

# Tax information and guidance

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Some workers transitioning out of the native forestry industry in Western Australia (WA), may receive a support payment under a Worker Transition Program (WTP) being administered by the WA Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (JTSI).

You may receive a payment from JTSI in addition to any severance entitlements that you receive from your former native forestry employer.

If you receive a payment from JTSI as support for workers transitioning out of native forestry, you will need to report it correctly in your tax return.

If you receive the payment before 30 June 2022, then you will report it in your 2022 tax year return. If you receive the payment after 30 June 2022 (and before 30 June 2023) then you will include the amount in your tax return next year (your 2023 tax return).

The payments from JTSI are reported as Eligible Termination Payments (ETP).

You will receive a PAYG Payment Summary - (Employment termination payment). This will have a breakdown of the various components of your payment. You will need to refer to this as you complete your tax return.

Your ETP will be reported at Question 4 of the Income questions of your Income Tax return.

## Step 1

Write in the left column at item 4 the date of payment and your payer's Australian business number (ABN), as shown on your income statement or *PAYG payment summary - employment termination payment*.

## Step 2

Write the total amount of tax withheld from your ETP, as shown on your income statement or *PAYG payment summary - employment termination payment*, under Tax withheld at the left of I item 4.

## Step 3

Write the taxable component of your ETP, as shown on your income statement or *PAYG payment summary - employment termination payment*, at I item 4.

## Step 4

Write the ETP code, as shown on your income statement or *PAYG payment summary - employment termination payment*, in the CODE box at the right of I on your tax return.

You must enter a valid code which will depend on your individual circumstances. Please search QC 67709 on the ATO website ([ato.gov.au](http://ato.gov.au)) for the most appropriate code for you. In this situation, you would typically report your ETP code as **O**. However, we understand there are a number of recipients that are eligible for a tax free component under the genuine redundancy rules and the amount of withholding has been calculated accordingly. If this is the case for you, you would use the ETP code **R** in this part of your tax return.

If you have received an ETP from another payer, then refer to the ATO website and type QC 64709 in the search bar for advice on how to report these.

To find out more go to our website [ato.gov.au](http://ato.gov.au) and search for Quick Codes:

- › QC 67709
- › QC 64709

## Our guidance to you

You can rely on our guidance to protect you from paying any penalty or interest.

You will not have to pay a penalty, if our guidance is incorrect and you underpay your tax.

You will not have to pay interest on the underpayment, if you relied on our guidance in good faith.

You still have to pay the correct amount of tax, even if you don't have to pay a penalty or interest.

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