

Individual Questionnaire – 31 March 2017

Ensure this questionnaire is completed and included with your records

Client Name		Phone:	
		Mobile:	
		Email:	

To: Williamson & Co Chartered Accountants Limited

Terms of Engagement

I/We hereby instruct you to prepare my/our Financial Statements and Taxation Returns for the year ending 31 March 2018. I/We undertake to supply all information necessary to carry out such services, and will be responsible for the accuracy and completeness of such information. I/We understand that you will rely upon the information provided by me/us. Your services are not intended to, and accordingly will not result in the expression by you of an opinion on the Financial Statements in so far as third parties are concerned, or in the fulfilling of any statutory audit requirements. I/We understand that during preparation of the Financial Statements and Taxation Returns you will not be specifically investigating non-compliance with laws and regulations – however, should anything come to light of this nature during this process, you will bring that to my/our attention.

I/We understand that the Financial Statements and Taxation Returns are prepared for my/our own use and to determine my/our taxation liabilities. If this should change in any material respect, I/we will inform you immediately. You will not accept any responsibility to any person, other than me/us, for the contents of the Financial Statements.

All other terms and conditions of this engagement are the same as those referred to in the original Engagement Letter I/we signed when I/we became a client.

You are hereby authorised to communicate with my/our bankers, solicitors, finance companies and all government agencies to obtain such information as you require in order to complete the above assignments. I/we authorise you to obtain information from Inland Revenue about all tax types except child support (NCP or CPR) in order to complete the above assignments. This includes obtaining information through all Inland Revenue media and communication channels.

You are to represent me/us as my/our tax agent. A copy of all tax returns will be signed by me/us however you are authorised to file all taxation returns on behalf of myself/ourselves or any of my/our associated entities with the Inland Revenue Department prior to the signed copies being returned to this office for update of the records.

Name	IRD Number	Title	Signature	Date

Have any of your details above changed?	
Postal address _____	
Physical address _____	
Email: _____	
Telephone Bus: _____ Mobile: _____	
Convenient time to call you is:	
When do you want your accounts completed by?	
Would you like us to supply a copy to your bank?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (Tick One)
If your accounts are to be supplied to your bank, please advise the name of your current bank manager and branch:	
Name and address of your Solicitor:	
Have you recently formed a Trust?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (Tick One)
Please provide details of your Trust including the Trust Deed.	
Has the nature of your business changed in any way during the past 12 months? If yes, please provide brief details: _____	

Records Required	✓	Comments
Wages/National Superannuation/Benefits		
Please provide us with the names of any organisations you have received the following from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wages ▪ ACC payments ▪ National Superannuation ▪ Any other benefits In most cases IRD will have sent us these details direct, however we do need to check all details have been included.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Student Loan		
Do you have a student loan? If so, please provide your latest statement from IRD	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Interest and Dividends		
Please supply the advice slips. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For interest received, you should have an annual advice notice showing the withholding tax deducted. This may be on the bottom of your bank statement dated 31 March ▪ If any dividends are taken as bonus shares, also include these advice slips 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Rental and Leased Property		
Please complete attached rental questionnaire	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Partnerships, Trusts, Estates and Companies		
Please supply details of income earned from any entity for which we do not prepare the accounts and tax returns.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Records Required		
Overseas		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supply details of overseas interest, dividends, wages received and taxation paid ▪ Provide details of any overseas investments held at any time during the financial year ▪ Attach all of your investments advisor's reports ▪ Have you at any point in your lifetime, ever contributed to a foreign superannuation scheme, even if you cannot receive the benefits until you retire? 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Any Other Income		
Attach details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Income Replacement Insurance Policy – provide details of premiums and claims ▪ Look Through Company – if you have been allocated a share of a loss other than from a company that we are aware of, please provide details 	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Donations		
Do you want us to complete your rebate claim form? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If so, please attach receipts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Residential Land Withholding Tax		
Have you sold residential property in New Zealand where Residential Land Withholding Tax has been deducted and paid to the IRD? If so, provide details e.g. IR1100 Residential land withholding tax return and other sale and purchase documents.	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Working for Families Tax Credits and Parental Tax Credit

Please supply full names and birth dates of all children. Please note the following:

- If you had a child born within the current financial year you may be eligible for the Parental Tax Credit. Please include their IRD Number below. If you do not have this you will need to obtain one for them in order to claim any entitlement for them
- Where a child has become financially independent during the current financial year, please advise the date they left school or home

Child's Name

IRD No.

Date of Birth

Date left School

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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Records Required

Comments

Working for Families Tax Credits and Parental Tax Credit (continued)

If you have received Working for Families Tax Credits during the year, please supply the certificate issued to you by IRD, detailing the amounts.

Also provide details of any child support or maintenance payments made or received.

If we do not prepare your spouse or partner's taxation return, please provide us with details of their income.

Have there been any changes to your family circumstances, including a change in responsibility for your dependent child(ren), you have married, separated or otherwise changed your family circumstances? If so, please provide details.

Do you share custody of your child(ren) with anyone other than your partner? If so, please provide details.

Did you work on average less than 20 hours per week if single or did you and your spouse / partner combined work less than 30 hours per week? If so, please provide details.

Additional income information - Working for Families Tax Credits

From the year starting 1 April 2011 the definition of family income for Working for Families Tax Credits has been extended. You are now required to supply details of income received from the following sources:

▪ **Attributable trustee income**

Attributable trustee income is all income for the year of a trust that hasn't been distributed as beneficiary income. Trustee income will be attributed only to settlors of a trust. The settlors are individuals who establish or contribute funds to the trust.

▪ **Attributable fringe benefits**

If you receive fringe benefits and you or your associates (e.g. the family trust) are shareholder-employees of the company you work for and you or your associates hold voting interests of 50% or more then you need to include the fringe benefits in your family income. The value of the fringe benefit is the tax-inclusive value of the benefit.

Additional income information - Working for Families Tax Credits (continued)

▪ **PIE income**

This includes an amount of income attributed by a portfolio investment entity (PIE) to the principal caregiver or their spouse or partner, except if the PIE is a superannuation fund or a retirement savings scheme (e.g. KiwiSaver).

▪ **Passive income of children**

This includes all passive income such as interest, rents or beneficiary income, received by a dependent child above a threshold of \$500 per year, per child.

▪ **Income of non-resident spouse**

If your spouse or partner, who is not a tax resident, is earning an income overseas, from 1 April 2011 you will need to include their worldwide income as part of your family income.

▪ **Tax exempt salary or wages**

This includes salary and wages that are exempt from income tax under specific international agreements in New Zealand. (e.g. employees of international organisations such as the United Nations or the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)).

▪ **Pensions and annuities**

This includes tax-exempt overseas pensions and 50% of the amount of pension or annuity payments from life insurance policies or a superannuation fund, excluding NZ Super

▪ **Other payments**

These are payments from any other person or entities that are used for the family's day-to-day living expenses. If the total amount is more than \$5,000 for the tax year, then the total amount must be included as family income.

▪ **Income equalisation scheme deposits (excludes 'adverse events' deposits)**

This includes any deposits made by you, a company controlled by you or your trust to an agricultural, fishing or forestry business income equalisation scheme account at Inland Revenue.

▪ **Major Shareholder in a Close Company**

Shareholders owning at least 10% of a company where five or fewer shareholders own greater than 50% of the company will be required to include their proportionate share of net income of the company (in addition to dividends received from the company)

▪ **Certain distributions from superannuation schemes and retirement savings schemes**

Distributions received from superannuation schemes and KiwiSaver (other than on retirement) may be included in family income

▪ **Fringe benefits to shareholders**

Shareholder employees owning 50% or more of the company (including interests of associated persons) will need to include attributable fringe benefits (i.e. motor vehicles, low interest loans, subsidised transport > \$1k, contributions to insurance/sickness/accident/death funds >\$1k and other benefits >\$2k) (continued)

From the 2015 income year, employees and non-controlling shareholders will be required to include motor vehicles (where the person would have been entitled to more employment income if they had not chosen the motor vehicle) and the value of short term charge facilities.

▪ **Losses**

Losses from other businesses / investments / rental properties do not reduce income for the purposes of working out the Working for Families tax credits entitlement.

A detailed description and examples of above income types is available from the IRD website: <http://www.ird.govt.nz/income-tax-individual/income-adjust/intro/iit-adjust-income.html>