
**IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (TAXATION)
(AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 2017**

An Ordinance to amend the Immovable Property (Taxation) Ordinance 1980.

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BE it enacted by the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia as follows:—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Immovable Property (Taxation) (Amendment) Ordinance 2017.

(2) It comes into force on 1 March 2017.

Amendment of the Immovable Property (Taxation) Ordinance 1980

2. The Immovable Property (Taxation) Ordinance 1980(a) is amended as follows.

New section 2A

3. After section 2 insert—

“Abolition of tax from 2017

2A. Any obligation in this Ordinance to collect or to pay tax does not apply in relation to the year 2017 or any subsequent year.”.

(a) Ordinance 17/1980, as amended by Ordinances 5/1981, 10/1984, 9/1992, 8/1995, 22/2013, 30/2013 and 32/2014.

Amendment of section 3

4.—(1) Section 3 (imposition of tax)(**a**) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1) for “subsection (3) and sections 18 and 19A” substitute “sections 2A (abolition of tax from 2017), 18 (exemptions from tax) and 19A (tax on the immovable property of the church) and to the following provisions of this section”.

(3) After subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) For the year 2016, the amount of tax in that year is 27.5% of the amount determined in accordance with subsection (2).”.

(4) After subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) Where, for a year, the total amount of tax is less than €10, no tax is payable.”.

Amendment of section 4

5. In section 4 (obligations of owner)(**b**) insert at the beginning of subsection (1) “Subject to section 2A (abolition of tax from 2017),”.

Transitory provisions: tax in 2016

6.—(1) Despite section 3(2A) of the Immovable Property (Taxation) Ordinance 1980, for the year 2016, where a person has paid the total amount of tax due on or before 31 October 2016, the amount of tax in 2016 is 25% of the amount determined in accordance with section 3(2) of that Ordinance.

(2) For the year 2016, the tax is payable on or before 31 December 2016.

(3) For the purpose of the year 2016, references in sections 15(2), 15(3) and 17(1) of the principal Ordinance are to be read as 31 December.

(a) Section 3 was substituted by Ordinance 30/2013.

(b) Section 4 was amended by Ordinance 32/2014.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Ordinance)

1. This explanatory note relates to the Immovable Property (Taxation) (Amendment) Ordinance 2017 (the “Ordinance”). It has been prepared by the Office of the Attorney General and Legal Adviser in order to assist the reader of the Ordinance. It does not form part of the Ordinance.
2. The Ordinance amends the Immovable Property (Taxation) Ordinance 1980 (“the 1980 Ordinance”).
3. The Ordinance provides that, from 2017 onwards, the 1980 Ordinance will no longer impose any obligations to impose or collect taxes. Obligations to pay and collect unpaid taxes from previous years are not affected (new section 2A of the 1980 Ordinance).
4. The Ordinance also provides that, for 2016, the tax payable is 27.5% of the amount which would otherwise be payable (i.e. a discount of 72.5%) (section 3(2A) of the 1980 Ordinance). If the tax was paid before 31 October 2016, the tax payable is 25% of the amount which would otherwise be payable (i.e. a discount of 75%) (see section 6(1)).
5. The Ordinance further provides that the deadline for payment in 2016 is 31 December 2016 as opposed to 30 September 2016 (see section 6(2)-(3)).

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