



THE ADMINISTRATION OF NORFOLK ISLAND

MEDIA RELEASE

Reimbursement of Departure Tax for exempt persons

Commencing October 1st, 2009 all airline tickets include a Passenger Movement Charge of \$60.00 per sector. This charge includes a component of \$20.00, which equates to the previously charged Departure Tax of \$40.00.

Until September 30, 2009, under the *Departure Tax Act 1980*, exemption certificates were issued to:

1. persons under the age of 16 years¹
2. persons leaving Norfolk Island primarily for the purpose of receiving medical treatment,² and persons who must necessarily accompany a person leaving Norfolk Island primarily for the purpose of receiving medical treatment.³
3. persons between the ages of 16 and 25 leaving Norfolk Island primarily for the purpose of receiving full time education at a school, college or university.⁴

A system of reimbursement has been introduced to replace the exemption certificate system that existed until September 30, 2009.

Claim forms for children and students are available from the 'printed forms' section of the Government website www.info.gov.nf. Claim forms for travel for medical reasons will continue to be supplied by medical staff.

Completed forms and copies of air tickets and boarding passes should be forwarded after the travel has been completed to the Chief Executive Officer's Office in the New Military Barracks so that reimbursement can be authorised and processed.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Acting Executive Director Bruce Taylor on telephone 22001, extension 137.

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¹ Section 3(2)(b) of the Departure Fee Act 1980

² Section 3(2)(k)(i) of the Departure Fee Act 1980

³ Section 3(2)(k)(ii) of the Departure Fee Act 1980

⁴ Section 3(2)(l)(i)&(ii) of the Departure Fee Act 1980