EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTION ORDINANCE 2012

This is a consolidated version of this legislation i.e. it incorporates all amendments made since the legislation was enacted as set out in the table below. It has been produced by the SBAA as an aid to transparency and easier access to SBA law. However, it is not the official version of SBA legislation and, although every effort has been made to check the document, its accuracy cannot be guaranteed. The official version of legislation is published in the SBA Gazette.

Legislation incorporated in this Consolidation	Ordinance	Date in Force
Extraordinary Contribution Ordinance 2012	7/12	16/05/2012
This Ordinance is to have effect as if it had come into force on 01 January 2012 This Ordinance expires on the 31 December 2013		
Extraordinary Contribution (Amendment) Ordinance 2013 This Ordinance expires on the 31 December 2016	21/13	03/08/2013

CONTENTS

- 1. Short Title, commencement and expiry
- 2. Interpretation
- 3. Meaning of emoluments
- 4. Application
- 5. Amount of extraordinary contribution: general
- 6. Amount of extraordinary contribution: Crown and authorised service organisations employees' and pensioners'
- 7. Taxable income
- 8. Assessment, payment and enforcement of extraordinary contribution
- 9. Delegation of functions to the Republic
- 10. Power to make regulations
- 11. Criminal offences
- 12. Application to the Crown
- 13. Consequential amendments to Income Tax (Deduction of Tax from Salaries and Pensions) Regulation 2012

EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTION ORDINANCE 2012

An Ordinance to make provision for extraordinary contribution by employees, self-employed persons and pensioners

Short Title, commencement and expiry

1.—(1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Extraordinary Contribution Ordinance 2012 and comes into force on the day after it is published in the Gazette.

(2) Despite subsection (1), this Ordinance is to have effect as if it had come into force on 1 January 2012.

(3) This Ordinance expires on 31 December 2013 2016.(a)

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Ordinance—

"the ACTO" means the Assessment and Collection of Taxes Ordinance 2003(b);

"authorised service organisation" has the meaning given in paragraph 1(b) of Part 1 of Annex B to the Treaty of Establishment;

"business" has the same meaning as in section 2 of the ITO;

"the Commissioner" has the same meaning as in section 2 of the ITO;

"the Crown" means Her Majesty in right of Her Government in the United Kingdom and in right of Her Administration in the Areas;

"emoluments" has the meaning given in section 3;

"employment" means employment under a contract of employment, a contract of apprenticeship or a contract personally to do work;

"extraordinary contribution" means a contribution payable in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance;

"the ITO" means the Income Tax Ordinance 2003(c);

"pension" means a pension arising from a contract of employment, legislative provision or any administrative arrangement, and includes a pension paid to a person in respect of a deceased person;

"resident in the Areas" has the same meaning as in section 2 of the ITO(**d**).

"tax year" has the same meaning as in section 2 of the ITO(e). (f)

(2) A reference to "employer" or "employee" is to be read by reference to the definition of employment.

(3) For the purpose of this Ordinance, a person holding personal or private office is an employee and the person responsible for paying that person is an employer.

(4) A reference to a "pensioner" is to be read by reference to the definition of pension.

⁽a) Amended by Ordinance 21/2013 – came into force on 03 August 2013

⁽**b**) Ordinance 30/2003

⁽c) Ordinance 29/2003 as amended by Ordinance 19/2011

⁽d) The definition of "resident in the Areas" was amended by section 4(1) of the Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance 2011 (Ordinance 19/2011)

⁽e) ITO is defined in the Extraordinary Contribution Ordinance 2012 as the Income Tax Ordinance 2003 (Ord. 29/2003)

⁽f) Definition inserted by Ordinance 21/2013 came into force on 03 August 2013

Meaning of emoluments

3.—(1) In this Ordinance "emoluments" means the following gross emoluments—

- (a) remuneration, including but not limited to salary, cost of living allowance, other regular allowances, variable allowances and overtime arising from employment;
- (b) profits or other benefits from the business of a self-employed person;
- (c) a pension.

(2) Emoluments do not include—

- (a) a retirement gratuity or lump sum;
- (b) a payment from a provident fund or welfare fund approved by the Commissioner;
- (c) allowances paid to an employee to reimburse business expenses.

Application

4.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), extraordinary contribution is payable on the emoluments of—

- (a) an employee or pensioner arising from employment in the Areas; and
- (b) a self-employed person resident in the Areas arising from a business inside or outside the Areas, which are not less than the amount on which contributions are payable in accordance with the Social Insurance (Contribution) Regulations 1980(a), (which are defined by reference to regulations made under the Republic's Social Insurance Law 2010(b)).
- (2) The following emoluments are exempt from extraordinary contribution—
 - (a) the emoluments payable by the Crown—
 - (i) to a member of Her Majesty's Forces;
 - (ii) in respect of the employment of a person enjoying the rights and facilities of a member of Her Majesty's Forces by virtue of paragraph 3 of section 9 of Part II of Annex B to the Treaty of Establishment;
 - (iii) in respect of the employment of a person who is a member of the civilian component, as defined in paragraph 1(b) of section 1 of Annex C to the Treaty of Establishment;
 - (iv) in respect of the employment of a person who is a dependent, as defined in paragraph 1(d) of section 1 of Annex C to the Treaty of Establishment; and
 - (v) in respect of the employment of a person occupying the post of a public official as so classified by the Commissioner pursuant to section 8(a) of the ITO; and
 - (b) the emoluments payable by an authorised service organisation, in respect of the employment of a person referred to in paragraphs (a)(iii) and (a)(iv).

Amount of extraordinary contribution: general

5.—(1) Except where section 6 applies, the monthly amount of extraordinary contribution is determined by reference to the monthly gross emoluments of a person using the *tables*(\mathbf{c}) of rates in this section.

(2) In the tax years of 2012 and 2013(d) the rates at which the amount of extraordinary contribution is determined are as follows—

 ⁽a) P.I. 67/1980: regulation 17 was amended by regulation 5 of the Social Insurance (Contributions) Amendment Regulations 2006 (P.I. 51/2006) to define the minimum weekly amount of insurable earnings by reference to Republican law.

⁽b) Law 59(I)/2010, Republic of Cyprus

⁽c) The word table amended to tables by Ordinance 21/2013 –came into force on 03 August 2013

⁽d) Text inserted by Ordinance 21/2013 – came into force on 3 August 2013

Monthly gross emoluments	Rate of extraordinary contribution
Proportion of emoluments up to €2,500	Nil
Proportion of emoluments over €2,500 and up to €3,500	2.5%, subject to a minimum of €10
Proportion of emoluments over €3,500 and up to €4,500	3%
All emoluments over €4,500	3.5%

(2A) In the tax years of 2014 to 2016 the rates at which the amount of extraordinary contribution is determined are as follows—(a)

Monthly gross emoluments	Rate of extraordinary contribution
Proportion of emoluments up to €1,500	Nil
<i>Proportion of emoluments over</i> €1,500 <i>and up to</i> €2,500	2.5%, subject to a minimum of €10
<i>Proportion of emoluments over</i> €2,500 <i>and up to</i> €3,500	3%
All emoluments over €3,500	3.5%

(3) The rate of extraordinary contribution on the emoluments of a person who is paid other than on a monthly basis is determined by reference to the total of emoluments attributable to each month.

(4) Where extraordinary contribution is payable on the emoluments of an employee or a pensioner arising from employment, 50% of the amount of extraordinary contribution is payable by the employer or former employer.

Amount of extraordinary contribution: Crown and authorised service organisations employees' and pensioners'

6.—(1) This section applies to emoluments of an employee or pensioner arising from employment by the Crown or an authorised service organisation.

(2) The monthly amount of extraordinary contribution is determined by reference to the monthly gross emoluments of a person using the *tables* (\mathbf{b}) of rates in this section.

(3) In the tax years of 2012 and 2013(c) the rates at which the amount of extraordinary contribution is determined are as follows—

Monthly gross emoluments	Rate of extraordinary contribution
Proportion of emoluments up to €2,500	Nil
Proportion of emoluments over €2,500 and up to	1.25% subject to a minimum of \notin (d)
€3,500	
Proportion of emoluments over €3,500 and up to	1.5%
€4,500	

⁽a) Section (2A) inserted by Ordinance 21/2013 – came into force on 03 August 2013

⁽b) The word table amended to tables by Ordinance 21/2013 –came into force on 03 August 2013

⁽c) Text inserted by Ordinance 21/2013 – came into force on 3 August 2013

⁽d) Text inserted by Ordinance 21/2013 – came into force on 3 August 2013

All emoluments over €4,500	1.75%

(3A) In the tax years 2014 to 2016 the rates at which the amount of extraordinary contribution is determined area as follows— (\mathbf{a})

Monthly gross emoluments	Rate of extraordinary contribution
Proportion of emoluments up to €1,500	Nil
<i>Proportion of emoluments over</i> €1,500 <i>and up to</i> €2,500	1.25%, subject to a minimum of €5
Proportion of emoluments over $\in 2,500$ and up to $\notin 3,500$	1.5%
All emoluments over €3,500	1.75%

Taxable income

7. For the purpose of the ITO, the amount payable by a person as extraordinary contribution is exempt from income tax.

Assessment, payment and enforcement of extraordinary contribution

8.—(1) For the purpose of assessment, payment and enforcement of extraordinary contribution, the ACTO and the ITO have effect as if the references to income tax were references to extraordinary contribution.

(2) The penalties and criminal offences in the ACTO and the ITO have effect as if they were penalties and criminal offences under this Ordinance.

(3) Except where subsection (4) applies, in giving effect to ACTO and ITO the Commissioner is to have regard to circulars published by the Ministry of Finance of the Republic in relation to the Republic's Extraordinary Contribution of Employees, Pensioners and Self-employed Persons in the Private Sector Law 2011(**b**), as if the references to Republican Laws were references to the corresponding Ordinances of the Areas.

(4) Where extraordinary contribution is payable on the emoluments of an employee or pensioner arising from employment by the Crown, the Commissioner is to publish by circular procedures for the determination of the amount of extraordinary contribution payable.

Delegation of functions to the Republic

9. The functions placed on the Commissioner in sections 3(2)(b) and 8(3) are general delegated functions for the purposes of the Delegation of Functions to the Republic Ordinance 2007(c);

Power to make regulations

10. The Administrator may make regulations for the more effective application of this Ordinance.

Criminal offences

11. Proceedings for an offence under this Ordinance may be instituted only by, or with the consent of, the Attorney General and Legal Adviser.

⁽a) Section (3A) inserted by Ordinance 21/2013 – came into force on 3 August 2013

⁽b) Law 202(I)/2011, Republic of Cyprus

⁽c) Ordinance 17/2007

Application to the Crown

12.—(1) Subject to this subsection (2), this Ordinance binds the Crown.

(2) Proceedings for a criminal offence may not be brought against-

- (a) the Crown;
- (b) an employee of the Crown acting in the course of employment of the Crown;
- (c) a member of Her Majesty's Forces acting in the course of service of the Crown.

Consequential amendments to Income Tax (Deduction of Tax from Salaries and Pensions) Regulation 2012 (a)

13. In regulation 12(1) of the Income Tax (Deduction of Tax from Salaries and Pensions) Regulations 2012 (b) for "and 2013" substitute "to 2016".

(a) Consequential amendment inserted by Ordinance 21/2013 – came into force on 3 August 2013

⁽b) Public Instrument 27/2012