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Notice of Withdrawal

Taxation Ruling

Fringe benefits tax: car parking fringe benefits

Taxation Ruling TR 96/26 is withdrawn with effect from today.

- 1. TR 96/26 explained the car parking provisions of Division 10A of Part III of the *Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act 1986*.
- 2. TR 96/26 is being withdrawn because a replacement ruling (draft Taxation Ruling TR 2019/D5 *Fringe benefits tax: car parking benefits*) is being published to reflect contemporary commercial car parking arrangements and legal developments, including the decisions in *Commissioner of Taxation v Qantas Airways Limited* [2014] FCAFC 168 and *Qantas Airways Limited and Commissioner of Taxation* [2014] AATA 316 (*Qantas decisions*) and *Virgin Blue Airlines Pty Ltd v Commissioner of Taxation* [2010] FCAFC 137.
- 3. Paragraph 81 of TR 96/26 expressed the view that car parking facilities that have a primary purpose other than providing all-day parking, that is, one that usually charges penalty rates significantly higher than the rates chargeable for all-day parking at commercial all-day parking facilities, were not commercial parking stations. This view will no longer apply in recognition of the *Qantas* decisions of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and the Federal Court.
- 4. However, the view expressed in paragraph 81 of TR 96/26 will continue to apply in relation to a car parking fringe benefit provided on or before 31 March 2020.
- 5. The Commissioner's current view, which is intended to apply to car parking fringe benefits provided from 1 April 2020, is expressed in TR 2019/D5, which issued on 13 November 2019.

Commissioner of Taxation

13 November 2019

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