

News and Views Podcast Show

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Episode 64 – Small Business CGT Concessions

This episode starts with the few updates:

- ATO increases focus on Rental Property deduction mainly at properties located in holiday destinations.
- ATO implements digital activity statements. The use of myGov account is strongly encouraged.
- An important reminder in line with the Overseas Debt Recovery Bill as it recently entered parliament.
- Key dates to remember on tax lodgements and passing this coming November 2015

Chris and Sarah then discuss Capital Gain Tax (CGT) concessions. Individuals are reminded that they are required to pass an eligibility test to establish qualification to be able to access the small business concessions. The two types of tests are the two million dollar turnover test and the six million maximum net asset value test.

For small operating businesses like sole traders, partnership, company or trusts producing an annual turnover of less than two million dollars, they are qualified to access a range of tax concessions. To pass the six million net asset value test, the total net value of CGT assets must not exceed six million.

It is important to seek professional advice on your CGT Concession and have correct documentation and proper calculations to avoid court disputes in the future.

Lastly, Sarah and Chris highlighted the increasing phishing scams incidents happening recently, where emails with corresponding links for claim of refunds are received by individuals purporting to be from the ATO. It is important to be cautious, as the ATO will never make contact or request information this way. If there is any doubt, do not click on any suspicious links or respond to the emails. Instead, consult with your financial specialists or check with the ATO. For more information about this issue, please visit the <u>ATO website</u>.