

1. Who are you:

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:

Professional services

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

Somewhat positive - I think it's a good idea overall

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

I have to pay a high percentage of my professional earnings that is nowhere near relevant to my end of year CT

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

As always in Ireland it will be a cobbled together shambles

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?

Fine

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?

It is an absolute disgrace. Every year i have money tied up in revenue that does not reflect my real time tax bill. i.e the state is making money on my money while my cash flow is in dire straits

9. Please indicate if you currently operate:

Professional Services Withholding Tax (PSWT)

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

no

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.

no

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

N/A

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

I understand it is supposed to spread payments to avoid big tax bills however setting a single percentage system over such a varied industry is archaic. Learn from modern countries like Estonia

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?

Good if actually done in a proper way and not a usual Irish cobbled together effort

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

It would stop me having a cashflow crisis every January to May

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

None

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

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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, EComm, Twinfield

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

Sage

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

Professional Services Withholding Tax (PSWT)

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 restricts cash flow as is highly over estimated

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

I think it is an archaic system

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

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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?

No

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?

I would hope it would make a significant difference to our cashflow

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?

N/A

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

- 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?**

I can report these figures monthly

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

None

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

Increase in cashflow allows business to work without the previous constraints

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

Anytime

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

Very confident

- 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)**

Reduced administrative workload

Increased accuracy of information submitted to Revenue

increased cashflow

- 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

Clear guidance for software providers and a testing environment

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?

Just do it

