

1. Who are you:

Individual/Business

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

Specified Person (SP)

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?

Somewhat negative - I have some concerns about aspects of the proposal

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

None - I cant find anything appealing. I would hope the claim process for repayments would be easier and faster but I cant see any mention of this.

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

I am concerned about the proposed flat rate deduction because it causes cash flow issues for small companies like ours. In the past we had a deduction of 20% deducted from our payments and it could take up to 12 weeks to be repaid by Revenue. This 12 week delay caused serious problems with our cashflow. We then applied to revenue and had our deduction rate reduced to zero which has improved our cashflow. We would not like a flat rate deduction to be introduced. Also, the new proposals indicate that tax withheld may be credited against a taxpayers income tax/corporation tax account. We are based in Northern Ireland, can I assume that this would not apply to us?

- 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?**

I feel this could be appropriate but only using an individual applied rate of deduction based on the SP's capabilities, not a flat rate for all.

- 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?**

- 9. Please indicate if you currently operate:**

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

- 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.**

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

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

- 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?**

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

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

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

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

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

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?

We are currently on zero deduction (since July 2025) but before that we had 20% taken from all payments. The process of reclaiming the RCT was laborious and archaic, and the backlogs in Revenue meant that it could take up to 12 weeks to be repaid and this caused issues with our cashflow.

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 believe there should be an option for SP's to apply for reduced or zero deduction rates instead of a flat rate being applied to all, by taking individual persons or

companies situations into account. I think the current assignment of rates of zero, 20% or 35% is a much fairer option than a flat rate applied to all.

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

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?

Yes, I believe the zero rate applied to us is a fair reflection after the consultation/audit with Revenue last year.

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'm not sure there will be any further benefits by the new proposals as the DW already has obligations to deduct tax from sub contractors so taxation is already embedded into their payment process.

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 - we are a limited company

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?

N/A - We are a limited company

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?

N/A - we are a limited company

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

Not sure

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

None

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

6 months

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

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

Faster repayment times in the event of deductions from payments

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

Helpdesk or dedicated Revenue contact

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?

None

