

# Your presenters



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# Potential remote work scenarios





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**Domestic remote worker** – existing employee wishes to perform role from another part of the same country



International remote worker – existing employee wishes to perform role from another country



Remote Work Scenarios

**Domestic remote new hire** – organization allows new hires to join and start working from another part of the same country



**International remote new hire** – organization allows new hires to join and start working from another country



Virtual assignment – employees who would have been on a physical assignment working virtually for the host country entity



Work from Home Scenarios **Permanent work from home** – employee is wholly based at their home



Scheduled work from home – employee is based at an office location and will work from home on a regular, scheduled basis



Occasional work from home – employee is based at an office location and may work from home occasionally on an ad-hoc basis



Temporary work from home – employee is based at an office location and will work from home for a limited, temporary period of time (such as for health and safety measures)

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# Remote work scenarios

Issues to consider

Cross-border remote working

- · Is there a firm policy?
- · When is tax advice sought?
- When do employees move between different country payrolls?

# Working from home

- · Where is the workplace?
- · Who is responsible for paying for what?
- What is an employer cost (exempt) vs an employee cost (taxable)?



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# Inland Revenue guidance

Payments to employees to help cover the cost of remote working

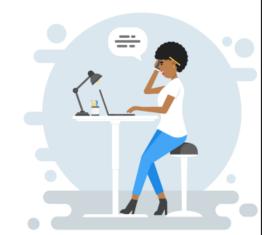
### **Determination EE003**

Working from home allowances:

- \$15 per week
- \$400 set up costs

Telecommunication allowances:

Class	%	Reason
Class A	75% of cost can be exempt	Principally used in employment
Class B	25% of cost can be exempt	Still required but not principally
Class C	100% (de minimis)	\$5 a week (max \$265 a year)



Determination expires on 31 March 2023

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Deloitte Insight: Taxing Telecommunication Costs

Deloitte Insight: Are you aware of changes to the taxation of telecommunication and travel allowances?

Deloitte Insight: Employment tax issues for a remote workforce Deloitte Insight: Update on working from home allowance

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# Inland Revenue guidance

Distant workplaces - travel and accommodation

 Travel from home to distant workplace taxable, and accommodation taxable, unless exemption applies

Travel costs exemption	Accommodation costs exemption
Business travel or short term secondment	Business travel or short term secondment
Employee genuinely works at a local workplace (this <u>may</u> be their home)	Employee genuinely works at a local workplace (but not if home is the local workplace)

- · Travel from home to a distant workplace (OS 19/05)
- Income tax treatment of accommodation provided to employees (OS 21/01)



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Deloitte Insight: Are you aware of changes to the taxation of telecommunication and travel allowances?

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# Inland Revenue guidance

Work related travel

• Inland Revenue kilometre rates (issued May 2022)

Vehicle type	Tier 1 rate	Tier 2 rate
Petrol or diesel		31 cents
Petrol hybrid	83 cents	18 cents
Electric		10 cents

 Employee transport allowances for additional transport costs are exempt from tax (DRAFT ED 0243)



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Deloitte Insight: 2022 mileage reimbursement rates published

Deloitte Insight: Are you aware of changes to the taxation of telecommunication and travel allowances?

Deloitte Insight: Allowances for additional transport costs

Operational Statement Employer-provided travel from home to a distant workplace – income tax (PAYE) and fringe benefit tax

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# Red Flags Accommodation Meal allowances ESCT rates Union contracts Hurt and humiliation payments Payments to non-resident contractors

### **Useful links:**

Deloitte Insight: Can I claim a my lunch as a tax deduction?

Deloitte Insight: Time to review your ESCT rates

Deloitte Insight: Recapping Deloitte's FBT and employment taxes webinar – key things you need to know under the 39%

rate

Deloitte Insight: Christmas parties and gifts – Entertainment or FBT or PAYE?

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### The distinction between FBT and PAYE

Whether FBT or PAYE applies to a benefit depends on the legal form of how the benefit is provided.

Rule of thumb: If it is the employers liability, FBT applies; if it is an expense of an employee, PAYE applies.

Exceptions and inconsistencies:

- Accommodation is always subject to PAYE
- If you provide a fringe benefit rather than paying a tax exempt allowance, there is a FBT exemption BUT if you provide an allowance instead of providing a benefit which would be exempt from FBT, PAYE will still apply



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# **Current FBT issues**



# **Emission friendly benefits**

- · Electric vehicles
- · Chargers at work/home
- · Public/shared transport/other incentives

# Application of exemptions

- · De minimis threshold
- · On premises exemption
- Health and safety
- Business tools

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### **Useful links:**

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Deloitte Insight: EV's, car fees and role of time in the path to carbon zero

Deloitte Insight: FBT common errors and how to prevent them

Inland Revenue Guidance Clean Car Discount Scheme

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# What's on the horizon?

- · Inland Revenue's focus on Tax Governance
- · Current law changes before Parliament
  - · FBT and public transport
  - · Cross-border worker simplifications
  - · Non-resident contractor tax changes
- FBT stewardship review
- · Upcoming Inland Revenue guidance
  - · Provisional tax: employees and one off amounts
  - · Land Main home exclusion and secondees

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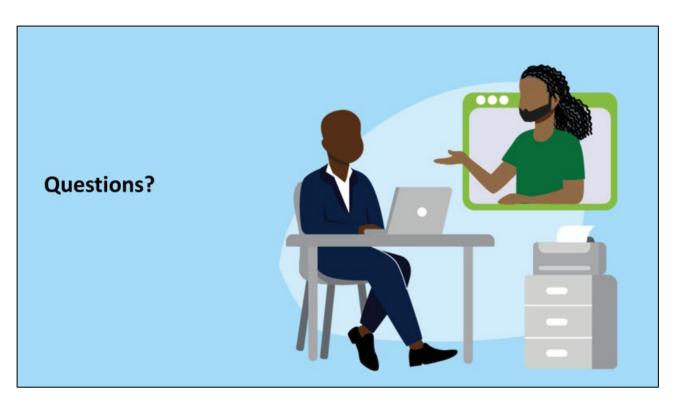
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<u>Deloitte Insight: Bringing workers to New Zealand? Taxing rules to be modernised Deloitte Insight: Questions over FBT regime</u>

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