

About Tax Payment and Recovery of Tax-in-arrears

(a) Who is Responsible for the Payment of Property Tax?

➤ If the property is owned by one person

The Assessor will issue the Property Tax assessment in the name of the sole owner.

➤ If the property is owned by two or more than two persons

The Assessor will issue the Property Tax assessment in the name of the joint-owners/co-owners as follows :

<i>Owners</i>	<i>Property Tax demand note will be issued in the name of</i>
A & B	A & B
A, B & C	A and other owners
A, B, C, D & E	A and other owners

For joint-owners/co-owners, their liability to pay Property Tax and Provisional Property Tax is “joint and several”.

Example 1

If A, B, C & D are 25% interest co-owners and the amount of tax-in-arrears is \$10,000.

“Joint” liability means that the 4 persons will together be liable to pay up the whole amount of tax demanded, \$10,000. Each person should put up \$2,500 towards settlement.

“Several” means that each joint-owner/co-owner will be responsible for paying up the tax demanded as if he/she is a sole owner. The IRD can sue A for the whole amount - \$10,000. Once A has paid \$10,000, IRD will discontinue with all recovery action against all the owners. If A and B are both untraceable, IRD can sue C & D for \$10,000.

In any event, tax will not be overcharged. Any overpayment of tax will be refunded.

Tax refund

If no election for Personal Assessment is involved, the refund cheque will be made in the names of all of the owners, e.g., “A, B, C, D & E”. If

these 5 owners do not have a joint-name bank account, they can together sign a Letter of Authorization, authorizing IRD to issue a replacement cheque in the name of “A” to receive the entire refund on behalf of all of the owners. IRD will also ask “A” to sign a “Letter of Indemnity” to indemnify the IRD against any loss that may arise subsequently.

(b) Methods of Payment

Click [HERE](#) for information on payment methods.

(c) Can I pay tax by instalments?

Click [HERE](#) for information of “Application for Paying Tax by Instalments”.

(d) Penalties for late payment and recovery of tax-in-arrears

Please see

- [Consequence of Not Paying Tax on Time](#) and
- [Recovering Tax in Default](#)