

1. Who are you:

Individual/Business

2. Are you making a submission in relation to the proposals for a:

Both DW & SP (for tax professionals, representative bodies, RCT middle principals)

3. Please tick the sectors that apply to you:

Construction

4. After reading about the proposed new eWHT system, how would you describe your overall reaction?

Neutral/undecided - I need to know more before forming a view

5. What aspects of the proposed model appeal most to you, and why?

I need to know more before forming a view

6. What concerns or reservations do you have about the proposed approach?

Will it be difficult to use

7. The proposed eWHT model seeks to expand withholding tax to payments to service providers where a suitable withholder exists. How do you feel generally about this type of expansion?

N/A

8. In relation to PSWT specifically, this currently applies to payments made by state and semi-state bodies for certain services. Do you have a view on how it is targeted and if the types of payments it applies to should be reviewed?

N/A

9. Please indicate if you currently operate:

Relevant Contracts Tax (RCT)

10. From the perspective of a DW, how does the current application of PSWT and/or RCT impact on your business operations?

The current application of PSWT and RCT impacts how the business is run, not just relating to tax outcomes but on operations and cash flow.

11. If you are a Platform Operator, does your organisation have any experience of applying taxes to transactions, for services operating on your platform, in other jurisdictions? If yes, please provide information of the jurisdiction and details of the tax.

N/A

12. From the perspective of a DW, what are your views on the application of RCT and/or PSWT, as the case may be?

The application of RCT and/or PSWT is a good method of ensuring tax compliance within specific industries.

13. What is your understanding of the withholding tax model of tax collection of RCT and PSWT and why it is applied to payments?

RCT and PSWT is applied to payments that are high-risk from a tax compliance perspective, ensuring certainty, timeliness, and administrative efficiency in tax collection.

14. The proposal aims to embed eWHT processes directly into accounting, payroll, or other business management systems. How beneficial do you think this would be for your business?

It will be very beneficial as it will be live and in real time

15. In your view, what opportunities could embedding eWHT within natural business systems create for your business or the wider industry?

It will increase the accuracy of data and reduce errors

16. What challenges do you think your business might face in adopting this embedded within natural systems approach?

If it doesn't differ much from the current RCT system then it shouldn't be an issue

17. What is the estimated number of payments that you make to SPs each month?

Varies per business

18. Do you currently use software for processing payments and or managing the finances of your business? If so, what packages do you use?

Sage, big red cloud, bright accounts

19. Are you an employer for PAYE? If so, which software package do you use to report payroll taxes to Revenue?

Bright payroll, Thesaurus and Sage payroll

20. Please indicate if you currently receive payments which are subject to deduction of:

Relevant Contracts Tax (RCT)

21. Where you are currently subject to PSWT and/or RCT, how does the current application of withholding taxes impact on your business operations?

It doesn't.

22. From the perspective of a SP, what are your views on the application of RCT and/or PSWT, as the case may be?

It is good for tax compliance

23. What is your understanding of the withholding tax model of tax collection of RCT and PSWT and why it is applied to payments?

RCT and PSWT is applied to payments that are high-risk from a tax compliance perspective, ensuring certainty, timeliness, and administrative efficiency in tax collection.

24. Where you are an SP operating as a corporate/partnership or other entity, do the current rates that apply to PSWT and RCT reflect your actual liability on the income received?

They do if you are not tax compliant

25. The proposal aims to embed taxation directly into how you get paid by the DW. How beneficial do you think this would be for your business?

Very beneficial

26. Where you are an SP operating as an individual worker, the proposal aims to implement personalised deduction rates (PDR), which means you will pay tax on your income as you go, similar to how employees are taxed under PAYE. What impact do you think PDR will have on your cashflow and financial management?

It could impact cashflow and financial management, but PDR will also help to pay as you go and will reduce or eliminate preliminary tax lump sums

27. Do you think this new regime, including the PDR will have a positive effect on your end of year Income Tax return filing and preliminary tax payment obligations?

Yes, the tax burden will be reduced

- 28. The accuracy of PDR is improved by the regular reporting by you to Revenue of your income and business expenses. How likely are you to report your income and expenses to improve the accuracy of your PDR?**

Very likely

- 29. What changes do you expect to have to implement in your business in order to be ready for the proposed eWHT regime?**

No major changes if the system is similar to the current one

- 30. What benefits do you expect the new regime to have on your business processes, costs and delivery of your business services?**

N/A

- 31. What would you consider a reasonable timeframe for your business to adapt to the proposed new system?**

6-12 months

- 32. How confident are you that your business could adapt to the new system within a reasonable timeframe?**

Very

- 33. In terms of the management of your business, which outcomes from this new regime are the most important for you? (Select a maximum of 3)**

Increased accuracy of information submitted to Revenue

Greater certainty in relation to your tax affairs

Seamless integration of taxation with your business systems

34. What supports from Revenue would be of most benefit to you in transitioning to the new regime? (Select a maximum of 3)

Training or awareness sessions

Helpdesk or dedicated Revenue contact

Mailshots and guidance on the Revenue website

35. Is there anything else you'd like to share about how the proposed eWHT system could best meet the needs of your business or sector?

N/A

