

September 2025

Spring is on its way!
Time to enjoy warmer
weather and lighter nights.

**Wishing you all the
best from Leanne,
Becks and the team!**



Updates - Staffing and Leanne's Appointment

Georgina Kilmister started in late August. She is working in Leanne's team helping with the preparation of GST returns and other accounting tasks. George's hours of work are between 9am and 2pm Monday to Friday. Georgina has come to us to develop her skills as she is working on getting her degree with the goal of becoming a CA in the future.



For Beck's team we have Caroline Ross who started at the beginning of September. Caroline will be in the office Tuesday to Thursday each week. Caroline is an ACA and comes with a huge amount of experience.



Welcome to the team ladies!

Leanne has recently been appointed by the Minister of Vocational Education (Penny Simmonds) as Chair of the UCOL Establishment Advisory Group. This Group is charged with providing governance and support in establishing UCOL as a stand alone Polytechnic by the 31 December 2025 as it unwinds from Te Pukenga.

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Avoid negotiating face-off

Negotiation Tip: Set the Scene for Collaboration

When negotiating, aim for a setup that feels cooperative not confrontational. Sitting directly across from someone can feel like a face-off. Instead, sit beside or at an angle to encourage teamwork.

If you're in someone's office and they're behind a desk, feel free to shift your chair to the side — unless you're planning a direct confrontation, in which case face-to-face might be the right move.

DCS a safety net for your money

If your bank or credit union suddenly goes out of business, that's where the Depositor Compensation Scheme (DCS) comes in. It's a government safety net designed to protect your savings. It became effective from 1 July 2025, and is administered by the Reserve Bank.

If a deposit taker such as a bank, building society, credit union, or finance company fails, the DCS ensures you're covered up to \$100,000 per deposit taker, as long as your money is in a DCS protected account. To get the protection, you should make sure the firm you are lending to is registered as being DCS covered.

The Reserve Bank provides a list of all deposit takers that offer DCS covered deposits.

What's covered?

The DCS automatically applies to a wide range of everyday deposit accounts, including transaction accounts, savings accounts, notice accounts and term deposits.

What's not covered?

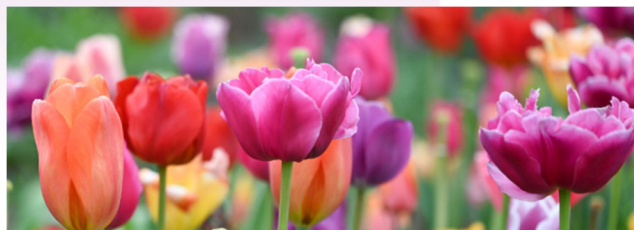
Some types of funds fall outside the DCS, such as bonds and other tradable products, KiwiSaver and other managed superannuation schemes, foreign currency accounts and losses from scams or fraud.

Certain depositors, such as government agencies, might not be eligible.

The Reserve Bank's website offers helpful examples of how DCS coverage works in real-life situations. While most common deposit types are protected, there are exceptions. To be sure your money is covered, check with your bank or deposit taker.

Financial peace of mind is important. The DCS helps to ensure your savings are safe.

For more information, visit dcs.govt.nz





Stay afloat on choppy waters

Small Business Survival Tips

The economy's improving, but it's still tough for many small businesses. If you're feeling the pressure, you're not alone—and there are smart ways to stay afloat.

Many may have adopted a “survive till the end of ‘25 mantra!”

Watch out for common pitfalls:

- Poor cash flow
- Weak marketing and unclear value
- Ignoring customer needs
- Growing too fast

Smart moves to stay steady:

- Track cash flow weekly and cut unnecessary costs
- Pay taxes on time—don't borrow from IRD
- Focus on what you do best
- Know your customers—ask for quick feedback
- Keep marketing, even when busy
- Stay flexible and ready to adapt
- Ask for help—mentors, groups, or pros can make a difference

Bottom line: Stay sharp, stay focused, and don't go it alone.

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Why spend money on postage when you can send us files through our client portal. Head to our website and do it online. If you are unsure if you have a client portal get in touch with us to check or to get one set up.

Business Bites

Tax Calendar

September 28, 2025

Second instalment of 2026 Provisional Tax (December balance dates).

October 28, 2025

First instalment of 2026 Provisional Tax for those with March balance dates, who paid GST twice a year.

November 28, 2025

First instalment of 2026 Provisional Tax for those with June balance dates.



New Kilometer rates for car claims

If you use your own car for business purposes, one way to claim the cost is by using kilometer rates.

This can apply whether you're self-employed or reimbursing an employee.

There are two tiers:

Tier One: Covers the first 14,000km and includes both fixed and running costs (like rego, insurance, fuel, etc).

Tier Two: Applies after 14,000km and covers just running costs.

Let's say your car does 21,000km in a year and it's a petrol vehicle. Here's how it works:

The first 14,000km are claimed at \$1.17 per km and the next 7000km are claimed at \$0.37 per km.

Now, if only 25% of your car use is for business, you can claim:

25% of 14,000km = 3500km at \$1.17 and

25% of 7000km = 1750km at \$0.37

This gives you a fair way to charge or be reimbursed for business-related driving without needing to track every single car expense.

Vehicle type	Tier 1 rate per km	Tier 2 rate per km
Petrol	\$1.17	\$0.37
Diesel	\$1.26	\$0.35
Petrol hybrid	\$0.86	\$0.21
Electric	\$1.08	\$0.19



Thinking on club tax being reviewed

Club Payments May Now Be Taxable

It used to be assumed that payments from members to clubs (like for meals or events) weren't taxable, as they were seen as members pooling funds. But recent Australian tax cases have prompted Inland Revenue to reconsider.

What's changed?

If your club's constitution doesn't prevent assets from being returned to members when it winds up, IRD now sees member payments as non-mutual. That means any profit from these transactions could be taxed.

Example:

If your club makes a \$1500 surplus on meals, \$1000 might be tax-free, but \$500 could be taxed.

The good news:

IRD won't look back at past returns—this only affects future transactions.



Changes to reporting for Tier 3 Charities and Incorporated Societies

There are lots of changes that need to happen behind the scenes so that the financial statements comply with new accounting standards

Please bare with us as we work through this process for each of you as this will take some time.