

# ***GST NEWS***

## **TWOMEY PATTERSON APPROACH**

### **SEMINARS:**

Put on by the firm:

Coolamon – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Wagga – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Cootamundra – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

### **NEWSLETTERS**

Bi-monthly covering issues relevant to our Clients

### **WORKSHOPS**

In the New Year we will be putting on industry-specific workshops to fill the gaps left by the ATO in the region.

These will be in groups of up to 20 & conducted on a practical basis.

### **CONTACTS**

See the attached list for industry-specific Contacts in our Firm.

### **GST TIMETABLE:**

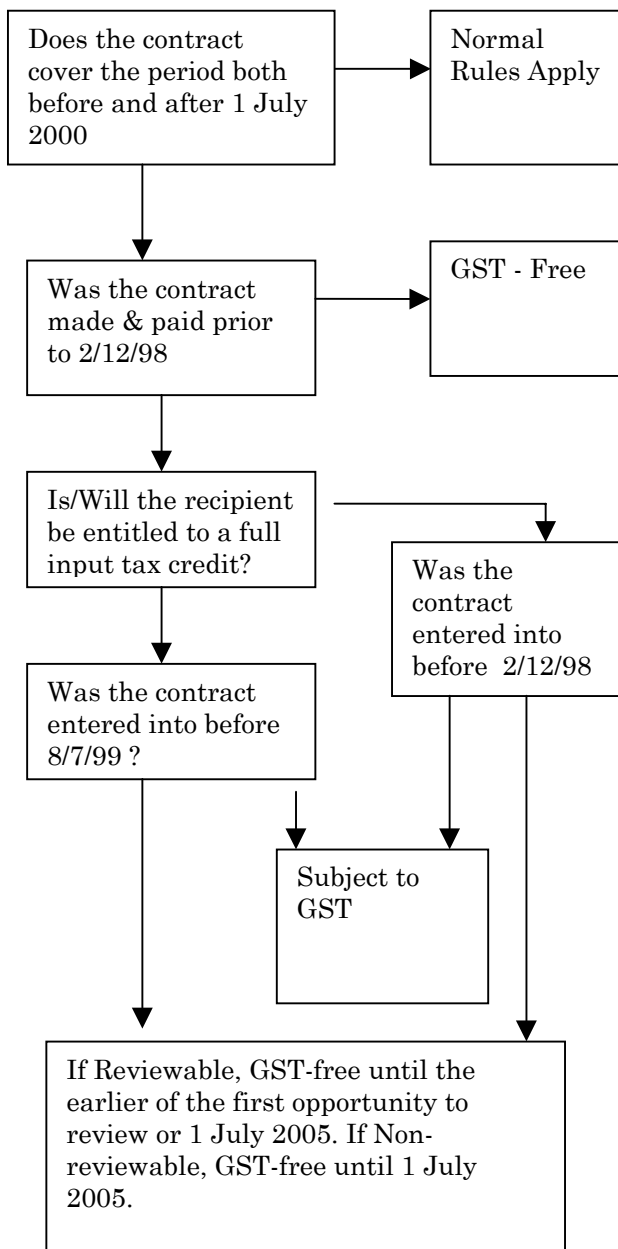
2/12/98	Legislation Introduced into Parliament.
8/7/99	Legislation receives ROYAL ASSENT – NOW LAW
Aug '99	<a href="http://www.tax.reform.ato.gov.au">www.tax.reform.ato.gov.au</a> (Website)
Sept '99	ATO to issue Industry Specific contacts.
Oct '99	ATO to hold Industry Specific Seminars.
Nov '99	GST Registration packages To be sent by ATO.
Jan '2000	ATO will notify you of your ABN ( Australian Business Number) & send you your GST Kit.
1/7/2000	GST in force
15/10/2000	Lodge your First GST Return.

## CONTRACTS in Place before 1 July 2000

E.G Rental Agreements  
Equipment Leases  
Service Agreements  
Supply Contracts

Contracts and agreements for goods and services may span the implementation date for the GST. Transitional arrangements will be introduced to ensure that enterprises do not avoid paying GST by entering into contracts prior to the implementation

Date. The transitional arrangements are described using the diagram below.



## WHAT TO DO NOW

- **INFORMATION**  
Find out how the GST works for you
- **CONTRACTS**  
Think about any contracts you have that go beyond 1/7/2000.
- **CASH – FLOW**  
Plan the effect GST will have on your Cash.
- **ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS**  
Will they cope with the GST.
- **PRICING STRATEGY**  
Know your current pricing formula & apply the GST.
- **PURCHASING DECISIONS**  
What should I buy now and what should I defer until after 1/7/2000.
- **CUSTOMERS/SUPPLIERS**  
How will GST effect our relationship.

### DEFINITIONS – LEARN THESE TERMS

- **GST-FREE** – some charges are GST-free Which means you do not charge GST for them but are entitled to claim input tax credits for GST paid on the things you purchased or acquired to use in your business. Eg. Basic food
- **INPUT TAXED** – some supplies are input taxed, which means you do not charge GST for them but neither are you entitled to input tax credits for GST paid on the things you purchased or acquired to make the supply Eg. Residential rent.
- **INPUT TAXED CREDITS** – when you pay GST on any taxable supplies you purchase or acquire for use in your business, you can claim these amounts back from the ATO. These amounts are called input taxed credits.