

Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2006

A2006-19

Contents

		Page
Part 1	Preliminary	
1	Name of Act	2
2	Commencement	2
3	Legislation amended	2
Part 2	Duties Act 1999	
4	Legislation amended—pt 2	3
5	Definitions for ch 8 Section 175, definition of <i>general insurer</i>	3
6	Section 175, definition of insurer	3
7	New section 188A	4
8	Cancellation of registration by commissioner Section 191 (1) (a)	4

J2005-76

Contents

9	New section 211A	Page 4
10	Dictionary, note 2, new dot point	- 5
10	Dictionary, definitions of <i>Corporations Act</i> and <i>disabled person</i>	5
12	Dictionary, definitions of <i>dutiable value</i> and <i>general insurance</i>	6
12	Dictionary, new definition of <i>general insurer</i>	6
14	Dictionary, definition of <i>insurer</i>	6
15	Dictionary, definition of <i>life insurance</i>	6
16	Dictionary, new definition of <i>life insurance rider</i>	6
17	Dictionary, new definition of person with a disability	7
18	Dictionary, new definitions of <i>premium</i> and <i>third-party insurance</i>	7
Part 3	Land Tax Act 2004	
19	Legislation amended—pt 3	8
20	Section 24	8
21	Application may relate to more than 1 parcel Section 25 (2)	11
Part 4	Payroll Tax Act 1987	
22	Legislation amended—pt 4	13
23	New sections 7 and 8	13
24	New section 9AB	14
25	Section 16	15
26	Review of decisions New section 19 (d)	16
27	Section 19 (d) to (f)	16
Part 5	Rates Act 2004	
28	Legislation amended—pt 5	17
29	Section 26	17
30	Application may relate to more than 1 parcel Section 27 (2)	20
31	Definitions for pt 7 Section 45, definition of <i>deferral determination</i>	21
32	Sections 46 and 47	21

contents 2

Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2006

A2006-19

		Contents
		Page
33	Revocation of deferral determination—payment of debt and on re Section 51 (b)	quest 24
34	Additional grounds for revocation of deferral determination	
	Section 52	25
35	Section 52 (1) (e)	25
36	New section 52 (2) and (3)	25
37	Notice of proposed revocation on additional grounds Section 53 (3)	26
38	Revocation of deferral determination on grounds Section 54 (2)	26
39	Objections Section 70 (b), (c) and (d)	26

A2006-19

Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2006

contents 3



Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2006

A2006-19

An Act to amend the *Duties Act 1999*, the *Land Tax Act 2004*, the *Payroll Tax Act 1987* and the *Rates Act 2004*

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

J2005-76

Part 1 Preliminary

Section 1

Part 1 Preliminary

Name of Act

This Act is the Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2006.

2 Commencement

- (1) Section 23 and section 25 commence on a day fixed by the Minister by written notice.
 - *Note 1* A single day or time may be fixed, or different days or times may be fixed, for the commencement of different provisions (see Legislation Act, s 77 (1)).
 - *Note 2* If a provision has not commenced within 6 months beginning on the notification day, it automatically commences on the first day after that period (see Legislation Act, s 79).
- (2) Section 24, section 26 and section 27 commence on the first day of the month immediately after the month in which this Act is notified.
- (3) The remaining provisions commence on the day after this Act's notification day.
 - *Note* The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on the notification day (see Legislation Act, s 75 (1)).

3 Legislation amended

This Act amends the *Duties Act 1999*, the *Land Tax Act 2004*, the *Payroll Tax Act 1987* and the *Rates Act 2004*.

page 2

Part 2 Duties Act 1999

4 Legislation amended—pt 2

This part amends the Duties Act 1999.

5 Definitions for ch 8 Section 175, definition of general insurer

substitute

general insurer means a person who-

- (a) writes general insurance (otherwise than as an insurance intermediary); and
- (b) is authorised under the *Insurance Act 1973* (Cwlth), section 12 to carry on insurance business in Australia.

Section 175, definition of insurer

substitute

insurer—

- (a) other than for part 8.4 means—
 - (i) a life company under the *Life Insurance Act 1995* (Cwlth) that writes life insurance; or
 - (ii) a person who writes general insurance (otherwise than as an insurance intermediary); and
- (b) for part 8.4 (Payment of duty by insurers)—see section 188A.

6

Part 2 Duties Act 1999

Section 7

7	New section 188A
	in part 8.4, insert
188A	Meaning of <i>insurer</i> for pt 8.4
	In this part:
	<i>insurer</i> means—
	(a) a life company under the <i>Life Insurance Act 1995</i> (Cwlth) that writes life insurance; or
	(b) a general insurer.
8	Cancellation of registration by commissioner Section 191 (1) (a)
	substitute
	 (a) if the insurer stops being authorised under the <i>Insurance</i> Act 1973 (Cwlth), section 12 to carry on insurance business in Australia; or
9	New section 211A
	insert

211A Partial exemption—modified vehicles for people with disabilities

- (1) This section applies to duty chargeable on an application to register a motor vehicle if—
 - (a) modifications have been made to the vehicle for a person with a disability; and
 - (b) either—
 - (i) the applicant is a person with a disability; or

Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2006

- (ii) the motor vehicle is to be used to transport a person with a disability.
- (2) For the purposes of duty chargeable on the application, the dutiable value of the motor vehicle is the dutiable value of the vehicle apart from this section reduced by the value of the modifications.
- (3) For this section:

modifications, made to a vehicle for a person with a disability, means modifications made—

- (a) to enable the person with a disability to drive the vehicle; or
- (b) to enable someone else to transport the person with a disability in the vehicle.

Example

the addition to a vehicle of an hydraulic lift for a wheelchair

Note An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see Legislation Act, s 126 and s 132).

value, of modifications, means the consideration (in money or money's worth) given for the modifications.

10 Dictionary, note 2, new dot point

insert

Corporations Act

11 Dictionary, definitions of *Corporations Act* and *disabled* person

omit

A2006-19

page 5

Part 2 Duties Act 1999

Section 12

12	Dictionary, definitions of <i>dutiable value</i> and general insurance	
	substitute	
	dutiable value—	
	(a) of a motor vehicle for part 9.1—see section 203; and	
	(b) of other dutiable property—see section 20.	
	general insurance, for chapter 8 (Insurance)—see section 175.	
13	Dictionary, new definition of general insurer	
	insert	
	general insurer, for chapter 8 (Insurance)—see section 175.	
14	Dictionary, definition of insurer	
	substitute	
	insurer—	
	(a) for chapter 8 (Insurance), other than part 8.4—see section 175; and	
	(b) for part 8.4 (Payment of duty by insurers)—see section 188A.	
15	Dictionary, definition of <i>life insurance</i>	
	substitute	
	life insurance, for chapter 8 (Insurance)—see section 175.	
16	Dictionary, new definition of life insurance rider	
	insert	
	<i>life insurance rider</i> , for chapter 8 (Insurance)—see section 175.	

page 6

Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2006

A2006-19

Section 17

Dictionary, new definition of person with a disability

insert

17

person with a disability means a person who has a disability that—

- (a) is attributable to an intellectual, psychiatric, sensory, physical or neurological impairment, or acquired brain injury; and
- (b) is likely to be permanent; and
- (c) results in substantially reduced capacity in self-care, self-management, mobility or communication requiring significant ongoing, or long-term episodic, support.

18 Dictionary, new definitions of *premium* and *third-party insurance*

insert

premium, in relation to general insurance for chapter 8 (Insurance)—see section 175.

third-party insurance, for chapter 8 (Insurance)—see section 175.

A2006-19

page 7

Part 3 Land Tax Act 2004

Section 19

Part 3 Land Tax Act 2004

19		Legislation amended—pt 3
		This part amends the Land Tax Act 2004.
20		Section 24
		substitute
24		Sale of land for nonpayment of land tax
	(1)	This section applies if—

- (a) a parcel of land is held by the owner under a lease from the Commonwealth for a term of years; and
- (b) the commissioner has complied with section 21 (Notice of land tax in arrears) in relation to the parcel; and
- (c) land tax payable for the parcel are in arrears for at least 1 year after the day of notification under section 21 in relation to the parcel.
- (2) The commissioner may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for an order for the sale of all or part of the parcel.

Example

The commissioner has given notice and made a declaration under section 21 in relation to a parcel of land held under lease from the Commonwealth. If the parcel is unoccupied, the commissioner may take action under section 22 to lease the parcel or, if the land tax is in arrears for at least 1 year after the day of notification of the declaration, make an application under this section for an order for sale. The option to lease would not be available if the property were occupied.

- *Note 1* An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see Legislation Act, s 126 and s 132).
- *Note 2* A single application form may be approved for this section and the *Rates Act 2004*, s 26 (see Legislation Act, s 255 (7)).

page 8 Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2006 A2006-19

- (3) In the application, the commissioner may ask that the proceeds of the sale also be applied in paying the total amount of any land tax or rates in arrears for 1 or more related parcels of land stated in the application.
- (4) If the court is satisfied that this section applies to the parcel, the court must—
 - (a) order the sale by public auction of the parcel, or as much of the parcel as will be sufficient to pay the total of the following:
 - (i) the total amount of land tax in arrears for the parcel at the time the court makes the order;
 - (ii) the total amount of any rates in arrears for the parcel at the time the court makes the order;
 - (iii) costs and expenses in relation to the declaration, application and sale in relation to the parcel;
 - (iv) if the commissioner has made a request mentioned in subsection (3) in the application in relation to another parcel of land and the court is satisfied that the parcel is a related parcel of land—the total amount of any land tax or rates in arrears for the other parcel, at the time the court makes the order; and
 - (b) order that the proceeds be paid into court; and
 - (c) order that the title to the parcel be transferred to the purchaser free from mortgages and other encumbrances.
- (5) The proceeds of the sale are to be applied in the following order:
 - (a) first, the commissioner is entitled to be paid the total of the amounts mentioned in subsection (4) (a) (i) to (iii);
 - (b) second, a person who was a mortgagee of the parcel before the sale is entitled to be paid the amount owing to the person under the mortgage (or, if that amount is more than the amount of any remaining proceeds, the remaining proceeds);

A2006-19

page 9

Section 20

- (c) third, subject to subsection (9), the commissioner is entitled to be paid the total of amounts to which subsection (4) (a) (iv) applies (or, if that amount is more than the amount of any remaining proceeds, the remaining proceeds);
- (d) finally, subject to subsection (10), the person who was the owner of the parcel before the sale is entitled to be paid any balance.
- (6) The commissioner must be paid out of court any amounts to which the commissioner is entitled under subsection (5) without a court order.
- (7) If a person who was the owner or mortgagee of the parcel before the sale hands over to the court the certificate or other title to the parcel, the person must be paid out of court any amount to which the person is entitled under subsection (5) without a court order.
- (8) If there were 2 or more mortgagees of the parcel before the sale, the court may make the orders about their respective entitlements that the court considers just.
- (9) On application by a person who has an interest in the land otherwise than as owner or mortgagee, the court may order that the person is entitled to be paid the value of the person's interest (as decided by the court) in priority to the commissioner's entitlement under subsection (5) (c).
- (10) On application by any other interested person, the court may order payment out of court of all or part of any balance to a person other than the person who was the owner before the sale if the court considers it just to do so.
- (11) Any sale of the parcel or a part of the parcel under this section must be abandoned if the owner pays—
 - (a) the total land tax in arrears for the parcel at the time of the payment; and

page 10

Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2006

Authorised by the ACT Parliamentary Counsel-also accessible at www.legislation.act.gov.au

- (b) the total of any rates in arrears for the parcel at the time of the payment; and
- (c) the costs and expenses incurred up to the time of payment in relation to the declaration, application and sale in relation to the parcel; and
- (d) the costs and expenses reasonably incurred in relation to the abandonment of the sale; and
- (e) if the commissioner has made a request under subsection (3) in the application in relation to 1 or more related parcels of land—the total amount of any land tax or rates in arrears for the related parcel or parcels at the time of the payment.

Example for par (d)

advising the public that an auction has been cancelled

(12) In this section:

related—a parcel of land is a *related* parcel of land in relation to another parcel of land if—

- (a) the parcels have the same owner; and
- (b) the commissioner has complied with section 21 in relation to them.

21 Application may relate to more than 1 parcel Section 25 (2)

substitute

- (2) If the commissioner makes an application in relation to 2 or more parcels of land, the following provisions apply:
 - (a) if the parcels or 2 or more of them have the same owner—the court may, on application by the commissioner, make a single order under section 24 in relation to all of those parcels;

Part 3 Land Tax Act 2004

Section 21

- (b) the court may make the orders about apportionment of rates and land tax, and any other amounts payable, that the court considers just;
- (c) if the court makes an order under paragraph (a)—the court may, on application by the commissioner, also make any consequential or ancillary orders that the court considers appropriate.
- *Note* The application may include an application under the *Rates Act 2004*, s 26 in relation to the parcel (see Legislation Act, s 49).

page 12

Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2006

A2006-19

Part 4 Payroll Tax Act 1987

22 Legislation amended—pt 4

This part amends the Payroll Tax Act 1987.

23 New sections 7 and 8

insert

7 Registration of employers

- (1) This section applies to an employer if the total of all taxable wages paid or payable in Australia by the employer in the month exceeds the amount determined for this section under the *Taxation Administration Act 1999*, section 139.
- (2) If this section applies to an employer in relation to a month, the employer may apply to be registered under this part.
 - *Note* If a form is approved under the *Taxation Administration Act 1999*, s 139C for an application, the form must be used.
- (3) If an employer applies to be registered under this part, the commissioner must register the employer.
- (4) The commissioner may, by written notice given to an employer who is registered under this part, cancel the employer's registration if satisfied that this section has never applied, or no longer applies, to the employer in relation to a month.
- (5) The cancellation of an employer's registration under subsection (4) does not prevent the employer from again applying for registration or being registered under this part.
- (6) An employer commits an offence if—
 - (a) the employer is not already registered under this part; and

Part 4 Payroll Tax Act 1987

Section 24

- (b) the total of all taxable wages paid or payable in Australia by the employer in the month exceeds the amount determined for this section under the *Taxation Administration Act 1999*, section 139; and
- (c) the employer does not apply to be registered under this part within 7 days after the end of the month.

Maximum penalty: 250 penalty units.

8 Transitional—registration of existing employers

- (1) The commissioner must, on the commissioner's own initiative, register under this part an employer who, in relation to the month immediately before the commencement of this section, lodged a return under section 16.
- (2) This section expires 1 year after the day it commences.

24 New section 9AB

insert

9AB Exemption from tax—trainees under approved training contracts

- (1) This section applies to a trainee if an approved group training organisation employs the trainee under an approved training contract.
- (2) Section 6 does not apply to wages paid or payable to the trainee by the approved group training organisation.
- (3) On application by an entity, the commissioner may approve the entity as a *group training organisation* if satisfied that the entity—
 - (a) is a not-for-profit entity; and
 - (b) provides training to trainees under approved training contracts; and

page 14

- (c) makes trainees available to work for other people.
- *Note* If a form is approved under the *Taxation Administration Act 1999*, s 139C for an application, the form must be used.
- (4) In this section:

approved group training organisation means an organisation that is approved by the commissioner under subsection (3).

approved training contract—see the *Vocational Education and Training Act 2003*, dictionary.

trainee—see the *Vocational Education and Training Act 2003*, dictionary.

Note **Trainee** is defined as a person who undertakes training under a training contract, and includes an apprentice.

25 Section 16

substitute

16 Payroll tax returns

- (1) This section applies to an employer if section 7 (Registration of employers) applies to the employer in relation to a month.
- (2) The employer must—
 - (a) lodge a return for the month; and
 - (b) lodge a return for each subsequent month in the financial year; and
 - (c) pay any interim tax that is payable in relation to the return because of section 12 (1) or (2).

Note The employer must also be registered under s 7.

- (3) A return for a month must—
 - (a) be in writing; and

A2006-19

Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2006

page 15

Part 4 Payroll Tax Act 1987

Section 26

- (b) be lodged no later than 7 days after the end of the month; and
- (c) state the taxable wages that were paid or payable by the employer during the month.
- *Note* If a form is approved under the *Taxation Administration Act 1999*, s 139C for a return, the form must be used.

26 Review of decisions New section 19 (d)

insert

(d) under section 9AB refusing to approve an entity as a group training organisation; or

27 Section 19 (d) to (f)

renumber as section 19 (e) to (g)

page 16

Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2006

A2006-19

Part 5 Rates Act 2004

28 Legislation amended—pt 5

This part amends the *Rates Act 2004*.

29 Section 26

substitute

26 Sale of land for nonpayment of rates

- (1) This section applies if—
 - (a) a parcel of land is held by the owner under a lease from the Commonwealth for a term of years; and
 - (b) the commissioner has complied with section 23 (Notice of rates in arrears) in relation to the parcel; and
 - (c) rates payable for the parcel are in arrears for at least 1 year after the day of notification under section 23 in relation to the parcel.
- (2) The commissioner may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for an order for the sale of all or part of the parcel.

Example

The commissioner has given notice and made a declaration under section 23 in relation to a parcel of land held under lease from the Commonwealth. If the parcel is unoccupied, the commissioner may take action under section 24 to lease the parcel or, if the rates are in arrears for at least 1 year after the day of notification of the declaration, make an application under this section for an order for sale. The option to lease would not be available if the property were occupied.

- *Note 1* An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see Legislation Act, s 126 and s 132).
- *Note 2* A single application form may be approved for this section and the *Land Tax Act 2004*, s 24 (see Legislation Act, s 255 (7)).

A2006-19

Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2006

page 17

- (3) In the application, the commissioner may ask that the proceeds of the sale also be applied in paying the total amount of any rates or land tax in arrears for 1 or more related parcels of land stated in the application.
- (4) If the court is satisfied that this section applies to the parcel, the court must—
 - (a) order the sale by public auction of the parcel, or as much of the parcel as will be sufficient to pay the total of the following:
 - (i) the total amount of rates in arrears for the parcel at the time the court makes the order;
 - (ii) the total amount of any land tax in arrears for the parcel at the time the court makes the order;
 - (iii) costs and expenses in relation to the declaration, application and sale in relation to the parcel;
 - (iv) if the commissioner has made a request mentioned in subsection (3) in the application in relation to another parcel of land and the court is satisfied that the parcel is a related parcel of land—the total amount of any rates or land tax in arrears for the other parcel, at the time the court makes the order; and
 - (b) order that the proceeds be paid into court; and
 - (c) order that the title to the parcel be transferred to the purchaser free from mortgages and other encumbrances.
- (5) The proceeds of the sale are to be applied in the following order:
 - (a) first, the commissioner is entitled to be paid the total of the amounts mentioned in subsection (4) (a) (i) to (iii);
 - (b) second, a person who was a mortgagee of the parcel before the sale is entitled to be paid the amount owing to the person under the mortgage (or, if that amount is more than the amount of any remaining proceeds, the remaining proceeds);

page 18

- (c) third, subject to subsection (9), the commissioner is entitled to be paid the total of amounts to which subsection (4) (a) (iv) applies (or, if that amount is more than the amount of any remaining proceeds, the remaining proceeds);
- (d) finally, subject to subsection (10), the person who was the owner of the parcel before the sale is entitled to be paid any balance.
- (6) The commissioner must be paid out of court any amounts to which the commissioner is entitled under subsection (5) without a court order.
- (7) If a person who was the owner or mortgagee of the parcel before the sale hands over to the court the certificate or other title to the parcel, the person must be paid out of court any amount to which the person is entitled under subsection (5) without a court order.
- (8) If there were 2 or more mortgagees of the parcel before the sale, the court may make the orders about their respective entitlements that the court considers just.
- (9) On application by a person who has an interest in the land otherwise than as owner or mortgagee, the court may order that the person is entitled to be paid the value of the person's interest (as decided by the court) in priority to the commissioner's entitlement under subsection (5) (c).
- (10) On application by any other interested person, the court may order payment out of court of all or part of any balance to a person other than the person who was the owner before the sale if the court considers it just to do so.
- (11) Any sale of the parcel or a part of the parcel under this section must be abandoned if the owner pays—
 - (a) the total rates in arrears for the parcel at the time of the payment; and

A2006-19

Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2006

page 19

Part 5 Rates Act 2004

- (b) the total of any land tax in arrears for the parcel at the time of the payment; and
- (c) the costs and expenses incurred up to the time of payment in relation to the declaration, application and sale in relation to the parcel; and
- (d) the costs and expenses reasonably incurred in relation to the abandonment of the sale; and
- (e) if the commissioner has made a request under subsection (3) in the application in relation to 1 or more related parcels of land—the total amount of any rates or land tax in arrears for the related parcel or parcels at the time of the payment.

Example for par (d)

advising the public that an auction has been cancelled

(12) In this section:

related—a parcel of land is a *related* parcel of land in relation to another parcel of land if—

- (a) the parcels have the same owner; and
- (b) the commissioner has complied with section 23 in relation to them.

30 Application may relate to more than 1 parcel Section 27 (2)

substitute

- (2) If the commissioner makes an application in relation to 2 or more parcels of land, the following provisions apply:
 - (a) if the parcels or 2 or more of them have the same owner—the court may, on application by the commissioner, make a single order under section 26 in relation to all of those parcels;

page 20

- (b) the court may make the orders about apportionment of rates and land tax, and any other amounts payable, that the court considers just;
- (c) if the court makes an order under paragraph (a)—the court may, on application by the commissioner, also make any consequential or ancillary orders that the court considers appropriate.
- *Note* The application may include an application under the *Land Tax Act* 2004, s 24 in relation to the parcel (see Legislation Act, s 49).

31 Definitions for pt 7 Section 45, definition of *deferral determination*

substitute

deferral determination means a determination under section 46 (Determination for deferral of rates on application) or section 47 (Determination for deferral of rates without application), and includes a deferral determination as amended under section 50.

32 Sections 46 and 47

substitute

46

5 Determination for deferral of rates on application

- (1) The owner of a parcel of land may apply to the commissioner for a determination deferring payment of rates payable for the parcel.
 - *Note* If a form is approved under the Taxation Administration Act, s 139C for the application, the form must be used.
- (2) The commissioner must make the determination if satisfied—
 - (a) that the owner is a pensioner or, if there are 2 or more owners, each owner is a pensioner; or
 - (b) if the owner, or each owner, is not a pensioner—that payment of the total amount of rates payable or to become payable is

Part 5 Rates Act 2004

Section 32

likely to cause substantial hardship to the owner or each owner; or

- (c) that the owners are a pensioner and his or her partner who is not a pensioner; or
- (d) for an application made by a pensioner who is a joint owner that no other owner of the parcel can reasonably contribute to the payment of rates for the parcel.
- (3) The determination may do either or both of the following:
 - (a) defer the obligation of the owner or an owner to pay all or part of the total amount of rates payable for the parcel as at the date of the determination;
 - (b) defer the obligation of the owner or an owner to pay all or part of each amount of rates to become payable for the parcel while the determination is in force.
- (4) If the commissioner makes a determination, the commissioner must give a copy of the determination to the person to whom it relates.

Note For how documents may be served, see the Legislation Act, pt 19.5.

- (5) However, the commissioner may make a determination only if—
 - (a) the lease under which the parcel is held permits the parcel to be used only for residential purposes; and
 - (b) each applicant ordinarily lives on the parcel.
- (6) Despite subsection (5), the commissioner may make a determination in relation to 1 or more joint owners of a parcel (but not by all the joint owners) even if each owner does not ordinarily live on the parcel, if—
 - (a) the applicant is an owner who ordinarily lives on the parcel; and

- (b) the commissioner is satisfied that it is appropriate to make the determination.
- (7) To remove any doubt, the owner of a parcel of land who has received a rebate for rates under division 7.3 may make an application under this section.

47 Determination for deferral of rates without application

- (1) The commissioner may, at any time on the commissioner's own initiative, make a determination deferring payment of rates payable by the owner or an owner for a parcel of land if the commissioner is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances justifying the deferral.
- (2) The determination may do either or both of the following:
 - (a) defer the obligation of the owner or an owner to pay all or part of the total amount of rates payable for the parcel as at the date of the determination;
 - (b) defer the obligation of the owner or an owner to pay all or part of each amount of rates to become payable for the parcel while the determination is in force.
- (3) If the commissioner makes a determination, the commissioner must give a copy of the determination to the person to whom it relates.

Note For how documents may be served, see the Legislation Act, pt 19.5.

- (4) However, the commissioner may make the determination only if—
 - (a) the lease under which the parcel is held permits the parcel to be used only for residential purposes; and
 - (b) if the owner does not ordinarily live on the parcel—
 - (i) the owner is living elsewhere because of the exceptional circumstances; and

Section 33

- (ii) the owner has not entered into a tenancy agreement in relation to the parcel.
- (5) In this section:

tenancy agreement, in relation to a parcel of land—

- (a) means an agreement under which a person grants to someone else for value a right of occupation of the parcel of land, or any part of it (including any building on it), for use as a residence—
 - (i) whether or not the right of occupation is exclusive; and
 - (ii) whether the agreement is express or implied; and
 - (iii) whether the agreement is in writing, is oral, or is partly in writing and partly oral; but
- (b) does not include an agreement giving a right of occupation only as a boarder or lodger.
- (6) To remove any doubt, the commissioner may make a determination under this section in relation to a parcel of land even though the owner of the parcel has received a rebate for rates under division 7.3.

33 Revocation of deferral determination—payment of debt and on request Section 51 (b)

substitute

(b) if the determination was made under section 46 (Determination for deferral of rates on application)—the person asks the commissioner in writing to revoke the determination.

page 24

34 Additional grounds for revocation of deferral determination Section 52

omit everything before paragraph (a), substitute

(1) Each of the following circumstances is a ground for revocation of a deferral determination made under section 46 (Determination for deferral of rates on application) in relation to a parcel of land:

35 Section 52 (1) (e)

substitute

(e) each person to whom the determination relates who ordinarily lived on the parcel when the application for the determination was made has stopped ordinarily living on the parcel;

36 New section 52 (2) and (3)

insert

- (2) Each of the following circumstances is a ground for revocation of a deferral determination made under section 47 (Determination for deferral of rates without application) in relation to a parcel of land:
 - (a) each person to whom the determination relates has stopped being an owner of the parcel;
 - (b) the owner has entered into a tenancy agreement in relation to the parcel;
 - (c) the circumstances in relation to which the determination was made no longer exist or have changed.
- (3) In this section:

tenancy agreement, in relation to a parcel of land—see section 47 (5).

A2006-19

page 25

Part 5 Rates Act 2004

Section 37

37 Notice of proposed revocation on additional grounds Section 53 (3)

omit

section 52 (1) (e) or (f)

substitute

section 52 (1) (e) or (f) or (2) (a)

38 Revocation of deferral determination on grounds Section 54 (2)

omit

the determination

substitute

a determination made under section 46

39 Objections Section 70 (b), (c) and (d)

substitute

- (b) a decision under section 46—
 - (i) refusing to make a deferral determination; or
 - (ii) determining a period of deferral other than the period applied for; or
 - (iii) making a determination for the deferral of an amount other than the amount applied for;
- (c) a decision under section 47 to make a deferral determination;
- (d) a decision under section 50 amending a deferral determination;
- (e) a decision under section 53 that a ground for revocation of a deferral determination made under section 46 exists.

page 26

Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2006

A2006-19

Endnotes

1 **Presentation speech** Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 17 November 2005.

2 Notification Notified under the Legislation Act on 17 May 2006.

3 Republications of amended laws

For the latest republication of amended laws, see www.legislation.act.gov.au.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill 2006, which originated in the Legislative Assembly as the Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 (No 2) and was passed by the Assembly on 9 May 2006.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

© Australian Capital Territory 2006

A2006-19

Revenue Legislation Amendment Act 2006

page 27