



Finance (No. 2) Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 30

PART 3

MULTINATIONAL TOP-UP TAX

CHAPTER 5

COVERED TAX BALANCE

Amount of covered taxes

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- (1) To determine the covered tax balance of a member of a multinational group for an accounting period—

Step 1

Determine the amount of the qualifying current tax expense accrued by the member for that period.

Step 2

Determine whether any amounts need to be excluded from that expense under [section 175](#) (and adjust it accordingly).

Step 3

Determine whether any amounts need to be reflected in that expense under [section 176](#) (and adjust it accordingly).

Step 4

If any amount of covered taxes is taken into account more than once in the covered tax balance expense, adjust it so that the amount is only taken into account once.

- (2) For the purposes of [this Part](#), current tax expense is to be expressed—
- (a) as a positive number where it represents an expense, and

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- (b) as a negative number where it represents a credit.
- (3) If the result of [subsection \(1\)](#) is a negative amount that amount (expressed as a positive number) is a “negative covered tax balance”.
- (4) If the result of [subsection \(1\)](#) is a positive amount, or nil, that amount is a “positive covered tax balance”.
- (5) In [this Part](#)—
- references to the “covered tax balance” of a member of a multinational group are to a positive covered tax balance or a negative covered tax balance;
 - “qualifying current tax expense” means the amount of the current tax expense as reflected in the member’s underlying profits to the extent the expense relates to covered taxes.

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 131(2)(3) substituted for s. 131(2) by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 5(3)
- s. 147A inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 8(1)
- s. 148A-148C inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 8(3)
- s. 150(6A) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 50(5)(b)
- s. 151(1)(c) and word inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 9(2)(d)
- s. 151(1)(aa) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 9(2)(c)
- s. 151(6A) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 9(4)
- s. 151(8) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 9(6)
- s. 159(1)(a)(b) substituted for words by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 12(2)
- s. 159(2)(a)(b) substituted for words by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 12(3)
- s. 159(3)(a)(b) substituted for words by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 12(4)
- s. 159(4) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 12(5)
- s. 165(2)(a)(i)(ii) s. 165(2)(a)(b) become s. 165(2)(a)(i)(ii) by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 50(6)(b)
- s. 168(12) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 14(8)
- s. 170(2A) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 14(9)(b)
- s. 176A-176C and cross-heading inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 8(6)
- s. 176D-176F and cross-heading inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 16(1)
- s. 178(1A)(1B) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 17(4)
- s. 178(5)(6) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 17(6)
- s. 179(1A) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 17(7)(a)
- s. 179(3A)(3B) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 17(7)(b)
- s. 180(8)(b)(ii)(iia) substituted for s. 180(8)(b)(ii) by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 19(4)
- s. 183A inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 20(5)
- s. 195(7A) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 25(1)
- s. 196(1)(e) and words inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 22(1)(b)
- s. 196(1A) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 21(1)(b)
- s. 197(4)(d)(e) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 23(b)
- s. 197(5)(c) and word inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 22(2)(e)
- s. 197(6A) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 21(2)
- s. 197(7A) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 24
- s. 197A inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 25(2)
- s. 198A inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 26
- s. 211(1)-(1C) substituted for s. 211(1) by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 27(a)
- s. 213(6A) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 28
- s. 232(3A) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 4(6)
- s. 232A inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 2(2)
- s. 236(2A) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 31(3)
- s. 251A inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 29(1)
- s. 253(2)(b)(va) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 56(10)(c)(iii)
- s. 255(2A) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 34(1)(a)
- s. 255(4)-(6) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 34(1)(c)
- s. 256A inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 35(1)
- s. 262(1A)-(1D) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 36
- s. 267(3A) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 42(1)(a)
- s. 267(3B)-(3D) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 43(1)(b)
- s. 267A inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 42(2)
- s. 268A inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 2(4)

- s. 272(8)(da) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 44(1)
- s. 272(9)-(11) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 43(3)(b)
- s. 272A inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 42(3)
- s. 273(3)(ba) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 44(2)
- s. 273(4)(pa) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 57(3)(c)
- s. 273A273B inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 45(1)
- s. 273C inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 46
- s. 276(c)(iiia) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 45(2)(b)
- s. 276(aa) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 45(2)(a)
- s. 311A inserted by 2024 c. 3 s. 21(3)
- Sch. 14 para. 37A37B and cross-heading inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 2(6)(b)
- Sch. 14 para. 39(1)(aa) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 2(6)(c)(ii)
- Sch. 14 para. 39(2)(aa) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 2(6)(c)(iii)
- Sch. 14 para. 33A inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 37(3)
- Sch. 14 para. 6(1A) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 58(1)(a)
- Sch. 14 para. 34(2A) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 58(1)(b)(ii)
- Sch. 14 para. 3(3)-(5) substituted for Sch. 14 para. 3(3) by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 2(6)(a)(iii)
- Sch. 15 para. 2(1)(za) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 16(2)
- Sch. 15 para. 2(1)(k) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 40(2)
- Sch. 15 para. 2(1)(l) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 41(4)
- Sch. 15 para. 1(1)(aa) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 58(2)(a)
- Sch. 15 para. 2(1)(ea) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 58(2)(b)(i)
- Sch. 15 para. 2(1)(fa) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 58(2)(b)(ii)
- Sch. 16 para. 10(1) Sch. 16 para. 10 renumbered as Sch. 16 para. 10(1) by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 58(3)(a)
- Sch. 16 para. 2(11)(b) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 34(2)(d)(ii)
- Sch. 16 para. 2(3A) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 38(3)
- Sch. 16 para. 2(12)(13) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 38(8)
- Sch. 16 para. 4(3)(d) and word inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 39(3)(a)(ii)
- Sch. 16 Pt. 3 inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 40(1)
- Sch. 16 para. 10(2)(3) inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 58(3)(d)
- Sch. 16 para. 2(1)(b)(ba) substituted for Sch. 16 para. 2(1)(b) by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 34(2)(a)
- Sch. 16 para. 3(1)(1A) substituted for Sch. 16 para. 3(1) by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 39(2)
- Sch. 16 para. 3(7)-(9) substituted for Sch. 16 para. 3(7)(8) by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 29(2)
- Sch. 16 para. 10(1)(a) word substituted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 58(3)(c)
- Sch. 16 para. 10(1) words inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 58(3)(b)(ii)
- Sch. 16 para. 10(1) words substituted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 58(3)(b)(i)
- Sch. 16A inserted by 2024 c. 3 Sch. 12 para. 41(1)