

Draft 2002–03 income tax return and schedules

The Tax Office and business community have co-designed the 2002–03 company income tax return (Form C) and schedules to take into account the impact of consolidation. This process has explored ways of minimising the compliance burden on business while retaining the information needed to identify risks to the tax system.

Changes to Form C have been limited to the inclusion of two boxes on the front of the return to identify a consolidated head company (label Z1) and a consolidated subsidiary member (label Z2). Instructions on how to fill out these labels appear under the label 3 heading 'status of company' in the company return instructions.

Note

Subsidiary members of consolidated groups should *not* print 'Final' if membership of the consolidated group is the only basis on which the company will not be required to lodge future returns.

To further reduce the compliance burden, the schedules for capital allowances, capital gains tax, losses, thin capitalisation, Schedule 25A and the research and development tax concession will not be necessary for those entities that have joined a consolidated group as a subsidiary member during the year of income and have never previously been a member of a consolidated group.

The forms and schedules are available on the website at **www.ato.gov.au**