

Family trust election, revocation or variation 2017

Election form and explanatory notes for 1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017

WHEN TO USE THE FAMILY TRUST ELECTION, REVOCATION OR VARIATION 2017

Trustees must use the *Family trust election, revocation or variation 2017* for:

- making a family trust election in accordance with section 272-80 of Schedule 2F to the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (ITAA 1936) specifying 2004–05 or a later year
- revoking a family trust election in 2016–17 in accordance with subsections 272-80(6) to (8) of Schedule 2F to the ITAA 1936, or
- varying the specified individual under subsections 272-80(5) to (5D) and (8) of Schedule 2F to the ITAA 1936.

CONDITIONS FOR MAKING A FAMILY TRUST ELECTION

Where specifying the 2016–17 year

To make a family trust election for 2016–17, the trust must pass the family control test in section 272-87 of Schedule 2F to the ITAA 1936, at the end of that year; see subsection 272-80(4) of Schedule 2F to the ITAA 1936. However, the election will only be in force from the earliest time (**the election commencement time**) in 2016–17 from which the trust passes the family control test, continuously until the end of that year; see subsection 272-80(10) of Schedule 2F to the ITAA 1936.

A trust can only have one family trust election in force; see subsection 272-80(11) of Schedule 2F to the ITAA 1936. However, trustees can make a family trust election and one or more interposed entity elections in accordance with section 272-85 of Schedule 2F to the ITAA 1936.



If you wish to revoke or vary a family trust election, use the *Family trust election, revocation or variation 2017* only for the 2016–17 income year.



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Where specifying 2004–05 or a later year

For 2004–05 and later years, trustees can make family trust elections specifying an earlier year provided certain conditions are met. Generally these conditions require that from the beginning of the specified year until 30 June of the year immediately preceding the one in which the election is made:

- the trust passes the family control test in section 272-87 of Schedule 2F to the ITAA 1936, and
- any conferrals of present entitlement to, or any actual distributions of, income or capital of the trust during that period have been made on or to the individual specified in the election or members of that individual's family group; see subsection 272-80(4A) of Schedule 2F to the ITAA 1936.

As subsection 272-80(4A) of Schedule 2F to the ITAA 1936 applies to elections specifying a year before the year in which the election is made, trustees using the *Family trust election, revocation or variation 2017* to make a family trust election can specify 2004–05 or a later year provided the above conditions are met.

CONDITIONS FOR VARYING A FAMILY TRUST ELECTION

The specified individual in a family trust election can be varied where:

- the new individual was a member of the family of the original specified individual at the election commencement time
- no conferrals of present entitlement to, and distributions of, income or capital have been made (by the trust or an interposed entity) outside the new specified individual's family group during the period in which the family trust election has been in force, and
- the trust meets the related conditions in subsections 272-80(5A), (5B), (6B) and (8) of Schedule 2F to the ITAA 1936 which includes specific time periods during which the specified individual in a family trust election can be varied.

In addition to this, subsections 272-80(5C) and (5D) of Schedule 2F to the ITAA 1936 contain the conditions under which the specified individual can be varied if, as a result of a family law obligation arising from a marriage breakdown, the control of the trust passes to a new specified individual and/or their family members.

CONDITIONS FOR REVOKING A FAMILY TRUST ELECTION

The trustees of a trust may revoke a family trust election where:

- the family trust is a fixed trust at the beginning of the specified year and the trust satisfies all the other conditions set out in subsections 272-80(6) and (7) of Schedule 2F to the ITAA 1936, or
- under legislative changes that took effect on 1 July 2007
 - at any time while the election was in force, the trust, or another entity, has not recouped a tax loss or claimed a deduction for bad debts, or a beneficiary of the trust has not received a franked distribution indirectly through the trust in relation to which the beneficiary was entitled to franking credits, only as a result of the election being in force, and
 - the trust must also satisfy the related conditions in subsections 272-80(6A), (6B) and (8) of Schedule 2F to the ITAA 1936 which includes specific time periods during which a family trust election can be revoked in this situation.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE FAMILY TRUST ELECTION, REVOCATION OR VARIATION 2017

Write the tax file number (TFN) of the trust in the space provided.

All trustees using the *Family trust election, revocation or variation 2017* must complete items 1 and 2, and item 3 if it applies.

If the trustees are making a family trust election specifying 2004–05 or a later year, complete section A.

Trustees must provide **all** the information required in section A for a family trust election specifying 2004–05 or a later year to be made in accordance with section 272-80 of Schedule 2F to the ITAA 1936.

When making a family trust election, make sure you write either **2005** or **a later income year** (as appropriate) in the **Income year specified** box at item 6 of section A.

If the trustees are revoking a family trust election in 2016–17, complete section B.

Trustees must provide **all** the information required in section B for a family trust election to be revoked in accordance with subsections 272-80(6) to (8) of Schedule 2F to the ITAA 1936.

If the trustees are varying the specified individual, complete item 6 or 7 (depending on which is applicable) and item 8 of section A.

Trustees must provide **all** the applicable information required for the specified individual in their family trust election to be varied in accordance with subsections 272-80(5A) to (5D) and (8) of Schedule 2F to the ITAA 1936.

Although it is not an offence not to quote a TFN, any TFN required on this form is information which the Commissioner requires within the meaning of subsection 272-80(3) of Schedule 2F to the ITAA 1936. If the TFN of a person or entity is required on the *Family trust election, revocation or variation 2017* and the relevant person or entity does not have a TFN, print **X** in the box provided.

Where the *Family trust election, revocation or variation 2017* is used to make a family trust election, every trustee of the trust must sign and date the form at the time the family trust election is made. If a trustee is a company, the company's public officer must sign for that corporate trustee.

Where the *Family trust election, revocation or variation 2017* is used to revoke or vary a family trust election, every trustee of the trust must sign and date the form at the time the:

- 2017 tax return for the trust is lodged with this form, or
- *Family trust election, revocation or variation 2017* must be given to the Commissioner.

If a trustee is a company, the company's public officer must sign for that corporate trustee.

HOW TO MAKE, REVOKE OR VARY A FAMILY TRUST ELECTION

To make a family trust election, complete the *Family trust election, revocation or variation 2017* and send it to the Commissioner at the address below.

To revoke or vary a family trust election where the 2017 tax return for the trust is required, complete the *Family trust election, revocation or variation 2017*. Include it as part of the tax return and send it to the address below.

To revoke or vary a family trust election where the 2017 tax return is not required, complete the *Family trust election, revocation or variation 2017*. You must send it to the address below no later than two months after the end of 2016–17.

If you need more time to revoke or vary the election, with or without the 2017 tax return, write to the Commissioner before the due date requesting an extension of time, stating the reasons for the delay and the proposed date for lodging the form and/or tax return.

Send your completed form and/or tax return to:

**Australian Taxation Office
GPO Box 9845
IN YOUR CAPITAL CITY**



Print neatly in BLOCK LETTERS with a black or blue ballpoint pen only.

Tax file number (TFN)
of the trust

To make, revoke or vary a family trust election in accordance with section 272-80 of Schedule 2F to the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (ITAA 1936), you must complete items **1** and **2**, item **3** if it applies and the declaration on page 4. You must also complete section **A** for an **election**, or section **B** for a **revocation**. For a **variation** items **6** or **7** and item **8** in section **A** must be completed. If you don't have enough space to complete an item, or if an item requires you to provide further information, attach a separate sheet of paper with the additional information.

1 Are you using this form for an election, a revocation or a variation?

Print **E** for election, **R** for revocation or **V** for variation.

2 Full name and current postal address (including country – if outside Australia) of trust for which the family trust election, revocation or variation is made.

Full name of the trust

Current postal address of the trust

Suburb or town State Postcode
Country – if not Australia

3 If the name and/or the postal address for the trust identified in item 2 above has changed since its last tax return (if any) was lodged, print it exactly as shown on the last notice of assessment or the last tax return lodged.

Full name of the trust as shown on last notice of assessment or last tax return lodged

Postal address of the trust as shown on last notice of assessment or last tax return lodged

Suburb or town State Postcode
Country – if not Australia

Section A Family trust election or variation details

4 Was the central management and control of the trust outside Australia at any time during the period from the election commencement time (see items 6 and 7) until the time the election is made (relevant period)?

Print **Y** for yes or **N** for no.

If you printed **Y**, specify the time(s) at which central management and control was outside Australia.

Full period

Print **F** in the box if the central management and control of the trust was outside Australia at all times during the relevant period **OR** specify the time(s) during the relevant period at which central management and control of the trust was outside Australia.

If more than two time periods are to be specified, attach a separate sheet of paper with details of the additional time periods.

from Day Month Year to Day Month Year
from Day Month Year to Day Month Year

5 Full name, TFN, current postal address and residency details of every trustee of the trust from the election commencement time until the time the election is made (relevant period). Where any trustee is a company, the Australian company number (ACN) or Australian registered body number (ARBN) of each such trustee is also required.

If there was more than one trustee of the trust during the relevant period, attach a separate sheet of paper with all the information required for each additional trustee.

TFN of trustee See the Privacy note in the Declaration.

OR

Print **X** in the box if the trustee does not have a TFN.

If the trustee is an individual

Title – for example, Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss

Surname or family name

Given names

If the trustee is a company

Name

ACN/ARBN* *Cross out whichever is not applicable.

Current postal address of the trustee

Suburb or town

State

Postcode

Country – if not Australia

At any time during the relevant period was the trustee a non-resident for tax purposes?

Print **Y** for yes or **N** for no.

If you printed **Y**, specify the time(s) at which the trustee was a non-resident for tax purposes.

Print **F** in the box if the trustee was a non-resident for tax purposes at all times during the relevant period

Full period

OR

Specify the time(s) during the relevant period at which the trustee was a non-resident for tax purposes.

Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

If more than one time period is to be specified, attach a separate sheet of paper with details of the additional time periods in relation to the trustee.

6 Where making a family trust election – write the four-digit, 2005 or later, income year specified for the purposes of the family trust election. Where varying the specified individual of a family trust election, other than by way of an order, an agreement or an award (see item 7) – write the four-digit, 2017 income year of the trust’s return of income with which the variation must be lodged. The variation effective date is the first day of that year of income or the commencement date of the original election, whichever is later.

If the income year specified does not end on 30 June, state the substituted accounting period for that income year.

Income year specified

Substituted accounting period

from	Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

7 The commencement time for the family trust election or the effective date of a variation by way of an order, an agreement or an award.

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Note: Only complete this item if:

- specifying the 2016–17 income year for an election and the family control test in section 272-87 of Schedule 2F to the ITAA 1936 has **NOT** been satisfied at all times during the 2016–17 income year. In these circumstances, the election commencement time will be the earliest time from which the family control test was passed continuously until the end of the 2016–17 income year. In all other circumstances the election commencement time is the first day of the income year specified in item 6 of Section A, or
- varying the specified individual of a family trust election under subsection 272-80(5C) of Schedule 2F to the ITAA 1936 as a result of an order, an agreement, or an award. The variation effective date is the variation date specified by the order, agreement or award.

8 Full name, TFN, date of birth and current address of principal place of residence (including country – if outside Australia) of the individual (specified individual) whose family group is taken into account in relation to the family trust election.

Note: Only one individual can be specified.

TFN of the specified individual **OR** Print **X** in the box if the specified individual does not have a TFN.

See the Privacy note in the Declaration.

Title – for example, Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss

Full name of the specified individual

Date of birth of the specified individual Day Month Year

Surname or family name

Given names

Current address of principal place of residence of the specified individual

Suburb or town State Postcode

Country – if not Australia

Note: Only complete section B if revoking a family trust election otherwise go to Declaration on page 4.

Section B Family trust revocation

9a The later time under paragraph 272-80(6)(b) of Schedule 2F to the ITAA 1936 from which the family trust election referred to in items 10 and 11 ceases to be in force Day Month Year

OR

9b The income year from which the revocation is to be effective under subsection 272-80(8). Income year

10 The income year for which the details of the election being revoked were included in the tax return for the trust or given to the Commissioner as required under subsection 272-80(2) of Schedule 2F to the ITAA 1936 or sub-items 22(4) or 22A(4) of Schedule 1 to the Taxation Laws Amendment (Trust Loss and Other Deductions) Act 1998. Income year

11 Specify the income year exactly as it appears in Section A of the relevant family trust election included in the tax return for the trust or given to the Commissioner for the income year identified, and the current TFN of the individual specified in that election.

Income year TFN of the specified individual **OR** Print **X** in the box if the **specified individual** does not have a TFN.

12 Full name, TFN and current postal address of any company, fund, partnership or trust which has an interposed entity election in force in respect of the trust and the specified individual identified in items 2 and 11. In the case of a company, also provide the ACN or ARBN.

TFN of the *company/fund/partnership/trust **OR** Print **X** in the box if the *company/fund/partnership/trust does not have a TFN.

Full name and ACN or ARBN of the *company/fund/partnership/trust

ACN/ARBN*

* Cross out whichever is not applicable

Current postal address of the *company/fund/partnership/trust

Suburb or town State Postcode

Country – if not Australia

* Cross out whichever is not applicable.

If there was more than one company, fund, partnership or trust which has an interposed entity election in force in respect of the trust and the specified individual identified in items 2 and 11, attach a separate sheet of paper with all the information required above for each additional company, fund, partnership or trust.

Declaration

Privacy

The ATO is authorised by the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* to request the provision of your tax file number (TFN). The ATO will use your TFN to identify you in our records. It is not an offence not to provide your TFN. However if you do not provide your TFN, the processing of this form could be delayed.

Taxation law authorises the ATO to collect information including personal information about the person authorised to sign the declaration. For information about your privacy go to ato.gov.au/privacy

I/We declare that all the information required has been provided on this form and any attachments to this form, and that the information provided is true and correct in every detail, and that the trustee(s) is/are making, varying or revoking a family trust election, the details of which are set out above, for the purposes of section 272-80 of Schedule 2F to the ITAA 1936 and that the trustee(s) is/are able to make, vary or revoke the election in accordance with that section.

Full name of the trustee(s) at the time the family trust election is made or, where this form is being used to revoke a family trust election, the time the 2017 tax return is lodged with this form or this form is required to be given to the Commissioner.

Note: If section **A** is required to be completed, the name of the trustee(s) must be written exactly as it appears in item **5**.

If the trustee is an individual

Title – for example, Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss

Surname or family name

Given names

If the trustee is a company

Name

Signature of the trustee or, if the trustee is a company, the signature of the public officer of the corporate trustee

Date declaration made

Day	Month	Year

If there is more than one trustee of the trust at the time the family trust election is made or a family trust election is revoked or varied, attach a separate sheet of paper with the above details and signature for each additional trustee.

For more information, see the explanatory notes for the *Family trust election, revocation or variation 2017*.

Hours taken to prepare and complete this form (See notes below.)

The ATO is committed to reducing the costs of complying with your taxation obligations.

By completing this item you will help us to monitor these costs as closely as possible.

When completing this item the trust should consider the time, rounded up to the nearest hour, which the trust (including the trustees) spent:

- reading the instructions
- collecting the necessary information to complete this form
- making any necessary calculations, and/or
- actually completing this form.

Notes:

1. The answer should reflect the time both your business and tax agent spent preparing and completing this form. This includes the time spent by any other person whose assistance was obtained in doing this, such as an employee of the business.
2. If this form is lodged with the 2017 tax return, the answer should be included in the time box provided on the tax return.