

## Computation of the Refund Amount

### General

The refund amount, which shall not be more than \$2,000 and \$73 for a business and branch registration certificate respectively, is computed on a pro-rata basis by reference to the number of days of the certificate's overall validity period and that falls inside the year 2008-09. In the case of a 3-year certificate, since the fee paid for each year is different (see Table), computation of the refund amount also has to take into account which period within the 3-year the 2008-09 validity period falls. [Other than the Exceptional Situation in Example 4 below]

### Charging Basis of 3-year Certificates

	Business Registration	Branch Registration
First Year Fee	\$2,000	\$73
Second Year Fee	\$1,600	\$58
Third Year Fee	\$1,600	\$58
Total	\$5,200	\$189

<b><u>Ceased business and/or branches which last held a registration certificate with an expiry date between 1.4.2008 and 31.3.2009</u></b>	<b><u>Business and/or branches which hold a 3-year registration certificate with an expiry date on or after 31 March 2009</u></b>
<p><b><u>Example 1 ( 1-year certificate)</u></b></p> <p>A business last held a 1-year certificate with a validity period running from 1.2.2008 to 31.1.2009 before its cessation.</p> <p><u>Validity Period of the Certificate</u> 366 days from 1.2.2008 to 31.1.2009</p> <p><u>Validity Period within the Year 2008-09</u> 306 days from 1.4.2008 to 31.1.2009</p> <p><u>Registration Fee Paid</u> \$2,000</p> <p><u>Refund Amount</u> <math>\\$2,000 \times 306 \div 366 = \\$1,673</math></p>	<p><b><u>Example 3</u></b></p> <p>A business holds a 3-year certificate with a validity period running from 1.1.2008 to 31.12.2009.</p> <p><u>Validity Period of the Certificate</u> 366 days in the 1<sup>st</sup> year from 1.1.2008 to 31.12.2008 365 days in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year from 1.1.2009 to 31.12.2009 365 days in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year from 1.1.2010 to 31.12.2010</p> <p><u>Validity Period within the Year 2008-09</u> First Period: 275 days in the 1<sup>st</sup> year from 1.4.2008 to 31.12.2008 Second Period: 90 days in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year from 1.1.2009 to 31.3.2009</p> <p><u>Registration Fee Paid</u> \$2,000 for the 1<sup>st</sup> year \$1,600 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year</p> <p><u>Refund Amount</u> First Period: <math>\\$2,000 \times 275 \div 366 = \\$1,503</math> Second Period: <math>\\$1,600 \times 90 \div 365 = \\$395</math> Total: <math>\\$1,503 + \\$395 = \\$1,898</math></p>
<p><b><u>Example 2 (3-year certificate)</u></b></p> <p>A business last held a 3-year certificate with a validity period running from 1.1.2006 to 31.12.2008 before its cessation.</p> <p><u>Validity Period of the Certificate</u> 365 days in the 1<sup>st</sup> year from 1.1.2006 to 31.12.2006 365 days in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year from 1.1.2007 to 31.12.2007 366 days in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year from 1.1.2008 to 31.12.2008</p> <p><u>Validity Period within the Year 2008-09</u> 275 days in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year from 1.4.2008 to 31.12.2008</p> <p><u>Registration Fee Paid for the particular Year</u> \$1,600</p> <p><u>Refund Amount</u> <math>\\$1,600 \times 275 \div 366 = \\$1,203</math></p>	<p><b><u>Exceptional Situation – First registration certificate of a branch of a business which holds a 3-year certificate</u></b></p> <p>In order to fit in with the expiry date of the business registration certificate held by the main business, the validity period of the first registration certificate of a new branch of a business holding a 3-year certificate is usually less than 3 years. Therefore, the refund amount is only computed by reference to the actual validity period of the certificate and there is no need to take into account which period within the actual validity period the 2008-09 validity period falls.</p> <p><b><u>Example 4</u></b></p> <p>A branch of a business with a 3-year certificate has a first registration certificate with a validity period running from 1.1.2008 to 30.9.2010.</p> <p><u>Validity Period of the Certificate</u> 1,004 days from 1.1.2008 to 30.9.2010</p> <p><u>Validity Period within the Year 2008-09</u> 365 days from 1.4.2008 to 31.3.2009</p> <p><u>Registration Fee Paid</u> \$189</p> <p><u>Refund Amount</u> <math>\\$189 \times 365 \div 1,004 = \\$69</math></p>