

Warning – Deadline for Concession by Revenue is Quickly Approaching



With the myriad of initiatives announced by Government, practitioners could easily overlook a concession on outstanding taxes that might suit them – but has a **30 September deadline**.

A very useful ‘warehousing’ concession has been made available to businesses in relation to VAT and PAYE liabilities that became due during the COVID-19 lockdown period and for two months thereafter. Information on this initiative can be accessed [here](#).

However, there was another concession announced that received less coverage that needs to be organised on or before 30 September if you want to avail of it.

The Irish Government’s July Jobs Stimulus package also provided that a reduced interest rate of 3% per annum will apply for outstanding ‘non-Covid-19’ tax debts - where a phased payment arrangement has been agreed between the business or individual and Revenue by 30 September 2020.

This 3% rate is available across all tax types and is a significant reduction from the standard interest rates of 8% and 10% per annum that normally apply to late payments of tax. Making this type of arrangement can also open up access to State supports such as the Employment Wages Subsidy Scheme (EWSS). An individual or business with non-Covid tax debts will not qualify for a tax clearance certificate unless they have agreed a phased payment arrangement to pay those debts.

Revenue is urging individuals and businesses who have not agreed payment arrangements in respect of ‘non-Covid-19’ tax debts with Revenue, and who now wish to avail of the reduced interest rate, to ensure the following steps are completed by 30 September 2020:

- Ensure ‘non-Covid-19’ tax debt, across all tax types, is quantified through the filing of all relevant tax returns
and
- Formally agree a phased payment arrangement with Revenue.

Revenue’s Online Phased Payment Facility is available 24/7 and is an easy to use service for individuals or businesses who want to arrange to pay tax debt on a phased basis. Once the online application is approved by Revenue, the taxpayer or business has considerable flexibility to self-manage the payment schedule in line with business needs.

Contact can be made with the Collector-General’s Division on 01-7383663, from 9.30am to 1.30pm, to agree a payment arrangement. More details on this concession available [here](#).