

Duties Form 4A Off-the-plan sales statutory declaration

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Part A - Do you need to complete this form?

What is the purpose of this form?

To apply for a concession from duty for off-the-plan contracts, entered into on or after 1 October 2008, relating to either land and building packages or refurbished lots under sections 21(3) or 21(4) of the *Duties Act 2000*.

Who can complete this form?

This form must be completed by:

- · The vendor/transferor (or a director or authorised officer of a transferor company), or
- A person acting under power of attorney for a transferor if that person has full knowledge of all the facts relating to the transaction.

Please note: This statutory declaration can not be made by a solicitor or any other representative of the transferor.

How do I complete this form?

- This form can be completed on screen, printed and signed or printed and completed by hand. Either way, the form must be physically signed prior to submission to the SRO
- If completing this form by hand, please print neatly in block letters with a black or blue ballpoint pen only. Print 'X' in the appropriate boxes
- To reduce paper usage, please submit pages 1 8 only
- For a glossary of the terms used in this form, please consult 'Part H Explanatory notes'. For further clarification (if required), contact the SRO directly on 13 21 61
- This form must be witnessed and signed by a person authorised under section 107A(1) of the Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1958 to witness the signing of statutory declarations
- You must choose one of the following two ways to calculate the duty concession:

The Fixed Percentage Method

This method only requires you to know the:

- · Contract price,
- · Class of building, and
- · Percentage of construction that has occurred at the contract date.

or

The Alternative Method

This **requires you to ascertain** the base land value and the off the plan land value taking into account the effect of infrastructure, and the value of the non-deductibles.

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When can this form be	Please answer the follo
used?	1. Does the contract in
	Yes, go to qu
	No, go to que
	2. Does the contract in
	Yes, go to qu
	No, this cond
	3. Have you entered in
	to in question 2?
	Yes, provide
	No, go to Pa
	4. Is the transferor(s

wing questions: nvolve the refurbishment of an existing building? uestion 4 estion 2 nvolve the construction of a new building? uestion 3 cession does not apply. Do not complete this form. nto any agreement with the transferee(s) other than the contract referred a copy of the agreement. Go to Part B rt B) the first registered proprietor(s) within the meaning of the Transfer of r registration of the plan of subdivision of the lot? Yes, go to question 5 No, this concession does not apply. Do not complete this form. 5. Is the sale of the subject lot to the transferee(s) the first sale of the lot after registration of the plan of subdivision? Yes, go to question 6 No, this concession does not apply. Do not complete this form. 6. To your knowledge has the transferee(s) entered into a contract for refurbishment of the lot, other than the refurbishment referred to in the contract of sale? Yes, this concession does not apply. Do not complete this form. No, go to question 7 7. Have you entered into any agreement with the transferee(s) other than the contract referred to in question 1?

Yes, provide a copy of the agreement. Go to Part B

No, go to Part B

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Part B - Declarant details

	Name					
	I,					
	Address	Address				
	of					
	Suburb/Town	Postcode				
		State				
	do solemnly and sincerely declare in the matter of sectio and a transfer of land or land use entitlement that:	n 21(4A) of the <i>D</i> a	uties Act 2000			
	Please indicate as applicable:					
	I make this declaration as or on behalf of the transferor(s) and				
	I am a transferor, or					
	I am a director or authorised officer of a transferor com	pany, namely:				
			, or			
	I am the attorney appointed by a transferor by the power	er of attorney dated	d:			
	Date (DDMMYYYY)					
Part C - Particula	ars of the transaction					
	ars of the transaction					
The property						
Address	The street address of the property is:					
	Address					
	Suburb/Town	State	Postcode			
Title particulars	being land described in: (Please supply either the Volume/Conveyance and Folio/Book	or Lot and Plan re	eferences)			
	Volume/Conveyance Folio/Book Lot	Plan				
	If there is insufficient space, please attach a schedule.					
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For land use entitlements	Details of the land use entitlement:						
	Name of company or unit trust						
	ACN/ABN (if applicable)						
	Number/class of shares or units being transferred						
Part D - Methods of	f calculation						
	IMPORTANT NOTE						
	Before proceeding you must choose to complete either 'alternative method'. See explanation on page 1.	the 'fixed percentage method' or the					
Fixed percentage n	nethod						
Contract price	 State the total contract price including all GST payable (Goods statement for residential land) or Part C (17) of D 						
		\$					
Class of building	2. Indicate the class of building under the contract						
See 'Part H - Explanatory notes', point 4.	Class of building	Fixed % building works component					
	Single lot freestanding	45%					
	Multi-lot low rise up to and including three storeys	60%					
	High rise	75%					
	3. Contract price x % of fixed building including GST works component	equals 100% building works component					
	\$ x	% = \$					
	From (1) above From (2) above						
	4. Actual % of construction works completed after the cont	ract %					
	5. 100% building works component x Deemed % construction works after contract*	Deemed construction cost after contract					
	\$ x	% = \$					
	From (3) above Please round up, ie 60%,	70%					

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^{* &#}x27;Deemed percentage construction works after contract', is the rounded up percentage (up to the next 10 per cent increment) of construction to be completed after the contract date. For example, if 63 per cent of the construction is still to be completed after the date the contract was signed, then the rounded up percentage would be 70 per cent. If no construction has commenced, then it would be 100 per cent.

		From (1) above					
	7.	Less the cost of conscontract including GS		ocurring after the	less	\$	
	8.	From (5) above The dutiable value f	or the lot		equals	\$	
Alternative method	Re	emember: If you have		complete the fixed perc	entage method,	thei	re is no need to
Base land value		The base land value	of the lot (r	market value of land t	o be	\$	
See 'Part H - Explanatory notes', point 1.		subdivided x UER) i Unit Entitlement Ratio (I		art H - Explanatory notes	', point 12.		
	2.	If the UER is not app	plicable, p	lease state why:			
Off-the-plan land value See 'Part H - Explanatory	3.	Base land value of the lot	+	% for infrastructure value	equals		Off-the-plan value of the lot
notes', point 9.	\$		+		% =	\$	
	4.	will accept a minimur	m figure of	e Office of the Valuer-G 25 per cent for infras cent is used for infrasti	tructure value.		sioner of State Revenue
Contract price and GST	5.	Does the vendor mak		e supply under the conf	tract for purpose	s of	GST?
		No. Explain why	there is no	taxable supply, then g	o to question 7		
	6.	How much GST is pa	yable in rel	ation to the taxable sup	oply?	\$	

6. The contract price (total price paid including GST)

\$

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Dutiable value

Construction costs excluding GST	7. Contract price (total price paid plus any GST, if applicable)	\$				
	8. Less the total GST shown at (6), if applicable	\$				
	9. Equals the total contract price excluding GST equal	ıls \$				
	10. Off-the-plan land value of the lot (3)					
	11. Plus the non-deductible costs See 'Part H - Explanatory notes', point 8					
	12. Sub-total of (10) and (11) equal	ıls \$				
	13. 100 per cent of construction costs (9) less (12) equa	ls \$				
Percentage of construction costs	14. The percentage of construction works that were completed after the construction works that were construction works the construction wo	ontrac	ct date is	9/		
See 'Part H - Explanatory notes', point 2.	15. The cost of those works is (13) x (14) about	ve \$				
The GST applicable to	16. Calculate the GST applicable to the cost of the works to be completed	l afte	r the contra	ct		
the total construction works occurring after the	\$ x 10% =	\$				
contract	From (15) above	,				
	17. The lesser of the GST calculated at (16) or the GST at (6) is					
	18. Plus the construction cost occurring after the contract date at (15)	\$				
	19. Equals the total cost of construction works occurring after the contract date, including GST	\$				
Dutiable value	20. The contract price (total price paid including GST) at (7)	\$				
	21. Less the cost of construction occurring after the contract date, including GST at (19)	\$				
	22. The dutiable value for the lot	\$				



Part E - Supporting documents

If this declaration is not fully completed and/or relevant documents are not enclosed, all documents will be returned to you for resubmission.

	The following	ng documer	nts must b	e lodged for a	assessment of duty:	
		ne original co nd dated,	mpleted tra	ansfer of land (or transfer of land use entitle	ement form, signed
		-			ale, including all special conc e entered into with the trans	•
			=	ds statement f ichever is appl	for residential land) or SRO licable,	Duties Form 2 (Goods
	4. A	copy of the b	ouilding per	mit or building	approval,	
	5. A	copy of the p	olan of sub	division, and		
	6. A	copy of the o	ertificate o	f occupancy		
Part F - Declaration	Explanatory with this form produce the	notes, poin m, however p em.	t 10. Please oursuant to	e note that tho section 21D c	21B of the Act to retain cerse records are not required of the Act, the Commissiones true and correct, and I make penalties of perjury.	to be submitted or may require you to
	Declared at				,,.	in the State of Victoria
		Day		Month		Year
	on this		day of			
	Signature of	declarant				
	*Before me	witness			Qualification to witness	
	Signature of	wiliic92			Qualification to witness	

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Full name of witness		
Address		
Suburb/Town	State	e Postcode
*A person authorised to witness a statutory <i>Provisions</i>) <i>Act 1958</i> .	declaration under section 107A(1)	of the Evidence (Miscellaneous

Part G - Privacy statement

This information is collected by the SRO to establish the amount of duty concession, which may apply to an off-the-plan sale. If you do not provide the information required, the purchaser may not receive the concession. The information collected may be used for the purposes of other SRO legislation. Where authorised to do so, we may also disclose this information to other government agencies, including the ATO, state and territory revenue offices and law enforcement agencies. You can find out more about how we use and protect your information in our Privacy Policy on www.sro.vic.gov.au. If you require access to the information that you have provided us, please contact the SRO on 13 21 61.

Part H - Explanatory notes

1. Base land value

The base land value is the value attributable to the un-subdivided land immediately before any infrastructure is in place taking into account the unit entitlement ratio (UER).

2. Calculating percentage of costs applicable to construction works after the contract.

The percentage cost of construction works to the purchaser which will be completed after the contract date is:

Total cost of construction works x Cost of works constructed after contract date = per cent of the total cost of works constructed

For assistance in determining the percentage of construction costs completed as at the contract date in relation to 'single lot freestanding', please refer to Revenue Ruling DA.048

3. Construction costs

Construction costs include:

- · Legal costs associated with the permit or bringing the building to completion,
- Surveyors and consultants fees,
- · Planning permits,
- · Water and sewerage connections,
- · Building permits and other similar fees,
- · Vic Roads approval,
- · Gas and electricity approval,
- · Required road access or utilities works,
- · Site decontamination costs,
- · Cost of demolition and removal work,



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- Cost of material, labour and finance for constructing the building.
- · The profit accruing to the builder/developer (in relation to the building only), and
- · GST in respect of construction costs after the contract.

4. Different classes of building

The different classes of building are:

- Single lot freestanding or single dwellings sharing side walls, for example a terraced house or duplex. This also includes dwellings which have abutting garage walls. If there is common property, it can not be single lot freestanding.
- Multi-lot low rise up to and including 3 storeys, not including basements. These are usually units or apartments with access to common property.
- High rise multi-lot, 4 or more storeys, not including basements. These are usually units or apartments with access to common property.

5. First registered proprietor (section 21(4))

Land Victoria issues new certificates of title for each unit/lot when a plan of subdivision is registered. The vendor must be the first registered proprietor after subdivision in order for the transferee to receive the duty concession, in respect of the refurbishment of that lot.

6. GST

The GST component in respect of the physical construction that is incomplete at the contract date can be deducted from the contract price.

7. Land use entitlement (section 10(1)(a)(v))

A land use entitlement is an entitlement to occupy land in Victoria conferred through an ownership of shares in a company or units in a unit trust scheme, or a combination of a shareholding or ownership of units together with a lease or licence.

8. Non-deductible costs

Non-deductible costs are not regarded as being integral to the physical construction or refurbishment of the building.

Examples of non-deductible costs include:

- · Legal or other business expenses in selling the property,
- · Advertising or promotional expenses,
- · Agents commission, and
- · Goods including furniture packages (even if not on site when the contract was executed).

The GST component in respect of non-deductible costs can not be deducted.

9. Off-the-plan land value

The off-the-plan land value is the amount for which the subdivided land might reasonably have been sold for on the open market immediately before the contract of sale was entered into. This value must take into account all infrastructure to be provided in respect of the subdivided lot irrespective of whether it is put in place before or after the date of the contract, as if construction had not commenced. The off-the-plan land value does not reflect the purchase price paid by the vendor to acquire the property, or the cost of the infrastructure, it is the added value the infrastructure adds to the land.

Where the off-the-plan land value of the property has increased by more than 25 per cent because of infrastructure, the actual increase should be indicated.

10. Record keeping

In addition to the record keeping obligations imposed on the transferee pursuant to Part 8 of the *Taxation Administration Act 1997*, sections 21B and C impose record-keeping obligations on transferors. These obligations apply to all applications for the off-the-plan concession where the contract of sale is entered into on or after 1 October 2008, irrespective of the method of calculation.

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The transferor is required to keep all records that are necessary to enable the duty payable on the transfer to be assessed.

These records may include:

- · Land valuations,
- · Quantity surveyor reports,
- · Drawdown schedules against financial accommodation,
- · Third party completion of works claims,
- · Certificate of occupancy showing mandatory inspection stages, and
- · Any other relevant records.

The transferor must retain the records for not less than five years after the date they were made or obtained or the date on which the dutiable transaction occurred, whichever is the later unless the Commissioner authorises a shorter retention period.

The Commissioner, by written notice, may require a person to produce a document that is required to be kept within the period specified in the notice or any extended period allowed by the Commissioner.

11. Refurbishment (section 21(5))

Building work for which a building permit has been issued under the *Building Act 1993*, being work for the conversion of an existing building for which such a permit or approval is required.

12. Unit entitlement ratio (UER)

The UER is the proportion of a lot compared to the total land being subdivided.

Where a \$1 million block of land or shell of a building to be refurbished is divided into 10 equal lots, each lot would have a UER of 1/10, and each lot would have a base value of \$100,000. If there is no subdivision, the UER is 100 per cent.

Part I - Additional information

Visit the SRO website for further information relating to the duty concession for off-the-plan sales and refurbished lots (See Revenue Ruling DA.048).

Part J - Lodgement

This form can be lodged:

Online: via Duties Online (if you are a registered organisation) on www.sro.vic.gov.au

Mail: State Revenue Office

GPO Box 1641

MELBOURNE VIC 3001 or DX 260090 Melbourne VIC

In person: State Revenue Office

Level 2, 121 Exhibition Street, Melbourne

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