



PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON DRAFT INCOME TAX DECREE, 2011

The CEO of Fiji Revenue & Customs Authority with the assistance of the Commissioner Northern, the Commissioner Central, Commissioner Eastern and the Commissioner Western will be holding public hearings on the rewrite of the Income Tax Act from 25th August to 9th September 2011

The simplification of the Fiji Income Tax Act has been on the FRCA's Agenda since 1999 where an Income Tax Bill 30 of 1999 was introduced in Parliament. The Bill was shelved.

The International Monetary Fund via the Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre (PFTAC) has reactivated the **Income Tax Rewrite Project**.

The first phase was successfully implemented when the Tax Administration Decree 2009 became Law. The Decree harmonized all the administrative provisions of the Income Tax Act, Value Added Tax Decree, Gambling Turnover Tax Decree, Hotel Turnover Tax Act and relevant parts of the Land Sales Act.

The second phase of the Project aims to remove archaic language from tax laws and replace it with modern language and terminology. A copy of the draft law is now available on the Authority's website.

Two teams consisting of FRCA senior taxation executives will be attending to the public hearings. Interested parties are invited to make submissions on the changes either in person or in writing at the public hearings. Alternatively, written submissions may be sent to:

The Secretariat,
FRCA Income Tax Rewrite Project, FRCA, Private Mail Bag Suva
Fax 3315537
Email – tepu@frca.org.fj; tipu@frca.org.fj

All written submissions must be delivered to FRCA by close of business on 09/09/2011.

Oral submissions can be made at the public sessions listed below

Date	Town/City	Place	Time
25/08/2011	Nadi	District Office	9.00 – 12.00
26/08/2011	Lautoka City	FRCA Office	9.00 – 12.00
27/08/2011	Ba	District Office	9.00 – 12.00
29/08/2011	Tavua	District Office	9.00 – 12.00
31/08/11	Korovou	District Office	9.00 – 12.00
25/08/11	Sigatoka	District Office	9.00 – 12.00
26/08/11	Navua	District Office	9.00 – 12.00
27/08/2011	Suva City	FRCA Training Center, Nasese	9.00 – 12.00
29.08. 2011	Labasa	FRCA Office	8.00 – 11.00
	Savusavu	District Office	2.00 – 5.00
31/08/2011	Nausori.	District Office	9.00 – 11.00am
01/09/2011	Levuka	District Office	9.00 – 11-00

The “**Draft Income Tax Decree, 2011 – draft version for public submissions**” can be obtained from our website www.frca.org.fj or by e-mailing tepu@frca.org.fj . You may also visit any FRCA office to download the document onto your USB flash drive.