week electronic lodgement and payment concession? This isn't available for the December BAS as the normal due date is extended by four weeks after the Christmas period for everyone.

Kind regards,
Nick

