

**ACT REVENUE OFFICE**

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**Revenue Circular DAA001**

***Duties Act 1999***

**Concessions and Exemptions from Duty—Charitable Organisations, Hospitals and Schools**

**Circular history**

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**Preamble**

1. The *Duties Act 1999* (the Act) provides for concessional duty and exemptions from duty for certain transactions executed on or after 1 March 1999 by or on behalf of charitable organisations, hospitals and schools.

2. The purpose of this circular is to show how the concessional duty and exemptions apply.

**Circular**

**Charitable Organisations**

3. Under the Act, a charitable organisation is an association, society, institution or body carried on for a religious, educational, benevolent or charitable purpose, other than one carried on for the purpose of securing pecuniary benefits to its members.

**Hospitals**

4. A ‘hospital’ means a recognised hospital within the meaning of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* (Cth).

**Schools**

5. A ‘school’ will be defined as a registered school within the meaning of the *Education Act 2004* (ACT).

**Trustees**

6. Trustees receiving dutiable property in trust for charitable organisations, hospitals or schools are eligible for the relevant concession or exemption (sections 62 (4), 63 (4), 64 (2), 70 (b), 91 (1) (a), 150 (1) (c), 201 (1) (f), 210 and 210A of the Act).

**Transactions**

7. The transactions or instruments listed in the following table are eligible for a concession or an exemption.

**Table of transactions where eligible applicants qualify for concessional duty or are exempt from duty**

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| **Transactions** | **Section of the Act** | **Eligible applicants** | **Concessional Duty** | **Exemption** |
| Transfer of property from one superannuation fund to another | 62 (4) | * charitable organisation * hospital * school | $20 | No |
| Transfers between trustees and custodians of superannuation funds or trusts | 63 (4) | * charitable organisation * hospital * school | $20 | No |
| Grant or transfer of land to the applicant | 64 (2) | * charitable organisation * hospital * school * trustees holding the land in trust for a charitable organisation, hospital or school | $20.00 | No |
| Off-market transfers of marketable securities to the applicant | 70 (b) | * charitable organisation * hospital * school * trustees holding the marketable securities in trust for a charitable organisation, hospital or school | $20.00 | No |
| Any Chapter 3 transactions to the applicant:  Acquisition of interest in certain landholders  Entitlements arising from capital reductions or alterations of rights  Acquisition of land use entitlements by allotment of shares or issue of units  Allotment of shares by direction | 91 (1) (a) | * charitable organisation * hospital * school * a trustee who is to hold the property transferred in trust for a charitable organisation, hospital or school | $20.00 | No |
| Lease instruments for a lease to the applicant | 150 (1) (c) | * charitable organisation * hospital * school * a trustee (including a charitable organisation acting in that capacity) who is to hold the property transferred in trust for a hospital or school | Not applicable | Yes |
| Insurance on property of or property held in trust for a charitable organisation, hospital or school or other general insurance taken out by a charitable organisation, hospital or school | 201 (1) (f) | * charitable organisation * hospital * school * trustees holding the property in trust for a charitable organisation, hospital or school | Not applicable | Yes |
| Registration of motor vehicle by the applicant \* | 210 | * hospital * school * a person who holds a vehicle on behalf of a hospital or school * a trustee for a hospital or school | Not applicable | Yes |
| Registration of motor vehicle by the applicant \*\* | 210A | * charitable organisation * a person who holds a vehicle on behalf of a charitable organisation * a trustee for a charitable organisation | Not applicable | Yes |

\* Application can only be made at Canberra Connect Shopfronts or Motor Vehicle Registry

\*\* Application for charitable status under the *Duties Act 1999* must be lodged at the ACT Revenue Office for approval **before** applying for registration at Canberra Connect Shopfronts or Motor Vehicle Registry

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