## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE

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	A. INTRODUCTION / PURPOSE OF SPECIAL PROGRAM ON VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE		DISCLOSURE
1.	What is Special Program for Voluntary Disclosure?	The Special Program for Volupart of the government's effortax system to encourage to forward on a voluntary basis a income in order to increase development of the nation.  Voluntary Disclosure covers that income not previously development of the system.	ort in reforming the caxpayers to come nd report the actual e tax collection for the following:
		over claimed / expenses reliefs / deductions / rebab) reporting of gains on disporting property and shares in company; and c) stamping of unstamped in	s not allowed and tes over claimed loosal of assets (real n a real property struments.
2.	Why should I take advantage of this Special Program for Voluntary Disclosure?	Under this Special Progra Disclosure, lower penalty rate compared to the current pr rates are as follows:	tes are imposed as
		Voluntary Disclosure Period	Penalty Rate
		03/11/2018 – 30/06/2019	10%
		01/07/2019 – 30/09/2019	15%
		Higher penalties rates will be expiry of the Special Prog Disclosure period as follows:	-
		Relevant Provision	Penalty Rate
		Subsection 112(3) of the	Minimum 45%
		Income Tax Act 1967 (ITA) /	
		Subsection 51(3) of the	
		Petroleum (Income Tax)	
		Act 1967 (PITA) /	
		Subsection 29(3) of the Real	
		Property Gains Tax Act 1976 (RPGTA)	
		Subsection 113(2) ITA /	Minimum 45%
		Subsection 52(2) PITA /	
		Subsection 30(2) RPGTA	
		Paragraph 44A(9)(b) ITA	100%
			equivalent to the amount of
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		Subsection 47A(1 Stamp Act 1949 (		tax undercharged On deficient duty paid
3.	Is the Special Program on Voluntary Disclosure offered annually? If yes, are the same penalty rates offered?	•	-	Voluntary Disclosure ember 2018 until 30
4.	What is the key difference between voluntary disclosure under this Special Program for Voluntary Disclosure and the previous voluntary disclosure offer?	Voluntary Disclosure Previous	Upon vo	oluntary disclosure, s may be audited eported issues.
		Special Program (03/11/22018 – 30/09/2019)	voluntary informati Further made c informati Audit / ir be carrie for the ye	ion in good faith. review will not be on the reported
5.	Under this Special Program for Voluntary Disclosure, am I allowed to claim expenses that I have not previously claimed?	does not involve or result in a non-to assessment or rep the expenses that	laims of ex exable ass payment. was not pr dance with	Voluntary Disclosure spenses which would essment, a reduced However, appeal on reviously claimed can a the existing appeal es.
6.	I have received a Notice of Estimated Assessment for the year of assessment 2017 where IRBM has estimated my income higher than my actual income. Do I qualify under this Special Program for Voluntary Disclosure?	voluntary disclosu not previously rep form for the year	re on incor orted. How of assessr vill review	Program is open for me under reported or wever, the tax return ment 2017 has to be the form and amend
7.	I have income earned from Malaysia and deposited in a bank account abroad. Is this income subject to tax in Malaysia?	bank account abro	oad is subj ncome Tax	ia and deposited in a ect to tax under the Act 1967. Taxpayers income.
	If yes, can I make voluntary disclosure under the Special Voluntary Disclosure Programme, and what should I do?			ion of the Automatic counts Information

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		(Common Reporting Standard), beginning from 2018, the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM) will be receiving financial account information of Malaysian taxpayers held overseas annually.
		Such financial accounts include money deposited in bank accounts, interest, dividend, unit trust, cash value insurance contract or annuity contract and proceeds from the sales or redemption of financial assets or shares.
		Taxpayers may voluntarily report their income and take one of the following actions:  (1) Taxpayers who are not registered with IRBM will need to register for an income tax number and submit the Income Tax Return Form (ITRF) / Petroleum Return Form (PRF) / Real Property Gains Tax Return Form (RPGTRF) by making full disclosure of the income / gains on disposal of assets for the relevant year of assessment.  (2) Taxpayers who are registered with IRBM but have not submitted the ITRF / PRF / RPGTRF must submit the form by making full disclosure of the income / gains on disposal of assets for the relevant year of assessment.  (3) Taxpayers who have submitted the ITRF / PRF / RPGTRF but have not reported the correct information of the income / gains on disposal of assets may can submit a written declaration through letter or e-mail by making full disclosure of the income / gains on disposal of assets.
	R CATEGORII	ES OF TAXPAYERS
8.	Who is eligible to make voluntary	The following taxpayers are eligible to make
	disclosure under this Special Program for Voluntary Disclosure?	voluntary disclosure under this Special Program: (1) Taxpayers who are not registered with the IRBM;
		(2) Taxpayers who are registered with the IRBM but have not submitted the Income Tax Return Form (ITRF) / Petroleum Return Form (PRF) / Real Property Gains Tax Form (RPGTRF) for any year of assessment;
		(3) Taxpayers who have submitted the ITRF / PRF / RPGTRF but have not reported the correct information on the income / disposal of asset(s) for any year of assessment; and
		(4) Persons who fail to stamp executed instruments after six (6) months from the

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		stamping period (30 days from the date of execution of the instrument).
9.	Is this Special Program for Voluntary Disclosure offered to non-resident taxpayers?	This Special Program for Voluntary Disclosure is open to all categories of taxpayers whether resident or non-resident.
10.	Can I make voluntary disclosure for a partnership business?	Any partner can make voluntary disclosure on behalf of the partnership provided that all other partners agree.
11.	I have failed to pay withholding tax within the stipulated period. If I make payment now, am I eligible for the Special Program for Voluntary Disclosure?	If a payer makes payment to a non-resident who is subject to withholding tax and the withholding tax is not remitted to IRBM within the stipulated period, the DGIR has power to impose penalty under subsection 113 (2) of the ITA or subsection 52(2) of the PITA if the payer has claimed expenses on such payment.  Therefore, payer who make payment of the
		overdue withholding tax shall make a voluntary disclosure at the branch which handles the taxpayer's file, to benefit the penalty rate of the Special Program for Voluntary Disclosure.
		Failure to pay withholding tax payment within the stipulated period is not covered under the Special Program for Voluntary Disclosure.
12.	Can I make voluntary disclosure on behalf of a deceased person?	Yes, on condition that you are the executor of the estate of the deceased person.
13.	As an employer, I have not remitted the Monthly Tax Deduction (MTD) on behalf of my employees. Can I make voluntary	This offence does not form part of the Special Program for Voluntary Disclosure.
	disclosure under this Special Program for Voluntary Disclosure?	However, employers are allowed to remit the MTD payable based on the procedures currently in force.
		F ASSESSMENT
14.	Which year of assessment can voluntary disclosure be made?	Voluntary disclosure can be made for: (1) Year of assessment 2017 and preceding years of assessment for all categories of taxpayers. (2) Year of assessment 2018 for companies with accounting period ending 31 January 2018, 28 February 2018 and 31 March 2018.
15.	I have reported my income in the ITRF for year of assessment 2018. Can I make voluntary disclosure on income not reported for the year of assessment 2018?	Voluntary disclosure for the year of assessment 2018 is only open to companies with accounting period ending 31 January 2018, 28 February 2018 and 31 March 2018.

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16.	Is time bar applicable for voluntary disclosure cases?	Yes, any income reported under voluntary disclosure will be assessed based on the year of assessment the income is received / receivable.
17.	Will unreported income from prior years be taxed in the year of assessment the income is received?	All voluntary disclosures of income for year of assessment 2017 and preceding years of assessment will be assessed based on the year in which the income is received / receivable.  However, where the year to which the income relates cannot be verified, the reporting of the income in the year of assessment 2017 may be allowed.
18.	If I choose to report all income from preceding years of assessment in the year of assessment 2017, am I required to submit the return form for the preceding years of assessment too?	If you elect to report all income from preceding years in the year of assessment 2017, you must:  (1) Submit the return form for year of assessment 2017 by reporting all income for preceding years of assessment concerned; and  (2) Submit the return forms for all the preceding years of assessment by entering the amount zero (0) in the income column.  However, the above is not applicable to cases where estimated assessments have been raised under subsection 90 (3) ITA 1967. In such cases, voluntary disclosure has to be made for each year of assessment by submitting the relevant ITRF. If a person is aggrieved by the estimated assessment made on him, the appeal procedure as outlined in Public Ruling No. 12/2017 (Appeals Against an Assessment and Relief Application).
	D. AUDIT / INV	ESTIGATION CASES
19.	Am I subject to audit after making voluntary disclosure under this Special Program for Voluntary Disclosure?	IRBM will accept in good faith all voluntary disclosures made during the Special Program for Voluntary Disclosure period. Further review will not be made on the reported information and the audit action will not be taken on the year of assessment where voluntary disclosure has been made.
20.	If I have made voluntary disclosure on certain issues, will I be audited on those issues?	<ul> <li>(1) If audit has commenced, audit examination may be carried out on the taxpayer if the voluntary disclosed information is not in line with the issues under audit.</li> <li>(2) If audit has yet to commence, voluntary disclosure will be accepted in good faith.</li> </ul>
21.	I have received an Audit Commencement Letter from the IRBM and wish to make voluntary disclosure.	An audit examination may be carried out on the taxpayer if the voluntary disclosed information is not in line with the audit issue.

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	Will the IRBM continue its audit examination on my business?	
22.	I have made voluntary disclosure to the IRBM. If the IRBM subsequently receives information from third parties or complaints, will there be an audit?	IRBM will accept in good faith all voluntary disclosures made during the Special Program for Voluntary Disclosure period. Further review will not be made on the reported information and audit action will not be taken on the year of assessment where voluntary disclosure has been made.
23.	I am a partner of ABC Partnership. Can I made voluntary disclosure on the partnership?	Voluntary disclosure on partnership income can be made on the partnership file with consent from all the partners. Audit will not be carried out on the partnertship where voluntary disclosure has been made. The special penalty rate under the Special Program for Voluntary Disclosure is applicable to all the partners.
	E. VOLUNTARY DISC	CLOSURE PROCEDURES
24.	Can voluntary disclosure be made via telephone / WhatsApp / social media?	<ul> <li>(1) Taxpayers who are not registered with the IRBM have to register for an income tax reference number and thereafter submit the ITRF/ PRF/ RPGTRF for the relevant years of assessment.</li> <li>(2) Taxpayers who are registered but have not submitted the ITRF / PRF / RPGTRF are required to submit the the ITRF / PRF / RPGTRF for the relevant year of assessment.</li> </ul>
		(3) Taxpayers who have submitted the ITRF / PRF / RPGTRF but have not reported the correct income / profit on disposal of asset(s) for any year of assessment can make voluntary disclosure in writing via letter or e-mail.
25.	I am not a registered taxpayer with the IRBM. How can I register to obtain an income tax reference number? What are the documents required for the registration?	Taxpayers may register for an income tax registration number:  (1) At all service counters (Headquarter / Branch/Revenue Service Centre/ Urban Transformation Centre (UTC)/ Information Processing Centre)  - Taxpayers must furnish identification documents and other relevant documents (please refer to IRBM's official website); or
		(2) Online via e-Daftar - For companies and individuals only.

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26.	Is there a specific form to be filled up when making voluntary disclosure?	There is no specific form to be filled up when making voluntary disclosure. Taxpayers must submit voluntary disclosure in the following manner:
		(1) Taxpayers who are not registered with the IRBM have to register for an income tax reference number and thereafter submit the ITRF/ PRF/ RPGTRF for the relevant years of assessment.
		(2) Taxpayers who are registered with but have not submitted the ITRF / PRF / RPGTRF are required to submit the the ITRF / PRF / RPGTRF for the relevant year of assessment.
		(3) Taxpayers who have submitted the ITRF / PRF / RPGTRF but have not reported the correct income / profit on disposal of asset(s) for any year of assessment can make voluntary disclosure in writing via letter or e-mail. The letter or e-mail shall state that the taxpayer makes full declaration on the income/ gains on disposal of assets that has not been previously reported.
27.	Can I make voluntary disclosure through an Amended Return Form?	No. Taxpayers who wish to submit their appeal through the Amended Return Form are required to comply with the existing legal provisions currently in force for Amendend Return Form filing.
28.	I have not filed in the ITRF/PRF/RPGTRF for years of assessment 2017 and preceding years of assessment but have submitted voluntary disclosure in writing or e-mail. Is it compulsory to submit the ITRF/PRF/RPGTRF?	Yes. The ITRF/PRF/RPGTRF must be submitted via the following manner:  ITRF: e-Filing / manual PRF: manual RPGTRF: e-Lodgement / manual
29.	I would like to make a voluntary disclosure but I do not have a tax file. What should I do?	Taxpayers who are not registered with the IRBM have to register for an income tax number and must submit the ITRF/PRF/RPGTRF for the relevant year of assessment.
30.	I have not registered my business with the Companies Commission of Malaysia (CCM). Can I report my income under this Special Program for Voluntary Disclosure?	Yes. Taxpayers need to register with IRBM for an income tax number and subsequently submit the ITRF for the relevant year of assessment.
31.	If the audited report has yet to be prepared, can I make voluntary	Yes. The IRBM will accept in good faith all voluntary disclosures made during the Special

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	disclosure based on the Management Account?	Program for Voluntary Disclosure period. Further review will not be made on the reported information.
		However, if after the Management Account is being audited and there is an additional tax, the taxpayers should report the difference to IRBM. The IRBM will raise additional assessment with penalties based on the penalty rate offered in accordance with the voluntary disclosure period that has been made.
32.	Is it compulsory to furnish supporting documents together with the voluntary disclosure?	For taxpayers who have sumbitted the Income Tax Return Forms, relevant documents (if any) can be furnished to support the voluntary disclosure.
33.	I would like to make voluntary disclosure but documents relating to my business are in the possession of other	Taxpayers may seek for advice and assistance from IRBM officers at the nearest branch.
	enforcement agencies/ destroyed. How can I make voluntary disclosure?	IRBM will accept in good faith all voluntary disclosures made during the Special Program for Voluntary Disclosure period. Further review will not be made on the reported information .
34.	If I / my company is not registered with the IRBM, what are the documents / information to be furnished when making voluntary disclosure?	For individuals / companies who are not registered with the IRBM, voluntary disclosure must be submitted through the ITRF.
		As such, individuals / companies must register for an income tax number. Taxpayers must then submit the completed ITRF / PRF / RPGTRF and sign the declaration section.
		Please refer to IRBM's official website for further information regarding registration procedures.
35.	Can I make voluntary disclosure even if I am not sure whether I am taxable or not?	Taxpayers can seek advice from the IRBM at any of our branches to determine whether they are taxable or otherwise.
		If eligible to tax, the taxpayer must:  i. register for an income tax number;  ii. declare income in ITRF/PRF/RPGT; and  iii. furnish ITRF/PRF/RPGT to IRBM.
		ALTY RATES
36.	Why isn't there a full waiver of penalty under this Special Program?	The penalty imposed is subject to the current Government's policy.

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37.	Can voluntary disclosure be made more than once? If yes, what are the penalty rates applicable?	Yes. Taxpayers are allowed of disclosure more than once but applicable within this Special Pathe voluntary disclosure period	t the penalty rates Program is based on
		Voluntary Disclosure Period	Penalty Rates
		03/11/2018 - 30/06/2019	10%
		01/07/2019 - 30/09/2019	15%
38.	I have made voluntary disclosure via mail within the Special Program for Voluntary Disclosure period. If the voluntary disclosure is received by the IRBM after the end of the period, am I still eligible for the penalty rates under the Special Program for Voluntary Disclosure	For taxpayers who have submit disclosure via mail, the disclosure is the date of receip Unit.  Taxpayers are advised to disclosure earlier within the outo benefit from the penalty	late of voluntary t by IRBM's Mailing make voluntary ffer period in order
	period?	Special Program for Voluntary	
	G. OTH	ER ISSUES	
39.	I have over claimed relief/ rebate. Can I make voluntary disclosure to revise the relief/rebate claimed?	Yes. Taxpayers are allowed to disclosure by revising the overebate.	
40.	Is this Special Program for Voluntary Disclosure applicable for additional assessment only?	Yes, this Special Program for V is only applicable for original additional assessment only.	•
41.	I would like to make voluntary disclosure on my under declared income. Can I claim for relief and expenses relating to that income?	Expenses / relief / rebate can year of assessment in which the reported if the voluntary disclars.	ne income is osure made results
42.	Can unclaimed zakat be deducted against the voluntary disclosure income?	in assessment / additional assertaised.	essment being
43.	If I report income from illegal activities to the IRBM under this Special Program for Voluntary Disclosure, will the IRBM report the information to relevant agencies?	The IRBM is bound by confide Section 138 of the ITA, taxpayer's information).	
		PPEALS	
44.	If I have filed an appeal through Form Q, can I still make voluntary disclosure?	Taxpayers can make vol provided that there is no redu	untary disclosure ced assessment.
45.	If I have made voluntary disclosure within the Special Program for Voluntary Disclosure period, can I appeal for a reduction/ waiver of the penalty?	Yes. The appeal shall be filed in the appeal procedures current	

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46.	Can voluntary disclosure Revenue Service Centre		Taxpayers are allowed to disclosure at any IRBM of Revenue Service Centre and L	ffice including the
47.	Can I seek advice from a before making any volun	•	Yes, taxpayers may seek ac from IRBM officers in any bra voluntary disclosure.	_
48.	Who can I contact sho queries regarding this S for Voluntary Disclosure	Special Program	Taxpayers can contact: (i) the nearest IRBM office; (ii) IRBM Hasil Care Line: - 1-800-88-5436 - 603-77136666 (Overseas (iii) e-Mail: pengakuansukare	•
		J. TAX	PAYMENT	
49.	When is the due date for under this Special Progra		The due dates for the paym Special Program on Voluntar per below:	
			Voluntary Disclosure Period 03/11/2018 - 30/06/2019 01/07/2019 - 30/09/2019	Payment on or Before 01/07/2019 01/10/2019
50.	I have made voluntary disclosure Do I have to wait for the notice of assessment before paying the tax?		Taxpayers do not have to wa assessment. Payments should the period of voluntary disclo tax increases based on the p of the law.	d be settled before osure ends to avoid
51.	If tax is not paid within this Special Program for Voluntary Disclosure period, what are the actions that can be taken against me?		For taxpayers that fail to settl the end of the stipulated pe will be imposed according provisions of the law.	riod, a tax increase
52.	If I fail to make payment within the stipulated period, will legal action be taken against me?		If tax arrears are still unpaid, taken accordingly.	legal action will be
53.	I have made voluntary disclosure on 20/02/2019 and tax payments as follows:		Full payment must be ma 01/07/2019. An increase of 1 under section 103 of the ITA of of the second payment.	0% will be imposed
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	Tax payable (-) First payment (25/02/2019) (-) Second payment	(5,000)		
	(-) second payment (03/07/2019)	(5,000)		

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	What are the actions that can be taken by the IRBM?	
54.	What are the payment codes necessary for payment at the IRBM counters or banks?	The payment codes necessary for making tax payment are:  084 – Individual instalment tax payment  086 – Company instalment tax payment  088 – Advance tax payment / Composite
	K. STAMP I	OUTY AND RPGT
55.	Do the instruments need to be submitted when making voluntary disclosure?	Yes. Duty payers are required to furnish instruments either manually or via online.
56.	What is the meaning of manual stamping and online stamping?	<ul> <li>Manual stamping is:</li> <li>i. Revenue stamp;</li> <li>ii. Finance Receipt 38; or</li> <li>iii. Digital Franking System (DFS)</li> </ul> Online stamping is: <ul> <li>i. Stamp Assessment and Payment System (STAMPS)</li> </ul>
57.	What is the stamping period?	Stamping period is 30 days from the execution of the instrument.
58.	If a disposer disposes more than one asset in the same year, must the disposer furnish form CKHT 1A/1B separately for each asset or only one form for all the assets disposed?	The disposer (taxpayer) is required to submit form CKHT1A/1B separately for each asset disposed.
		SFER PRICING
59.	Is the SVDP applicable to transfer pricing (TP) issues?	Voluntary disclosure for Transfer Pricing issues are subject to the Transfer Pricing Audit Framework (TPAF).
60.	What is the procedure in which voluntary disclosure will be carried out for TP issues?	For the purpose of voluntary disclosure, for TP issues, taxpayers are to submit the following documents:  a. TP Documentation together with the financial information on the comparable for the respective years. The TP Documentation to
		be submitted must be comprehensive and

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		must provide sufficient information on the business activities of the company.  b. Information regarding the omitted / undeclared income or expenses over claimed
		and the supporting documents for the respective years.
		c. Taxpayer can request for a pre-submission discussion to agree on the suitability of the comparable companies / transfer pricing methods used, provide information on the business activities of the company and propose a suggested timeline for the case.
		<ul> <li>d. The IRBM will undertake a review of the TP Documentation and the comparable submitted / transfer pricing methods used.</li> </ul>
		e. Upon completion of the negotiation, the IRBM will issue a letter containing the tax computations and that the IRBM has accepted the disclosures made based on the information submitted.
		Any penalty imposed will be in accordance with the TPAF dated 1 April 2013.
61.	Will an audit be carried out for voluntary disclosure of TP issues?	A minimum audit process will be carried out as long as a comprehensive TP Documentation has been submitted and the auditor is satisfied with the information provided.
62.	What is the timeframe to close a voluntary disclosure case containing TP issues?	Due to the complexity of transfer pricing issues, the timeframe for settlement will be discussed during negotiation.
63.	Will the penalty rates for TP issues be increased effective 1 October 2019?	Yes. Higher penalty rates will be imposed.

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