

YEAR OF ASSESSMENT 2019-2020

These notes are intended to assist in the completion of the return. If further information is required please contact the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), Efram Court, Ground Floor, Cnr Mgr Gonin & Sir V. Naz Streets, Port Louis, Tel 207-6000. Website: <http://www.mra.mu>

Note 1.1 Net interest income

Net interest income means interest income less interest expense.

Note 1.2 Resident

Resident

(a) has the same meaning as in section 73 of the Income Tax Act; and

(b) includes a company incorporated outside Mauritius in so far as its banking transactions carried out through a permanent establishment in Mauritius are concerned; but

(c) does not include a company incorporated in Mauritius in so far as its banking transactions carried out through a permanent establishment outside Mauritius are concerned

Note 1.3 Leviable income

“leviable income” means the sum of –

(a) net interest income; and

(b) other income before deduction of expenses, arising from transactions with residents other than companies holding a Global Business Licence under the Financial Services Act

Note 1.4 Special Levy

(a) Every bank shall be liable to pay to the Director-General a special levy on its leviable income derived in every accounting period at the rate of –

(i) 5.5 per cent in the case of a bank having a leviable income of not more than 1.2 billion rupees;

(ii) 4.5 per cent in the case of a bank having a leviable income of more than 1.2 billion rupees.

(b) The levy for a bank in operation as at 30 June 2018 shall be –

(i) the levy payable under (a) above; or

(ii) 1.5 times of the levy payable for the year of assessment 2017-2018, whichever is lower.

(c) Every bank shall remit the special levy to the Director-General at latest 5 months from the end of the accounting period, in such form and manner as the Director-General may approve.

(d) No levy shall be paid for an accounting period where a bank incurred a loss in the accounting period.

Note 1.5 & 1.6 Late payment of special levy

Where a bank fails to pay the special levy on or before the last day on which it is payable under section 53J (2), it shall be liable to pay to the Director-General, in addition to the levy –

(a) a penalty of 5 per cent of the levy; and

(b) interest on the levy, excluding the penalty under paragraph (a), at the rate of 0.5 per cent per month during which the levy remains unpaid

“Accounting Period” means –

(a) In the case of a bank which has started operation, the period starting from its date of operation and ending on the date of the annual balance of the accounts of the bank;

(b) in the case of a bank which has ceased operation, the period starting from the date of the annual balance of the accounts of the bank and ending on the date of cessation of operation;

(c) In any other case, a period of 12 months ending on the date of the annual balance of the accounts of a bank.