

State Revenue Office FACT SHEET

Changes to concessions and rebates announced in the 2011-12 Budget

Limiting the Pensioner Land Tax Exemption

The change applies to card holders who:

- have a Centrelink or DVA Pensioner Concession Card;
- are TPI war veterans; or
- receive a war widow/widower's pension.

What has changed, and what does it mean?

- ▶ The pensioner's exemption for land tax no longer applies to general land. (General land is *not* principal place of residence or primary production land).
- ▶ The change means that pensioners will have to pay land tax on any general land they own.
- ▶ *There is no land tax payable on land used as principal residence or for primary production.*

Do I have to do anything when this change comes into effect on 1 July 2011?

- ▶ No, not unless the State Revenue Office contacts you.
- ▶ If we do contact you, we will explain what we believe your land tax liability is, and/or seek to confirm the correct classification of your property.

Who can I phone about the changes?

- ▶ Call the State Revenue Office: (03) 6233 3068. Our phone lines are open from 9am – 4pm, weekdays.

If I receive a land tax bill, how do I pay it?

- ▶ There are various payment methods:

BPAY
EFTPOS
Direct Debit
Credit Card
Australia Post billpay
Service Tasmania
Cheque

What happens if I have to pay land tax and can't afford it?

- ▶ Please call the State Revenue Office on (03) 6233 8070. We may be able to support you through affordable payment arrangements.

When will land tax bills be issued?

- ▶ Bills will be issued between October 2011 and March 2012.

What happens if I receive a land tax bill, and I actually live in that property as my home?

- ▶ For assistance, please call the State Revenue Office on (03) 6233 3068.

Where can I get more information?

- ph: (03) 6233 3068
- www.sro.tas.gov.au
- taxhelp@treasury.tas.gov.au
- Level 3, 80 Elizabeth Street, Hobart (9am – 4pm, weekdays)

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