



# STRATA TITLE BODY CORPORATE

## INSTRUCTIONS AND TAX RETURN 2015

Strata title bodies corporate are treated as public companies under the tax law and must lodge a tax return for any year in which they derive assessable income. If your body corporate only derives amounts that are subject to the principle of mutuality (see below under **MORE INFORMATION**), then you do not need to lodge a tax return. (These amounts are not assessable income.)

You cannot use the *Strata title body corporate tax return 2015* if your body corporate:

- has net capital gains
- has received franked dividends
- has losses brought forward from earlier income years claimed as a deduction
- has tax offset refunds
- has overseas transactions or interests, or
- needs to make an interposed entity election.

In the above situations you must use the *Company tax return 2015*.

### Capital gain or capital loss

If your strata title body corporate has made a capital gain or a capital loss from a transaction in respect of all or part of the common property, the gain or loss is not included in the tax return for the body corporate. Each proprietor or unit owner must include their share of the capital gain or loss in their own tax return based on their proportion of the lot entitlements.

#### MORE INFORMATION

*Taxation Ruling IT 2505 – Income tax: bodies corporate constituted under strata title legislation* discusses the principle of mutuality.

For a full explanation of the tax treatment of strata title bodies corporate, see the list of Taxation Rulings at **Publications** on page 4.

## COMPLETING THE TAX RETURN

If a payment is due (now or later) or a refund is due, print **Y** for yes or **N** for no in the respective payment and refund boxes.

Print the entity's name, tax file number (TFN) and Australian business number (ABN) in the boxes provided.

If the postal address of the body corporate has not changed from that used to complete its income tax return for the last tax return lodged, print the address exactly as shown in that tax return under 'Current postal address'.

If the postal address of the body corporate has changed from that used for the last tax return lodged, print the previous postal address exactly as shown in that tax return under 'Postal address on previous tax return'.

### Location of strata title body corporate

Print the street address of the body corporate. This may not necessarily be the same as the postal address of the body corporate.

### Final tax return

If you consider that the strata title body corporate will not be required to lodge a tax return in future years, print **FINAL** in the block provided.

## ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT)

### Direct refund

We need your financial institution details to pay any refund owing to you, even if you have provided them to us before. Complete the following:

- BSB number; this number has six digits (do not include spaces or hyphens)
- account number; this number has no more than nine digits (do not include spaces or hyphens)
- account name, as it appears on the bank account records. Include all blank spaces where required. If the account name exceeds 32 characters, provide only the first 32 characters.

Go to **ato.gov.au** for further information about refunds.

## 6 CALCULATION OF TOTAL PROFIT OR LOSS

### Income

Complete the following items where applicable:

#### Gross interest

At **F** write the amount of interest received or credited during the income year.

Exclude interest from proprietors for late payment of levies.

#### Gross rent and other leasing and hiring income

At **G** write the total of these types of income received.

Individual proprietors may be taxed on this type of income, rather than the body corporate, where it is income from common property; see Taxation Ruling IT 2505.

#### Other gross income

At **R** write the total of other gross income, for example, inspection fees or access fees, except where received from a proprietor. Do not include receipts that are subject to the principle of mutuality; see Taxation Ruling IT 2505.

#### Total income

At **S** write the total of amounts shown at **F**, **G** and **R**.

### Expenses

#### Expenses in earning income

At **S** **Expenses in earning income** write the total of all expenses incurred by the strata title body corporate in deriving its assessable income. You may need to apportion some expenses, for example, if an expense relates to both assessable income and receipts that are subject to the principle of mutuality (which are not assessable); see Taxation Ruling IT 2505.

#### Total expenses

At **Q** write the amount shown at **S** **Expenses in earning income**.

#### Total profit or loss

At **T** **Total profit or loss** write the amount at **S** **Total income** minus the amount at **Q** **Total expenses**. This is the net amount of income received by the strata title body corporate during the income year, and does not include receipts subject to the principle of mutuality. If this amount is a loss, print **L** in the box at the right of the amount.

## 7 RECONCILIATION TO TAXABLE INCOME OR LOSS

### Taxable income or loss

At **T** **Taxable income or loss** item 7 write the amount shown at **T** **Total profit or loss** item 6. If this amount is a loss, print **L** in the box at the right of the amount.

This label is mandatory. You must include an amount at this label even if it is zero (if zero write 0).

### CALCULATION STATEMENT

Note: labels **A**, **T5** and **I** of the calculation statement are mandatory labels (Label **I** has already been completed for you)

### Taxable income

At **A** write the amount shown at **T** **Taxable income or loss** item 7. If the amount at **T** item 7 was a loss, write '0' at **A**.

This label is mandatory. You must include an amount at this label even if it is zero (if zero write 0).

### Gross tax

At **B** write the amount of tax payable before the allowance of any credits. The company tax rate is 30%, therefore multiply the amount at **T** item 7 by 30% and write this answer at **B**. If **A** was '0', write '0' at **B** as well.

### Tax payable

At **T5** write the amount shown at **B** **Gross tax**.

This label is mandatory. You must include an amount at this label even if it is zero (if zero write 0).

### Tax withheld from interest/investments

At **H4** write any amounts deducted from investment income because a TFN was not provided to the investment body.

### Eligible credits

At **H** write the amount shown at **H4** on this calculation statement.

### Tax offset refunds

Label **I** has been pre-filled with '0.00' as tax offset refunds cannot be claimed in the *Strata title body corporate tax return 2015*. It is generally not expected that a strata title body corporate would be entitled to claim any refundable tax offsets resulting in tax offset refunds. A company entitled to tax offset refunds must lodge a *Company tax return 2015*.

### Pay as you go (PAYG) instalments raised

At **K** write any PAYG instalments that have been raised for the current year tax liability.

### Amount due or refundable

To calculate the amount at **S**, add **H** and **K**, then subtract the total from **T5**.

- If the amount at **S** is positive, that amount is payable by you.
- If the amount at **S** is negative, that amount is refundable to you.

### Hours taken to prepare and complete this tax return

We are committed to reducing the costs involved in complying with your tax obligations. By completing **J** you will help us to monitor these costs as closely as possible. Your response is voluntary.

When completing this item consider the time, rounded to the nearest hour, that was spent:

- reading the instructions
- collecting the necessary information to complete this tax return
- making any necessary calculations, and
- completing this tax return or putting the tax affairs of the strata title body corporate in order, so that the information could be handed to a tax agent.

Your answer should relate only to the time the strata title body corporate and tax agent (if you have one) spent preparing and completing the tax return, including the time of any unpaid helpers. Tax agents preparing this tax return on behalf of their client should consult with them to obtain a reliable estimate.

### Declaration

The public officer is responsible for doing all things required by the company under section 252 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* or the Regulations. In case of default they are liable to incur the same penalties. For example, the public officer is responsible for lodging the company tax return. If the tax return is lodged late the public officer may be liable for a penalty for failure to lodge on time.

### LODGMET

The only postal address for lodgment of the tax return is:

**Australian Taxation Office**  
GPO Box 9845  
IN YOUR CAPITAL CITY

The address must appear as shown above.

**Do NOT post payments to this address;** for payment information see **Payment** below.

### PAYMENT

#### How to pay

We offer you a range of convenient payment options, both in Australia and overseas.

Your payment needs to reach us on or before its due date. Please check your financial institution's processing deadlines to avoid making a late payment.



Make a payment directly from your cheque or savings account to us using your financial institution's phone or internet banking service.

#### Details you need

**Biller code** 75556  
**Reference** Your EFT code or PRN

BPAY payments made out of hours, on a weekend or on a public holiday will not reach us until the next working day.

Registered to BPAY Pty Ltd ABN 69 079 137 518

## Credit card

Credit card payments can be made online or by phone. To make a credit card payment you will need:

- a current Visa, MasterCard or American Express card
- your EFT code or PRN.

A card payment fee applies to transactions made using the credit card payment service.

To make credit card payments online or for further information go to [ato.gov.au/howtopay](http://ato.gov.au/howtopay)

To make credit card payments by phone call **1300 898 089**.

## Direct credit

Transfer your payment to us online from your cheque or savings account.

### Details you need

<b>Bank</b>	<b>Reserve Bank of Australia</b>
<b>BSB</b>	<b>093 003</b>
<b>Account number</b>	<b>316 385</b>
<b>Account name</b>	<b>ATO direct credit account</b>
<b>Reference</b>	<b>Your EFT code or PRN</b>

Direct credit payments made out of hours, on a weekend or public holiday will not reach us until the next working day.

## Direct debit

Have your payment automatically deducted from a cheque or savings account.

### Details you need

For a verbal direct debit payment arrangement after the due date phone us on **13 11 42**.

For all other direct debit requests complete the *Direct debit request* (NAT 2284) form and return it to us.

To access the form:

- go to [ato.gov.au/howtopay](http://ato.gov.au/howtopay)
- phone **1800 802 308**, 8.00am to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday
- email [eft-information@ato.gov.au](mailto:eft-information@ato.gov.au)

To ensure your payment reaches us on or before its due date, allow at least seven (7) working days for your direct debit to be activated.

## Mail

Mail your cheque or money order to us.

Cheques and money orders should be for amounts in Australian dollars and payable to the 'Deputy Commissioner of Taxation'. Cheques should be crossed 'Not Negotiable' and must not be post-dated.

### You should also include your payment slip or a note that states your:

- full name
- address and telephone number
- account identifier: tax file number (TFN), Australian business number (ABN), client identification number etc
- payment type: BAS payment, income tax, HELP etc.

### Mail your payment and payment slip or note to:

NSW, QLD or ACT residents

**Australian Taxation Office**  
**Locked Bag 1793**  
**PENRITH NSW 1793**

VIC, SA, WA, TAS or NT residents

**Australian Taxation Office**  
**Locked Bag 1936**  
**ALBURY NSW 1936**

Do not use pins, staples, paper clips or adhesive tape.

Do not send cash.

Allow sufficient time for your payment to reach us on or before the due date.

## Australia Post

If you have a pre-printed payment slip with a barcode, you can pay in person at any Australia Post outlet.

A \$3,000 limit applies to cash payments. EFTPOS payments are subject to daily withdrawal limits.

Cheques and money orders should be for amounts in Australian dollars and payable to 'Deputy Commissioner of Taxation'. Cheques should be crossed 'Not Negotiable' and must not be post-dated.

## What is my EFT code or PRN?

Your EFT code or PRN is the reference number. It is printed directly above the barcode on your payment slip.

If you pay using BPAY®, credit card or direct credit you will need his number.

### If you need more information:

- phone **1800 815 886** 8.00am to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday
- email [payment@ato.gov.au](mailto:payment@ato.gov.au)

# MORE INFORMATION

## WEBSITE

For general tax information and to download publications and taxation rulings, go to [ato.gov.au](http://ato.gov.au)

## PUBLICATIONS

Publications referred to in these instructions:

- *Taxation Ruling IT 2505 – Income tax: bodies corporate constituted under strata title legislation (discusses the principle of mutuality)*
- *Direct debit request* (NAT 2284)

Other relevant publications

- *Taxation Determination TD 93/7 – Income tax: under what circumstances is a strata title body corporate required to lodge an income tax return?*
- *Taxation Determination TD 93/73 – Income tax: will a strata title body corporate be taxed as a non-profit company if it includes non-profit clauses in its by-laws?*
- *Taxation Determination TD 96/22 – Income tax: does the interest payable on late levies represent assessable income of a body corporate?*

### To get an ATO publication

#### If you are not a tax agent:

- go to [ato.gov.au/publications](http://ato.gov.au/publications)
- phone **1300 720 092**
- go to one of our shopfronts.

Not all shopfronts stock printed publications. To check our range of services, opening hours and addresses, go to [ato.gov.au/visitus](http://ato.gov.au/visitus) or phone **13 28 61**.

#### If you are a tax agent:

- go to [taxagents.iorder.com.au](http://taxagents.iorder.com.au)
- order by fax on **1300 361 462**

## PHONE

### Business **13 28 66**

Information about business income tax, fringe benefits tax (FBT), fuel tax credits, goods and services tax (GST), pay as you go (PAYG) and activity statements, including lodgment and payment, accounts and business registration (including Australian business number and tax file number), and dividend and royalty withholding tax

### Tax agents **13 72 86**

For enquiries from registered tax agents

### Individuals **13 28 61**

Individual income tax and general personal tax enquiries

### Superannuation **13 10 20**

## OTHER SERVICES

If you do not speak English well and want to talk to a tax officer, phone the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on **13 14 50** for help with your call.

If you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment, you can contact us through the National Relay Service (NRS). For more information, go to [relayservice.gov.au](http://relayservice.gov.au)

## MAIL

If you wish to write to us send your correspondence to:

**Australian Taxation Office**  
**PO Box 9990**  
**PENRITH NSW 2740**



# Strata title body corporate tax return

# 2015

Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year

Or specify period if part year or approved substitute period.

Please print neatly in BLOCK LETTERS with a black or blue ballpoint pen only.

Notes to help you prepare this tax return are attached. Strata title bodies corporate are treated as public companies under the tax law and would normally have to complete a company tax return. However, the ATO has developed the *Strata title body corporate tax return 2015*, which can be used by certain strata title bodies corporate instead of completing a full company tax return. Some compulsory items and labels have already been completed for you – you do not have to do anything with these already completed items and labels.

Is a payment due?  Print **Y** for yes or **N** for no.

Is a refund due?  Print **Y** for yes or **N** for no.

Tax file number (TFN)

Name of entity

Australian business number (ABN)

Current postal address

If the address has not changed, print it exactly as shown on the last tax return lodged.

Suburb or town

State  Postcode

Postal address on previous tax return

If the address has changed, print the previous address exactly as shown on the last tax return lodged.

Suburb or town

State  Postcode

Location of strata title body corporate

Suburb or town

State  Postcode

Final tax return

If this will be the final tax return of the body corporate print FINAL.

Electronic funds transfer (EFT)

We need your financial institution details to pay any refund owing to you, even if you have provided them to us before. Write the BSB number, account number and account name below. (See relevant instructions.)

BSB number (must be six digits)  Account number

Account name

2 Description of main business activity **B O D Y C O R P O R A T E** Industry code **B 6 7 1 1 0**

3 Status of company Resident **C1 X** Strata title **D4 X**

