

[LEGAL NOTICE NO. 29]

INCOME TAX ACT 2015

Income Tax (Other Incentives) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

IN exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 25A of the Income Tax Act 2015, I hereby make these Regulations—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Income Tax (Other Incentives) (Amendment) Regulations 2020.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 1 April 2020.

Regulations 5 and 6 inserted

2. The Income Tax (Other Incentives) Regulations 2018 is amended after regulation 4 by inserting the following new regulations—

“Reduction of rent

5.—(1) Subject to subregulation (2), a landlord that reduces the rent payable under a tenancy agreement is allowed a deduction for the aggregate sum of the difference between the rent payable on 26 March 2020 and the rent payable in the deduction period.

(2) The tenancy agreement must have taken effect before 26 March 2020 and the landlord must prove to the satisfaction of the CEO that the tenancy agreement has been in effect for the 6 consecutive months before 26 March 2020.

(3) In this regulation—

“tenancy agreement” means a tenancy agreement for any premises used for commercial purposes but does not include residential purposes; and

“deduction period” means the period commencing on and from 27 March 2020 to 31 December 2020.

COVID-19 pandemic

6.—(1) A person is allowed a deduction for 300% of the amount of a cash donation made in a tax year to a fund established by the Government to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

(2) The fund will be used for any of the following—

(a) to procure medical supplies and personal protective equipment;

(b) to establish and maintain quarantine facilities;

(c) to maintain food security;

(d) to assist employees affected by the COVID-19 pandemic;

(e) to assist industries affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; or

(f) any other COVID-19 pandemic related response approved by the Minister.

(3) In this regulation, “COVID-19” means the coronavirus disease as named by the World Health Organization on 11 February 2020.”.

Made this 30th day of March 2020.

A. SAYED-KHAIYUM
Attorney-General and Minister for Economy