Stamp Duties Consolidation Act 1999

Part 7: Section 83DA – Repayment of stamp duty under affordable dwelling purchase arrangements

This document should be read in conjunction with section 83DA of the Stamp Duties Consolidation Act 1999.

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1 Introduction

Section 83DA of the Stamp Duties Consolidation Act (SDCA) 1999 was introduced by Finance Act 2022 and came into operation on 1 June 2023.¹ It provides for a full repayment of stamp duty paid on the acquisition of residential property where the property is sold, within 12 months of its acquisition, for the purposes of an affordable dwelling purchase arrangement under the Affordable Housing Act 2021².

Where the qualifying conditions are met, the accountable person (i.e. the purchaser) will be entitled to a full repayment of the stamp duty that was paid on the acquisition, irrespective of the rate of stamp duty that applied - currently 1% or 2% on individual purchases or 10% on multiple purchases pursuant to section 31E SDCA 1999³.

The repayment scheme is intended to reduce the cost of delivering affordable housing in the State. Only those persons that are directly involved in the provision of affordable housing under the Affordable Housing Act 2021 will be entitled to claim a repayment under section 83DA.

2 Qualifying conditions

Eligibility for a repayment under section 83DA will arise where, within 12 months of the acquisition of a residential property, the following conditions are met –

- the accountable person enters into a direct sales agreement with a local authority in relation to the sale of the property to an eligible applicant nominated by the local authority, and
- the accountable person then sells the property to such an eligible applicant in accordance with the terms of the direct sales agreement.

The terms **direct sales agreement** and **eligible applicant** take their meaning from the Affordable Housing Act 2021.

A direct sales agreement means an agreement between a local authority and a direct sales developer. A direct sales developer is a person with whom a local authority has made arrangements for the provision of affordable housing. A direct sales agreement will provide for the direct sale of a property by a direct sales developer to a person deemed eligible for affordable housing by the local authority.

An **eligible applicant** is an applicant assessed by a local authority under the Affordable Housing Act 2021 as being eligible for an affordable dwelling purchase arrangement under the Act.

¹ Section 68 was commenced on 1 June 2023 by S.I. No. 240 of 2023.

² https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2021/act/25/enacted/en/print.

³ Further guidance on section 31E SDCA is available in the <u>Section 31E: Stamp duty on certain</u> acquisitions of residential property (10% rate of duty) Tax and Duty Manual.

3 Making a repayment claim

A repayment may be claimed once the qualifying conditions have been satisfied. This is subject to an overall time limit of 4 years, starting on the date on which the accountable person sells the property concerned to an eligible applicant.

A repayment may be claimed online through the eRepayments facility on either <u>ROS</u> or <u>myAccount</u>.

Detailed guidance on making a claim is set out in the **Appendix**.

The accountable person (or if there is more than one accountable person, one of the accountable persons), the filer of the stamp duty return or an agent authorised by the accountable person may make the claim. Where the accountable person wishes to authorise a person other than the person who filed the stamp duty return to make a claim on their behalf, they should contact the National Stamp Duty Office (NSDO)⁴ to update the filer details.

Before making a claim, claimants should -

- review the stamp duty return to ensure the consideration is correct. For example, if the purchase price included VAT, ensure that the VAT-exclusive Consideration has been entered on the return,
- have their bank details ready if they do not have a ROS Debit Instruction (RDI),
- save any supporting documentation electronically,
- make note of the Document ID of the stamp duty return.

The following supporting documentation is required to make a claim –

- a copy of the direct sales agreement,
- a signed declaration. The S83DA declaration is available here: <u>S83DA</u>
 Declaration,
- a copy of the executed Contract for Sale between the claimant and the affordable home purchaser (eligible applicant),
- a signed consent form is required only where there are multiple accountable persons. You should decide which accountable person is to make the claim and receive the refund. A consent form, signed by all accountable persons, should be uploaded with your claim. (The filer of the return is required to sign the consent form where they are an accountable person, i.e. a purchaser or transferee.) The S83DA consent form is available here: S83DA Consent form.

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⁴ The NSDO can be contacted using the secure 'MyEnquiries' service available in myAccount or ROS. Alternatively, the NSDO can be contacted by phone at 01 7383646 or by post at 14/15 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1, D01 YT32.

The supporting documentation should be uploaded with the repayment application onto eRepayments. Once submitted, the claim will be reviewed and, if in order, the repayment will issue to the claimant's nominated bank account.

Penalties may apply in the event of a false or incorrect declaration.

Where a repayment claim is refused, Revenue will notify the claimant in writing, setting out the reasons for the refusal. An accountable person may appeal such a decision to the <u>Tax Appeals Commission</u> within a period of 30 days after the date of the written notification.

4 Retention of records

Section 128A SDCA 1999 provides that an accountable person is obliged to retain records relating to a stamp duty liability, relief or exemption for a 6-year period. The 6-year period commences on the date a stamp duty return is filed or the date the duty is paid, whichever date is the later.

Where a person claims a repayment of stamp duty under section 83DA, subsection (8) provides that the date on which the 6-year period referred to in section 128A commences in relation to the repayment claim is the date on which the residential property is sold to an eligible applicant.

Example

An Approved Housing Body (AHB) acquires a house on 1 January 2024 and, on the same day, files a stamp duty return and pays stamp duty at a rate of 1%. The 6-year records retention period in relation to the stamp duty liability commences on 1 January 2024, in accordance with section 128A.

On 1 March 2024, the AHB sells the house to an eligible applicant and claims a stamp duty repayment under section 83DA. The commencement of the 6-year record-retention period in relation to the repayment claim is 1 March 2024 (instead of 1 January 2024), by virtue of subsection (8).

Subsection (8) provides that where an accountable person makes a repayment claim under this section, the records that are to retained must include the following —

- · a copy of the direct sales agreement, and
- a copy of the contract for sale in relation to the sale of the residential property to the eligible applicant.

5 Penalty for incorrect claim

Section 83DA(9) provides for a penalty to be applied where Revenue repays stamp duty under this section and it is subsequently found that the declaration by the accountable person that the qualifying conditions were met –

- was untrue in any material respect that would have resulted in the repayment (or part of the repayment) not being made, or
- was made knowing same to be true or in reckless disregard for the truth.

The amount of the penalty payable is 125% of the stamp duty that should not have been repaid together with interest on that amount charged at a daily rate of 0.0219% in accordance with section 159D SDCA 1999, calculated from the date on which the repayment was made to the date on which the penalty is paid to Revenue.

Appendix – Making a claim through ROS or myAccount

Step 1 -

Access via Ros

Access the eRepayment Claims service by logging into your ROS account. Once logged in, your ROS My Services home page will display. Under Other Services click on eRepayment Claims.

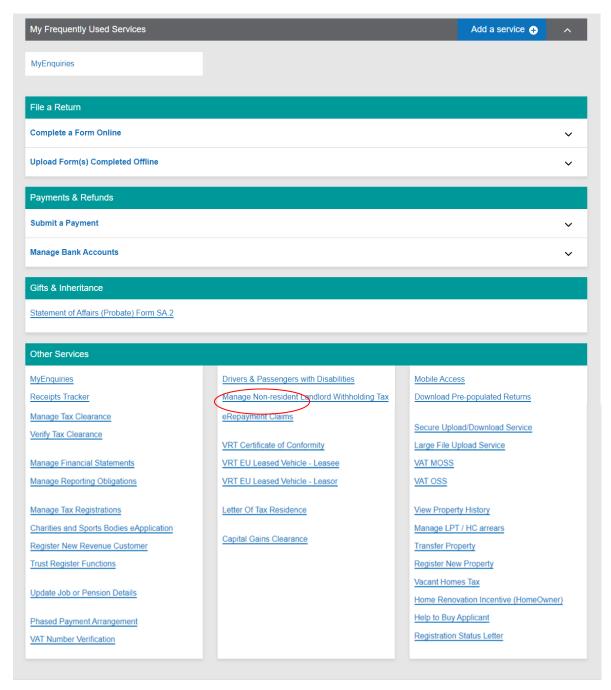


Figure 1: eRepayments Screen via ROS

Access via myAccount

Access the eRepayment Claims service by logging into your myAccount. Once logged in, your myAccount home page will display. In the Payments/Repayments tile click on eRepayments as highlighted below:

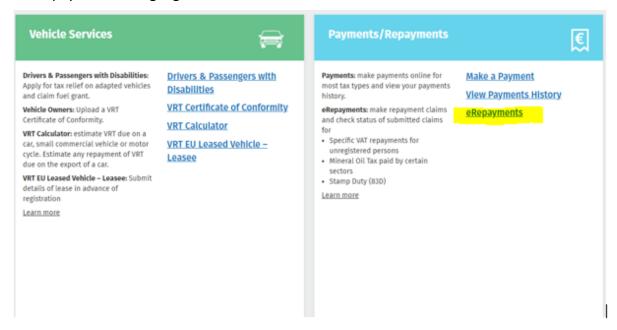


Figure 2: eRepayments Screen via myAccount

Step 2 -

You will be brought to the welcome page of the eRepayment Claims. Click on Make a Claim.

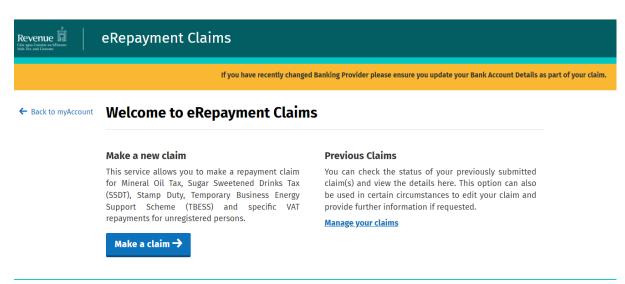


Figure 3: eRepayments Welcome Page

Step 3 -

Select STAMP – Stamp Duty. Click Continue.

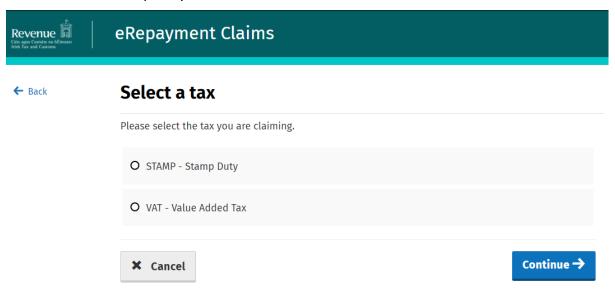


Figure 4: Select Stamp Duty Option

Step 4 -

Select Form STAMP – Stamp Duty Section 83DA Repayment Claim. Ensure you select the correct option as the claim types have similar names. Click Continue.

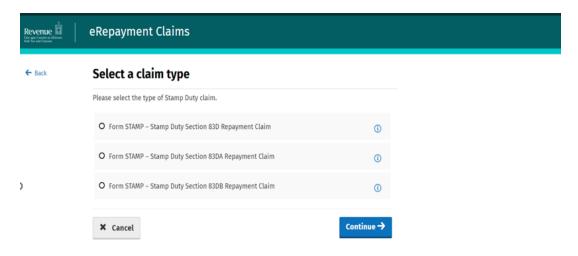


Figure 5: Select Section 83DA Claim

Step 5 -

The Overview Screen displays the information and documentation required to make the claim. If you are not familiar with making claims, you should print a copy of this screen for reference. If you have all the information and documentation ready, click Continue.

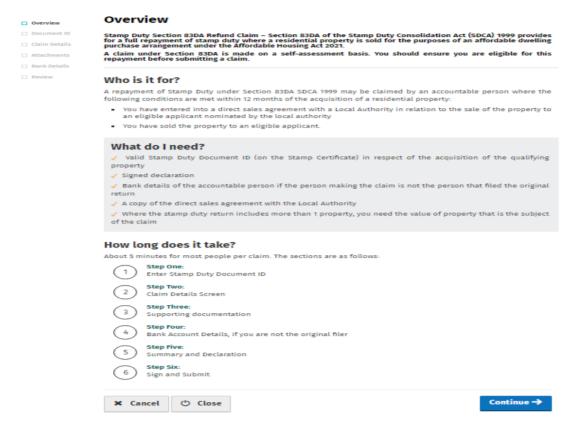


Figure 6: Overview Screen

Step 6 -

Enter the relevant Stamp Duty Document ID and click Continue.

Overview	Stamp Duty Return Document ID
Document ID	Stamp Duty Section 83DA Refund Claim – Section 83DA of the Stamp Duty Consolidation Act (SDCA) 1999 provide:
Claim Details	for a full repayment of stamp duty where a residential property is sold for the purposes of an affordable dwelling purchase arrangement under the Affordable Housing Act 2021.
Attachments	
	Please enter a valid Stamp Duty Document ID
Bank Details	

Figure 7: Document ID Screen

Step 7 -

Some fields on the Claim Details screen are pre-populated from the Stamp Duty Return including the Document ID that you entered on the previous screen. You cannot edit these fields. Enter the details requested and click Continue. Click on the Tooltips ^① for further information.

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Figure 8: Claim Details Screen

Step 8 -

This screen lists the mandatory documentation to be uploaded to your claim. A template S83DA Declaration is available here: S83DA Declaration. A template S83DA Consent form (See **Documentation required** on first page of this document) is available here: S83DA Consent form. You should also attach a copy of the executed Contract for Sale between the claimant and the affordable home purchaser (eligible applicant). Click Add each time you wish to attach a document. When the documents have been attached, click Continue.

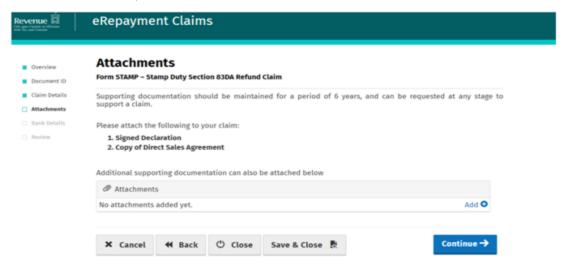


Figure 9: Supporting Documentation Screen

Step 9 -

If you are the filer of the Stamp Duty Return, you may already have a ROS Debit Instruction (RDI). If you do, the RDI bank details will be pre-populated. You cannot edit these fields. If you do not have an RDI, you will need to provide bank account details to which the repayment can be made. Following review, or entry of bank account details where appropriate, click Continue.

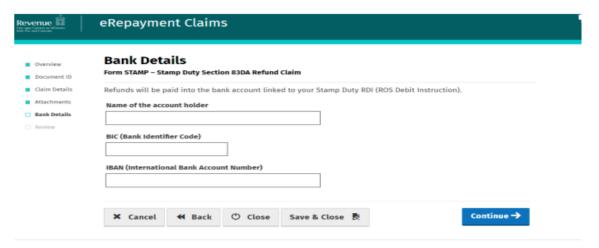


Figure 10: Bank Details Screen

Step 10 -

The Summary screen displays details of the claim entered. This includes the amount for repayment and the nominated bank account details.

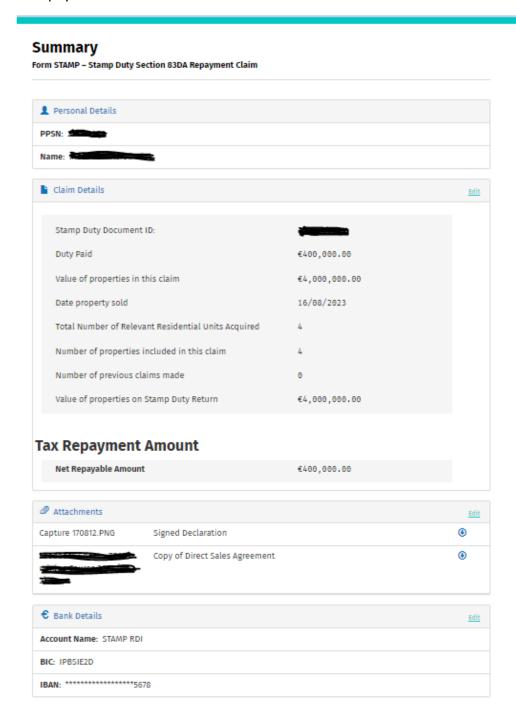


Figure 11: Summary Screen

There are two mandatory declaration tick boxes on this screen (see below). You should read the declarations and tick them if they are correct. If you are not the accountable person, choose the third option "I am acting as authorised agent for the accountable person(s)".

Check that the claim details entered by you are correct. Once you are satisfied that the claim is correct click Submit.

I declare that in making this refund claim:

- o I am the sole accountable person.
- I am one of the accountable persons and the other accountable persons have consented to my making this refund claim. I have uploaded a consent form signed and dated by the other accountable person(s).
- I am acting as authorised agent of the accountable person(s).

I declare that:

- a. the information provided for the purpose of this refund is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- b. the refund I have claimed meets the provisions of Section 83DA of the Stamp Duties Consolidation Act (SDCA) 1999.

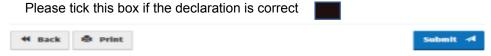


Figure 12: Summary Screen Declaration

Step 11 -

If using ROS enter your ROS password and click the Sign & Submit button to complete the transaction.

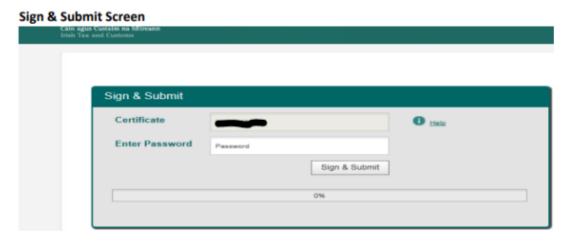


Figure 13: ROS Sign and Submit Screen

If using myAccount enter your myAccount password and click the Sign and Submit button to complete the transaction.



Figure 14: myAccount Sign and Submit Screen

Step 12 -

The Acknowledgement Screen acknowledges you have submitted your repayment claim. We will process your claim online and if it is in order, we will make the repayment to the Bank account on the Bank Details Screen.

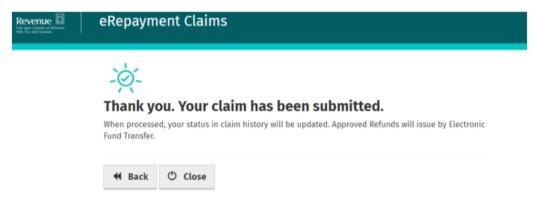


Figure 15: Acknowledgement Screen

Step 13 -

To edit or view a claim already filed, click on Manage your claims in the Welcome to eRepayment Claims screen, highlighted below.



Figure 16: Welcome Screen