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Jurisdictions	<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>
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## Module Scope

Does the organisation import, manufacture, or supply goods subject to excise duties, tariffs, and GST?

Does the organisation provide international services that may require withholding taxes?

Does the organisation operate gambling services requiring gaming duties and levies?

Does the organisation transact in residential property subject to bright-line income tax?

Does the organisation employ staff requiring PAYE, FBT, and other employment taxes?

Does the organisation receive taxable income subject to income tax obligations?

Does the organisation operate as a partnership, trust, company or other entity requiring tax filings?

Does the organisation undergo IRD tax audits, disputes or investigations?

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## Module Application

The NEW ZEALAND TAX COMPLIANCE OBLIGATIONS module informs organisations of their wide-ranging tax compliance duties under New Zealand law and the consequences of failing to meet these obligations.

The tax system in New Zealand is administered by the Inland Revenue Department (IRD). IRD collects revenue through various taxes and duties to fund government expenditures.

The NEW ZEALAND TAX COMPLIANCE OBLIGATIONS module covers the key legislation, regulations and IRD guidance that organisations must follow to ensure compliance, including:

- Income Tax Act 2007
- Tax Administration Act 1994
- Goods and Services Tax Act 1985
- PAYE rules

- › The module outlines compliance requirements across all major tax types:
- › Income tax
- › Employment taxes like PAYE and FBT
- › GST
- › Property taxes
- › Gaming duties and levies
- › Import and excise duties
- › International tax obligations
- › Reporting obligations
- › IRD audits and disputes

For each tax type, the module specifies the organisations obligations, reporting duties, payment rules, record-keeping needs and consequences of non-compliance.

The specific obligations covered by the module relate to:

- › Calculation and payment of applicable taxes
- › Record-keeping obligations
- › Notification obligations
- › Reporting obligations
- › Compliance with enforcement and investigation powers that may be exercised by relevant authorities

The issue-specific areas covered by the module include:

- › Income tax
- › Employment-related tax
- › Fringe benefit tax
- › Goods and services tax
- › Land and property tax
- › Gaming duties and levies
- › Importation tariffs and excise duties
- › International tax
- › Entities Reports and Returns
  - Partnerships/Joint ventures
  - Trusts
  - Companies
  - Registered superannuation funds
  - Not-for-profit organisations
  - Government entities
  - Māori authorities
- › Enforcement and Investigation

Key taxpayer duties covered in the module include:

- › Registering for taxes and obtaining IRD numbers
- › Calculating tax liabilities correctly
- › Withholding and remitting PAYE and other taxes
- › Maintaining detailed tax records
- › Filing accurate and timely returns
- › Following dispute resolution procedures

The module advises that taxpayers follow IRD guidance like standard practice statements when fulfilling obligations.

Specific taxpayer requirements are outlined for partnerships, trusts, companies, government entities, charities and other entity types.

The module also covers the possible consequences to organisations that fail to comply with their tax obligations, which include:

- › Financial penalties
- › Criminal prosecution
- › Increased likelihood of audit
- › Suspension of registrations
- › Loss of tax disputes

To manage tax compliance risks, the module advises that taxpayers implement internal controls such as:

- › Documented tax policies and procedures
- › Regular staff training on tax rules
- › Internal audits of tax compliance
- › Independent tax compliance reviews
- › Tax risk management plans

Proactive tax compliance and risk management is critical for organisations to mitigate legal, financial and reputational damage from failing to meet IRD obligations.

The NEW ZEALAND TAX COMPLIANCE OBLIGATIONS module informs organisations of their duties to calculate, report, record, remit and comply with New Zealand tax laws. The module does not cover the role or actions to be taken by consumers in the event of a breach of regulations or obligations by an organisation.

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