# INTERMEDIATE LEVEL BUSINESS TAXATION

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

- 1. To examine the understanding of the principles of basis period.
- 2. To examine the principles of deductible and non-deductible expenses.
- 3. To examine the computation of Schedule 3 Allowances of the Income Tax Act, 1967 ("the Act").
- 4. To examine the principles and application of Malaysian income tax law on businesses.
- 5. To examine the understanding of key principles in selected case laws (see \*List of Cases\* below).

#### **CONTENTS:**

## (A) Business Source (Section 12, Section 24, Section 33, Section 34 & Section 39 of the Act)

- Definition of business
- 2. Commencement and cessation of business
- 3. Derivation of business income
- 4. Capital and revenue receipts (case laws are included)
- 5. Deductibility of expenses (case laws are included)
- 6. Computation of business income

## (B) Special Classes of Income (Section 4A of the Act)

## (C) Capital Allowances (Schedule 3 of the Act)

- 1. Plant and Machinery
  - a. Definition of plant and machinery
  - b. Determination of Initial Allowance, Annual Allowance, Notional allowance, Balancing Allowance and Balancing Charge
  - c. Claw back of Capital Allowances and the exception
- 2. Industrial Building Allowances
  - a. Definition of Industrial Building
  - b. Determination of Initial Allowance, Annual Allowance, Notional Allowances, Balancing Allowance and Balancing Charge
- 3. Agriculture Allowance
- 4. Forest Allowance
- 5. Disposals subject to control

#### (D) Basis Periods

- 1. Commencement of accounting period
- 2. Changes of accounting date
- 3. Failure years and overlapping period

#### (E) Partnerships

- 1. Existence of a partnership
- Characteristics of a partnership
- 3. Ascertainment of provisional adjusted income/loss, divisible income/loss
- 4. Change in partners
- 5. Allocation of capital allowance to partners
- Computation of partners' total divisible income, chargeable income and tax payable

#### (F) Limited Liability Partnership

- 1. Tax treatment of remuneration of partners
- 2. Tax treatment of Limited Liability Partnership

#### (G) Withholding Tax

- 1. Section 107A of the Act: Contract payment to non-resident contractors in respect of services under a contract
- 2. Section 109 of the Act Payment of interest and royalty to non-residents
- 3. Section 109A of the Act Payment to non-resident public entertainers
- 4. Section 109B of the Act Payments to non-residents for:
  - a. Services in connection with use of property
  - b. Technical and non-technical services under Section 15(b) of the Act
  - c. Rents for use of movable property
- 5. Section 109F of the Act Gains and profits falling under Section 4(f) of the Act

# (H) Corporate Taxation

- 1. Determination of residence status of companies
- 2. Significance of residence status
- 3. Self-assessment system
- 4. Computation of Tax Liability
- 5. Treatment of losses
- 6. Computation of tax payable
- 7. Allowable expenses (Section 33 & 34 of the Act)
- 8. Disallowable expenses (Section 39 of the Act )
- 9. Double deductions
- 10. Determination of adjusted income, statutory income, aggregate income, total income and chargeable income

## (I) Tax Administration

- Organizational structure of the Ministry of Finance, Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia and the Royal Malaysian Customs Department
- 2. Duties and powers of the Director General of Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia
- 3. Taxpayers' responsibilities to notify chargeability to tax and record-keeping
- 4. Returns and Assessments for corporate, partnership and LLP
- 5. Monthly tax installments and final tax
- 6. Compensation for late refund of income tax for corporate, partnership and LLP
- 7. Tax estimates and revised estimates, including deadlines and penalties
- 8. Collection and recovery for corporate, partnership and LLP
- 9. Appeals for corporate, partnership and LLP
- 10. Offences and penalties for corporate, partnership and LLP

## **READING LIST - BUSINESS TAXATION**

- 1. **Income Tax Act 1967.** (as amended)
- 2. Public Rulings and Operational Guidelines.
- 3. Jeremy French. Malaysian Taxation. (Latest edition)
- 4. Choong Kwai Fatt. Malaysian Taxation Principles & Practice. (Latest edition)
- 5. Veerinderjeet Singh. **Veerinder on Taxation**. (Latest edition)
- 6. Jeyapalan Kasipillai. A Guide to Malaysian Taxation. (Latest edition)
- 7. CCH Tax Editors. Malaysian Master Tax Guide. (Latest edition)
- 8. Tax Guardian, Journal of the Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia

## **Business Taxation - \*List of Cases\***

# The following tax cases below may be tested in the Business Taxation paper where relevant.

- 1. Port Elizabeth Electric Tramway Co Ltd v CIR
- 2. Ward & Co Ltd v CIT
- 3. Ketua Pengarah Hasil Dalam Negeri v Multi-Purpose Holdings Bhd
- 4. The Law Shipping Co Ltd v CIR
- 5. Odeon Associated Theatres Ltd v Jones
- 6. Bullcroft Main Collieries Ltd v O'Grady
- 7. Samuel Jones & Co v CIR
- 8. English Crown Spelter Co Ltd v Baker
- 9. Charles Marsden & Sons Ltd v CIR
- 10. Allen v Farquharson Brothers & Co
- 11. CIR v Alexander von Glehn
- 12. Curtis v J&G Oldfield Ltd
- 13. Mallalieu v Drummond
- 14. UDI Sdn Bhd v DGIR
- 15. NV Alliance Sdn Bhd v Ketua Pengarah HDN
- 16. Ketua Pengarah HDN v Eli Lili (M) Sdn Bhd
- 17. Fernrite Sdn Bhd v Ketua Pengarah HDN