



TD 92/171 - Income tax: capital gains : does the principal residence exemption extend to additional land acquired after the time of acquisition of the residence?

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Taxation Determination

Income tax : capital gains : does the principal residence exemption extend to additional land acquired after the time of acquisition of the residence?

1. Yes. The exemption is available provided the following requirements of subsections 160ZZQ(3) and 160ZZQ(4) are satisfied:

- (i) the additional land is adjacent to that on which the dwelling is situated;
- (ii) the total area of land is not greater than 2 hectares;
- (iii) the additional land is used primarily for private or domestic purposes in association with the dwelling; and
- (iv) the additional land is not sold separately from the dwelling.

Note: The exemption applies whether or not the dwelling is a pre or post-CGT dwelling.

Example:

Tom and Mary purchase a home in 1987 and occupy it as their sole or principal residence. The home has never been used for income producing purposes.

In 1989, they purchase the adjoining vacant block of land on which they construct a private swimming pool. The total of the area of additional land and the area of the land on which the home is situated is less than 2 hectares. In 1991, they enter into a contract to sell the home with the adjoining block.

A full principal residence exemption is available.

Commissioner of Taxation
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