



# Horton & Co Ltd

Accountants & Advisors



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### ***Welcome back***

From Horton & Co

A very warm welcome to all of our clients for 2021!

By the time this goes live we would have already ventured through 3 months of the new year already!

What a crazy ride 2020 was for all of us! We like to swear at it from time to time but how lucky we were to have technology to allow us to stay connected, work, and have access to the world outside of our 'bubbles'.

A big thank you to all of you for working with us during those tricky weeks, we could not have done it without you all!

In November Anne announced her retirement. Anne is now back in South Africa with her family. While we miss her greatly here at the office, we are very happy for her and wish her well on her new journey.

We have welcomed Rachel to the team who will be tasked with looking after our tax system - lucky her!

2021 - what will it bring? Stay tuned for the answer to that!

## CLIENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Click the Client Questionnaire 2021 button in your email to get a copy of our questionnaire which needs to be completed to assist with the preparation of your Financial Statements and Income Tax Returns, and comply with AML regulations. Copies of questionnaires and stock sheets are available on our website [www.ljhorton.co.nz](http://www.ljhorton.co.nz) under the 'Resources' tab.

## HORTON & CO ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTING CHEQUES

From the 1st of April 2021 we will no longer accept cheques as a payment method. This is in-line with banks and other organisations also not accepting cheques. If you have any concerns please get in touch with us and we can figure out a solution that works for you.

## CHANGES TO IRD PAYEMENTS

Most of you are aware by now that at the end of 2020 banks ruled that agents could no longer make a direct debit payment on behalf of their clients. Therefore going forward in 2021 payment options are now as follows;

- **Pay online at myIR**

Using your credit or debit card. Clients can also set up direct debits in myIR and select the payment date(s).

- **Pay online through your bank**

Using your online banking facility you can make payments to the IRD - you can also post date your payment(s).

### Offline payment options:

- **Eftpos at Westpac via barcode**

You can make Eftpos payments at any Westpac branch. You will need an IRD barcode to correctly allocate the payment. The barcode will be printed on your return or statement. You can also get one from the IRD website. [ird.govt.nz/make-a-payment/paying-at-westpac](http://ird.govt.nz/make-a-payment/paying-at-westpac)

***If you have any questions regarding making payments please contact us - we are happy to help answer any questions and talk through the options with you.***

## DEPRECIATION & LOW VALUE ASSETS

From the 17th March 2021 the threshold for low value assets is now \$1,000 instead of decreasing back to the previous lower threshold of \$500.

Depreciation on commercial buildings will be claimable from the 2021 income year.



## MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

As of the 1st of April 2021 the minimum wage will increase to \$20.00 an hour. An increase of \$1.10 per hour.

The starting-out and training minimum wage will increase from \$15.12 to \$16.00 per hour, remaining at 80% of the adult minimum wage.

## DID YOU KNOW?

If you have an investment in Computershare or Link Market Services you can make an online login. Their online services allow you to view statements online, view transactions, payment history, and research the latest market data. You can also pay for an Annual Tax Summary - the Annual Tax Summary holds all the info we need to complete your tax return! No more paper statements with spilt coffee, no more digging in that 'safe place' - you could have it all in one easy to find place. Links below!

<https://www-au.computershare.com/Investor/>

<https://investorcentre.linkmarketservices.co.nz/Login/Login>

## FARM SOURCE ONLINE

You can now connect us to your online Farm Source account. This means we can view your milk supply, and shareholdings statements online. Saving lots of time for the EOY accounts! Contact your local Fonterra agent to set us up, or jump onto your Farm Source account and add us to your account.

## CHANGES TO INCOME TAX RATES FOR INDIVIDUALS

From 1st April 2021 to March 2022:

**\$0-\$14,000** (10.5%)

**\$14,001 - \$48,000** (17.5%)

**\$48,001 - \$70,000** (30%)

**\$70,001 - \$180,000** (33%)

**\$180,001 - upwards** (39%)

**No Notification/ no tax code declaration IR330** (45%)



## TEAM MEMBER UPDATES

After 15 years of working with us we had to say goodbye to Anne who returned back to South Africa at the end of 2020.

We took her out to lunch on her last day here to wish her well on her new journey.

We miss her greatly here in the office and thank her for all her efforts over the years.

We welcomed Rachel into the office at the start of March 2021. Rachel joins us from Netball Taranaki where she was the Financial Officer there. In June this year she starts her pathway to becoming a qualified CA.

Originally from Wellington she has worked in a number of different industries within Finance. We are very excited to have her here with us!

## PROVISIONAL TAX DATES 2021

March Balance Date Clients:

| <b>GST Filing Frequency</b> | <b>Number of Provsional Tax Instalments</b> | <b>Payment Due Dates</b>               |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| One or Two monthly          | Three Instalments                           | 28th August<br>15th January<br>7th May |
| Six Monthly                 | Two Instalments                             | 28th October<br>7th May                |

June Balance Date Clients:

| <b>GST Filing Frequency</b> | <b>Number of Provsional Tax Instalments</b> | <b>Payment Due Dates</b>                 |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| One or Two monthly          | Three Instalments                           | 28th November<br>28th March<br>28th July |
| Six Monthly                 | Two Instalments                             | 28th January<br>28th July                |



## OUR WEBSITE



You can find us online at **[www.ljhorton.co.nz](http://www.ljhorton.co.nz)**  
Please make use of our resources with key dates, and blog updates. You can find client questionnaires, and stock reconciliation sheets there too!

## **COVID-19 SUPPORT**

### **APPRENTICESHIP BOOST**

Apprenticeship Boost is a payment to help employers keep and take on new apprentices. The payment is made directly to employers. To be eligible apprentices must be in their first two years of an apprenticeship. They can be self-employed as long as they are contracted or employed by you. You can't be receiving any other wage subsidy for that apprentice.

### **SHORT-TERM ABSENCE PAYMENTS**

The COVID-19 Short-Term Absence Payment is available for businesses, including self-employed people, to help pay their workers who cannot work from home while they wait for a COVID-19 test result for themselves, or somebody in their household. To be eligible you can't be receiving any other covid-19 wage subsidy.

## **GST RETURNS 2021**

A reminder that to complete your GST Returns we need all invoices and receipts. A lot of companies are now emailing receipts, we welcome you to forward these on to us as an electronic copy. There are also a few apps such as Receipt Bank that allow you to store and send all of your receipts to us electronically.

### **WORKING FOR FAMILIES TAX CREDITS**

If you were already receiving in-work working for families tax credits. Anytime your working hours reduce temporarily due to covid-19 and you're still getting paid you will still qualify for the minimum working for families tax credit. You do not have to notify the IRD if your hours reduce due to covid-19 but are still being paid by your employer.

## **STARTING A BUSINESS, CONTRACTING, OR SELF- EMPLOYMENT?**

If you have a good idea for a new business venture but don't have expertise in the legal or financial aspects, we can help you to;

- Decide on the most suitable structure for your business – Sole trader, partnership, or limited company
- Prepare a business plan, cash flow projections, budgets, and trading forecasts
- Assess your finance requirements, advise on the best sources of finance, and draw up the necessary proposals
- Establish a good working relationship with your bank
- Complete any registration procedures with Companies Office, and Inland Revenue,

And so much more!

Let us help you turn your business idea into a reality!

## **DOES YOUR BUSINESS NEED A HEALTH CHECK?**

We aim to ensure your business achieves the potential it is capable of. We have the know-how and experience to offer advice that helps you run your business more effectively.

We are practiced in acting as a sounding board, bringing years of experience. Our team can identify the key performance indicators in your business, and help you bring about the required changes.

We check your business is as competitive, focused, and profitable as it can be, then offer flexible strategies designed to address the issues affecting your business. Let us give your business a health check!

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AT [www.ljhorton.co.nz](http://www.ljhorton.co.nz)**

**OR VISIT US AT THE OFFICE TO SEE HOW  
WE CAN HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR  
BUSINESS & FINANCIAL GOALS**

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