

INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT NOTICE

Second instalment is falling due Tender payment promptly to avoid penalty

The second instalments of tax for the year of assessment 2016/17 are generally falling due in April. The Inland Revenue Department urges taxpayers to note their due dates as stated on their demand notes and make prompt payments.

Tax payment can be made by:

- PPS
- Bank ATMs
- Payment via Internet
- Payment in Person
- Payment by Post (Hongkong Post has adjusted the postage rates with effect from 1 January 2018, please ensure sufficient postage)

It pays to pay tax on time

Please pay tax on time to avoid penalty and the inconvenience that might be caused by recovery actions taken by this Department.

Default in tax payment can lead to the following recovery actions. No prior notice will be given.

- Immediate imposition of 5% surcharge, plus a further 10% surcharge on sums remaining unpaid (including 5% surcharge) 6 months after due date
- Recovery from third parties (including employers, banks, tenants or debtors)
- Institution of civil proceedings in court
- Application for Departure Prevention Direction to prevent the defaulter from leaving Hong Kong
- Petition for bankruptcy /winding up order against the defaulter

Taxpayers with financial difficulties in settling their tax bill by the due date may write in to apply for payment by instalments. If approved, surcharges will be imposed on tax remaining unpaid after the due date.

For more details on payment methods and instalment applications, please visit our website <www.ird.gov.hk> or call 187 8033.

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