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Public Ruling
Payroll Tax Act—Harmonised:
PAYROLL TAX EXEMPTION FOR SCHOOLS

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What this Ruling is about

1. The *Pay-roll Tax (Harmonisation) Amendment Act 2008* amended the *Payroll Tax Act 1971* (the Payroll Tax Act) with effect from 1 July 2008 to harmonise certain aspects of Queensland's payroll tax system with the systems of other jurisdictions.
2. Despite harmonisation, the payroll tax legislation of each State contains certain provisions which are unique to that State.
3. The Victorian *Payroll Tax Act 2007* (the Victorian Act) contains an exemption from payroll tax for employers which are schools, under certain circumstances.
4. The Payroll Tax Act provides an exemption from payroll tax for exempt charitable institutions, including non-tertiary educational institutions and their trustees.¹

Ruling and explanation

5. In light of the differences between the Payroll Tax Act and the Victorian Act, Queensland will not be adopting the same treatment of employers which are schools as is set out in Revenue Ruling PTA032—*Payroll tax exemption for schools* as issued by the Victorian Commissioner of State Revenue.

¹ Paragraph (d) of the definition of 'exempt charitable institution' in s.14(1) of the Payroll Tax Act

Date of effect

6. This Public Ruling takes effect from the date of issue.

David Smith
Commissioner of State Revenue
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References

Public Ruling	Issued	Dates of effect	
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