

Does New Zealand's Inland Revenue scrutinise ESS schemes more closely?

New Zealand's Inland Revenue is making an on-going effort to scrutinise ESS schemes more closely, concerned at a lack of transparency in the process, and the frequency of underpayment by employees.

What are the different types of ESS schemes?

Share-settled schemes, including RSU, options, etc. (the existing optionality for withholding for ESS will remain for these schemes). Phantom share schemes, where the employee is entitled to participate in an ESS scheme and shares are never offered, however, the employee's entitlement is linked to the company's share price.

What is ESS remuneration in New Zealand?

1.2 ESS are an important way of incentivising and remunerating employees in New Zealand and internationally. It is important that their treatment under New Zealand tax law does not advantage or disadvantage their use compared to other forms of remuneration.

Should ESS benefits be taxed under New Zealand tax law?

It is important that their treatment under New Zealand tax law does not advantage or disadvantage their use compared to other forms of remuneration. The thrust of the proposals in the May 2016 issues paper was to ensure that the taxation of ESS benefits is consistent with the taxation of cash remuneration.

What is an alternative to an ESS?

For these reasons, a popular alternative to issuing shares under an ESS is issuing options to acquire shares in the future through an Employee Share Option Plan (ESOP). Under an ESOP, your employee receives options at no upfront cost and with no upfront tax liability. The options will typically 'vest' over some time (usually three to four years).

Does New Zealand have a low-rate tax system?

This is consistent with New Zealand's overall tax policy settings of having a broad-based, low-rate system. In 2018, New Zealand's employee share scheme ('ESS') taxing rules were overhauled to increase certainty in the application of the ESS rules, clarify the corporate deductibility of share scheme costs, and tighten up the taxability of ESS.

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Employee share schemes (ESS) can be a powerful incentive tool for employers in a globally tight talent market. They can act as "golden handcuffs" to lock in key staff members for a fixed amount of time, a tool for cash-strapped companies and start-ups to compensate employees or just a way to help employees feel invested in the success of the business.

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