


***IT 326 - Metal trades industry - assessability of payments for accumulated "rostered day-off time" made on termination of employment - whether payments subject to tax instalment deductions***

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METAL TRADES INDUSTRY - ASSESSABILITY OF PAYMENTS FOR  
ACCUMULATED "ROSTERED DAY-OFF TIME" MADE ON TERMINATION  
OF EMPLOYMENT - WHETHER PAYMENTS SUBJECT TO TAX  
INSTALMENT DEDUCTIONS

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TERMINATION OF

EMPLOYMENT

RETIRING ALLOWANCE

"ROSTERED DAY-OFF

TIME" PAYMENTS

TAX INSTALMENT

DEDUCTIONS

PREAMBLE

Recently, representations were made concerning the treatment for taxation purposes of payments for accumulated 'rostered day-off time' made to employees of the Metal Trades Industry on termination of employment.

RULING

2. On examination of the variations to the Metal Industry Award 1971 and the Metal Trades Award 1952, it is considered that payments under these awards in lieu of accumulated "rostered day-off time", made in consequence of retirement from, or termination of, employment, would fall for assessment under section 26(d) of the Income Tax Assessment Act. Hence, only 5% of the amount received would be included in the assessable income of the employee.

3. In this situation, the payments would not be subject to tax instalments and the full amount of the payment should be shown against component B in column 4 of the group certificate. Similar treatment would be accorded to payments in lieu of "rostered day-off time" made in consequence of retirement from, or termination of, employment under other Awards where their provisions closely equate with those of the Metal Industry Award 1971 and the Metal Trades Award 1952 referred to above.

4. However, in other cases it would be necessary to examine the relevant award or the terms of the agreement between the employer and employee before a firm decision could be given.

COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION