

Budget 2016

Tax Changes for Businesses

Name of Tax Change	Current Treatment	New Treatment
Transforming Enterprises		
<p>Extending the Double Tax Deduction (“DTD”) for Internationalisation scheme</p>	<p>Under the DTD for Internationalisation scheme, businesses are allowed automatic² DTD, on up to \$100,000 of qualifying expenses incurred on or before 31 March 2016 on the following qualifying activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Overseas business development trips/missions; b) Overseas investment study trips/missions; c) Participation in overseas trade fairs; and d) Participation in approved local trade fairs. <p>Approved businesses may also apply to IE Singapore or STB on qualifying expenditure that exceeds the above mentioned \$100,000 cap, or on qualifying expenditure incurred on other qualifying activities, on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>The DTD for Internationalisation scheme is scheduled to lapse after 31 March 2016.</p>	<p>To support businesses in their internationalisation efforts, the DTD for Internationalisation scheme will be extended for another four years from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2020. The existing automatic DTD on expenses up to \$100,000 will also be extended to qualifying expenditure incurred during this same period (1 April 2016 to 31 March 2020). All other conditions of the scheme remain the same.</p> <p>IE Singapore will release further details of the change by June 2016.</p>

²This means that there is no need for approval from IE Singapore or STB.