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ASIC Fee Changes As At 1 July 2013

ASIC fees under corporations, credit and business name regulations were increased based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the March quarter 2013. Here are examples of some common company fees:

| Change of company name | \$ 366 |
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| Late payment fee for up to one month late | \$72 |
| Late payment fee more than one month late | \$ 299 |
| Application for voluntary deregistration of a company | \$ 37 |
| Annual review fee for a proprietary company | \$ 236 |
| Annual review fee for a registered schemes or a public company | \$1,113 |

The increase in late payment fees is a timely reminder to ensure you know when your annual review fee due date is each year. We recommend you put this as a yearly reminder in your diary/phone/calendar two months earlier than the due date to avoid late payment.

There was also an increase of \$3.00 for one year registration and \$6.00 for three year registration payable for all new business name registrations and renewals applied from 1 July 2013:

Registration or renewal for one year
Registration or renewal for three years
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Update : Change to SMSF Supervisory Levy

The Self Managed Superannuation Fund (SMSF) supervisory levy payable for the 2013/2014 income year (and following income years) has been amended to be \$259. In addition, the government has made changes to the regulations to bring forward the payment of the SMSF supervisory levy so that it is both levied and collected in the same income year (it was previously levied in the following year, as recognised in the SMSF tax return).

The ATO's Tips for Rental Property Deductions

This year the ATO is writing to more than 110,000 rental property owners about their entitlements and obligations, to help ensure tax returns are filled in correctly. The letters will explain:

- what can be claimed straight away such as interest, repairs, etc.
- what can be claimed over a number of years such as depreciation and borrowing costs; and
- what cannot be claimed such as acquisition and disposal costs of the property.

The letter will also explain what happens if the taxpayer sells a rental property and makes a capital gain or loss on properties acquired after 19 September 1985.









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Simpler Depreciation Rules for Business

The ATO has reminded small businesses with turnover of less than \$2 million (i.e. small business entities or 'SBEs') that the depreciation rules for business assets are now simpler from the 2012/13 income year onwards. Assets costing less than \$6,500

The small business instant asset write-off threshold has increased from \$1,000 to \$6,500 allowing small businesses to immediately write-off most new depreciating assets costing less than \$6,500.

Example: an SBE bought a \$5,900 camera and a \$4,500 high resolution printer on 20 June 2013 that are used 0 exclusively for their photography business. As each item cost less than \$6,500, they can immediately write-off the cost of both the camera and the printer in the 2012/13 income year.

Motor Vehicles

Small businesses that purchase a vehicle can now also claim an additional deduction of up to \$5,000 in the income year it is purchased, effectively bringing forward the depreciation deduction to earlier in the vehicle's life. Where the vehicle is used exclusively for business and has not been written-off immediately under the instant asset write-off, the cost of the motor vehicle is added to the general small business pool and the deduction is made up of \$5,000 plus 15% of the vehicles remaining value.

Example: an SBE purchased a motor vehicle on 29 June 2013 for \$20,000 which is used exclusively in their business. Under the new rules, the deduction in the first income year will be \$7,250, being \$5,000 plus 15% of the \$15,000 remaining value. Under the old rules the deduction would have been \$3,000 in the first year.

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October 21st 2013 September 2013 Monthly Activity Statement Due

October 28th 2013 September 2013 Quarter **Business Activity Statement Due** October 28th 2013 September 2013 Quarter Superannuation Contributions Due

October 31st 2013 Tax Returns Due for Clients Lodging Themselves









