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Guidelines on the Tax Treatment of Income of Specialist Doctors in Private Hospitals

The IRBM has recently issued the <u>Guidelines on the Tax</u>

<u>Treatment of Income of Specialist Doctors in Private Hospitals</u>
(<u>available in Bahasa Malaysia only</u>) to explain the tax
treatment of income received by specialist doctors in private
hospitals – whether the income should be assessed as the
business income of the specialist doctors in their personal
capacity or as the income of the company set up by the
specialist doctor.

Based on the Guidelines, the IRBM has issued a letter to the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) on 28 June 2018 stating that, effective from the year of assessment (YA) 2017, income received by specialist doctors will be treated as the individual business income of the specialist doctor.

Guidelines on the Tax Treatment of Income of Specialist Doctors in Private Hospitals (cont'd)

Details of the Guidelines

Income to be Assessed as a Business Income of the Specialist Doctor

- If a Specialist Doctor sets up a company and enters into an agreement with a private hospital to provide specialist services to patients, the consultation fee and any other form of payment received from the private hospital will be treated as a business income of the Specialist Doctor.
 - *The principle of tax treatment is the same regardless whether the agreement entered into with a private hospital is in the name of the Specialist Doctor or the Company.
- If several Specialist Doctors establish a Company and the Company enters into an agreement with a private hospital to provide specialist services to patients, the consultation fees and other fees received from such a private hospital are still considered as business income of the Specialist Doctors in their personal capacity.



Guidelines on the Tax Treatment of Income of Specialist Doctors in Private Hospitals (cont'd)

Details of the Guidelines (cont'd)

Income to be Assessed as a Business Income of the Specialist Doctor

In the following situations where a doctor owns a Specialist Clinic located in the premises of the private hospital, consultancy fees and any other forms of payment received are treated as business income of the doctor:



Patients go to private hospitals for treatment. The patient is referred to a Specialist Doctor who owns a clinic at the hospital to receive appropriate treatment. After the treatment, the patient obtains the medicine from the hospital pharmacy and makes the payment at the hospital payment counter.



Patients come directly to the Specialist Clinic to seek treatment from the Specialist Doctor and patients require surgery or further treatments using hospital facilities such as operating theaters or others.

Guidelines on the Tax Treatment of Income of Specialist Doctors in Private Hospitals (cont'd)



Details of the Guidelines (cont'd)

Income to be Assessed as a Employment Income of the Specialist Doctor

- Consultancy fees and any other forms of payment received by a Specialist Doctor who is an employee (contract of service) of the Specialist Clinic either on a full or part time basis, will be treated as employment income of the Specialist Doctor.
- In the situation where a doctor is the shareholder and director of the Specialist Clinic, the director's remuneration received is treated as employment income of the doctor.
- In the situation where a doctor is the shareholder and director of the Specialist Clinic, but the doctor is not a Specialist Doctor of that Specialist Clinic, the director's remuneration received is treated as employment income of the doctor.



Guidelines on the Tax Treatment of Income of Specialist Doctors in Private Hospitals (cont'd)

Details of the Guidelines (cont'd)

Income to be Assessed under the Company

The following are situations where consultation fees and other fees received are taxable as an income of the Company set up by the Specialist Doctors:



If a doctor owns a Specialist Clinic in a private hospital premises and patients come directly to receive specialist treatment from the clinic without being referred by the private hospital and the doctor does not use any private hospital facilities in carrying out treatment to patients.



If the Specialist Clinic is not in the premises of a private hospital and the services provided to patients do not involve any private hospital.

IRBM's Media Release on DuitNow as a Medium for Tax Refund

The IRBM has recently issued a <u>Media Release</u> to inform that *DuitNow* has been made available as an additional channel for tax refunds for individual taxpayers.

Details of the Media Release

Major points highlighted in the Media Release are:

- Taxpayers who submit their Income Tax Return Form for YA 2021 starting 1 March 2022 can choose to receive their tax refund via *DuitNow*.
- Taxpayers need to register DuitNow with their respective banks by using their MyKad Number/ Passport Number as the Identity Number. DuitNow registration using mobile phone number will not be accepted by the IRBM for tax refund purposes.
- The DuitNow refund option is now only made available for individual taxpayers and will be gradually extended to corporate taxpayers by using the respective ROC Number as an Identity Number.
- If the tax refund by DuitNow fails, the refund will be made via Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) by using the taxpayer's bank account number and name based on the existing record and data with the IRBM.

Gazette Order on Exclusion of FSI from the Cukai Makmur Computation

As part of the Budget 2022 measure and pursuant to the Finance Act 2021, a one-off corporate income tax rate of 33% known as *Cukai Makmur* is to be levied on chargeable income exceeding RM100 million on companies other than small and medium enterprises for the YA 2022.

The Ministry of Finance had earlier issued a press release on 30 December 2021 to clarify that FSI received in YA 2022 would be excluded from the tax calculation for the purpose of the one-off Cukai Makmur.

New Income Tax Order

To legislate the announcement, <u>Income Tax</u> (Exemption) Order 2022 was gazetted on 5 April 2022.



Gazette Order on Exclusion of FSI from the Cukai Makmur Computation (con't)

Details of the New Income Tax Order

- This Order is applicable to FSI received in Malaysia from 1 July 2022 and is only applicable for the YA 2022.
- A prescribed formula is provided in the Order to exclude the chargeable income in relation to the FSI from the Cukai *Makmur* computation as follows:

$$\frac{A}{B} \times C$$

A Statutory income in relation to the income received in Malaysia from outside Malaysia in the basis period for the YA 2022

B Aggregate income in the basis period for the YA 2022

C Chargeable income of the company in the basis period for the YA 2022

The remaining chargeable income of the company of up to RM100 million will be taxed at the prevailing corporate income tax rate of 24% and the chargeable income exceeding RM100 million will be subject to Cukai Makmur at the rate of 33%.



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