



Not-for-profit administrator's handover checklist

This checklist will help your organisation handover its tax affairs to a new administrator. We recommend your outgoing administrator completes the checklist and gives it to your incoming administrator, along with any other relevant documentation for their role.

Section A: Update authorised contacts – tick the box once complete

1 Update authorised contact details

Notify us about changes to your authorised contacts so they can talk to us about your organisation's tax affairs.

See [Notifying us of changes](#).

2 Update details with other agencies or organisations

Provide your organisation's new administrator details to other agencies or organisations where relevant. These could include:

Australian Securities and Investments Corporation (ASIC) Australian Business Register (ABR)

Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) Relevant banks and financial institutions

Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC)

Section B: Hand over access to documents, online tools, and useful contacts

3 Hand over access to relevant documents

Ensure the incoming administrator knows where your organisation keeps important documents and ensure they can access them. These may include:

governing documents (for example constitution, rules, trust deed)

banking records (for example, bank statements, deposit books, cheque books, bank reconciliation)

financial reports (for example, financial statements, annual budgets, reconciliations, audit reports, accounts payable and accounts receivable)

grant documentation (for example, when funding will be received, when acquittals need to be made, application deadlines)

cash book records of daily receipts and payments

registration, certificates and accompanying documents to regulators (for example, ATO, Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, and state regulators)

tax invoices and income tax records, such as debtors and creditors lists, stocktake records and motor vehicle expenses

contracts and agreements (for example, cleaning, maintenance and insurance contracts, finance or lease agreements)

records relating to employees (for example, TFN declarations, pay as you go (PAYG) withholding, superannuation and fringe benefits provided)

copies of reviews of entitlement to tax concessions

records of payments withheld from suppliers who do not quote an Australian business number (ABN)

records to help prepare tax statements and returns

See also [Record keeping](#).

4 Hand over access to online tools

Website, Facebook and social media account details

Access to online services and other government accounts

5 Hand over a contact list for government agencies, auditors and other useful contacts

It will help the incoming administrator to know where to go for help.

See also [Getting help](#).

Section C: Legal and tax information about your organisation

6 Legal structure

Different legal structures have different tax and reporting obligations so it will help the incoming administrator to know your organisation's legal structure and what this means. Some examples of legal structures are:

- unincorporated association
- incorporated associated
- company
- co-operative
- Indigenous corporation
- established by an Act of parliament
- trust

See also [Overview of legal structures](#).

7 Tax and related registrations

Hand over tax or other related government registration information, for example:

Australian business number (ABN)

Tax file number (TFN)

Pay as you go (PAYG) withholding registration

Fuel tax credits registration

Goods and services tax (GST) registration

ACNC registration (for charities)

Endorsement for tax and concession status (charities and deductible gift recipients)

See also [Register your NFP](#).

8 Tax concessions and other benefits and entitlements

Hand over information about the tax concessions and other benefits your organisation uses, for example:

Income tax exemption

FBT concessions

GST concessions

Refund of franking credits

Deductible gift recipient status

See also [What tax concessions are available](#).

9 Workers and related tax obligations

Hand over information about whether those that work for your organisation are:

Employees Contractors Volunteers

Also hand over information about the obligations your organisation has in relation to workers.

See also [Your workers](#).

10 Lodgment and reporting obligations

Hand over information about tax and related forms your organisation prepares and lodges, for example:

activity statements monthly quarterly

annual GST return

income tax return

FBT return

fuel tax credits application

franking credit refund application

ancillary fund returns

super guarantee charge statements

Single Touch Payroll

payroll tax

other – provide details

See also [Statements and returns](#).