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Taxation Determination

Income tax: can a payment made to a cleaning contractor by someone not associated with the industry be a 'prescribed payment' for the purposes of the prescribed payments system?

1. Yes. A person who is not within the prescribed industry can be a 'prescribed person' under the definition of that term in subregulation 126(4) of the Income Tax Regulations (Reg). A person who acts as an agent for another by providing services of a contractor to perform any of the activities listed in subregulations 126(2) and 126(3) satisfies the agency test. Cleaning activities are listed in paragraph (h) of subregulation 126(3).

Note 1: 'Person' is not restricted to an individual.

Note 2: A more complete description of the operation of the agency test is given in Taxation Rulings IT 2056 and IT 2058.

Example:

A customer pays a retail store to clean carpets in a house. The store contracts the cleaning to an independent contractor.

The retail store has effectively placed itself within the cleaning industry so the payment to the cleaning contractor is a prescribed payment [Reg 126(3)(h) and Reg 126(4)(j)(ii)].

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