



## INTERNAL REVENUE COMMISSION



### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### GARNISHEE NOTICE UNDER SECTION 272 OF THE INCOME TAX ACT FOR OUTSTANDING INCOME TAXES

The Internal Revenue Commission wishes to advise taxpayers that it is stepping up its efforts in the enforcement of garnishee notices to enforce recovery of outstanding income tax, salary and wage tax, GST, training levy and business payment tax.

If you are aware that you have outstanding income tax, salary and wage tax, GST, training levy and business payment tax, you are encouraged to make payments **IMMEDIATELY** to avoid issuance of a garnishee notice. Payments can be made through our offices in the respective provinces as well as through online banking for Bank of South Pacific, ANZ and Westpac customers.

A garnishee notice is a legal document that will be issued to your financial institution or any other third party that hold monies on your behalf, or is liable to pay you money. Recipients of garnishee notices are legally obliged under Section 272 of the *Income Tax Act 1959* to remit such monies to the IRC within the specified period. Money obtained through this means will be used as payment of your outstanding taxes.

For your information, any person who has been served a garnishee notice is obliged not to release any funds to the taxpayer named in that notice until all outstanding payments of any tax types are settled with the IRC.

A recipient of a garnishee notice is required to pay to the IRC forthwith, any amount up to the amount specified in the notice to the IRC.

A recipient of a garnishee notice who fails to comply will be liable to pay the amount specified in the notice or the amount due or held on behalf of the taxpayer whichever, is the lesser amount.

The non-compliance is also an offence and you can be prosecuted and adjudged a penalty of no less than K500.00 and not more than K5,000.00.

For further information please contact the following persons:

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