



### Small Business Assistance Program

Being in a small business can offer you many rewards and benefits, but it also means you have additional tax obligations to consider. As your business grows and changes your tax situation will as well.

To help you stay in control of your tax affairs, the ATO have identified a range of topics that may help you run your business, and links to where you can get more information and support.

The Small Business Assistance Program is responsible for providing practical support to small business that is:

- more business focussed
- targeted
- practical
- easier for business to understand
- relevant to the issues a business is facing at the time
- delivered in a way that is best suited to the business

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### Webcast of National Construction Code 2011 Information Seminars

The Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) will be presenting a webcast on the 2011 National Construction Code (NCC) Information Seminars.

The Webcast, which is based on the 2011 information seminars delivered in all capital cities by the ABCB, provides practitioners with an overview of relevant aspects of the consolidated code and how it will affect their work.

The webcast covers:

- an introduction to the NCC and implications it will have for practitioners
- an overview of changes to the BCA, Volume One & Two
- the new Plumbing Code of Australia (which represents Volume Three of the NCC Series).

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## WPC Review Newsletter - March 2011

In the March edition of the WPC Review newsletter:

- World Plumbing Day 2011
- 9th World Plumbing Conference September 2011
- WPC Scholarship winner to visit South Africa
- WPC continues its links with Messe Frankfurt
- Pipeline Europe
- China to invest over USD300 billion on water projects
- New Director General for IAPMO India
- USA water wastage

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### WPC launches education and training scholarship for 2011

The World Plumbing Council is pleased to invite applications for its 2011 Education and Training Scholarship. The Scholarship (which has been renamed after a review) is available to anyone involved in plumbing industry education and training. The award for 2011, which is worth a maximum of US\$10,000, will enable the successful applicant to travel to another country to investigate aspects of industry education and training.

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### FREE Safety Consultation Session

Victorian businesses with **up to 20 employees** can register for a free 3 hour session with an independent health & safety consultant. The consultant will come to your workplace, help identify safety issues relevant to your business and provide useful advice on how to go about addressing the issues.

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### Workforce Education News - Issue 1 / 2011

For employers:

- Free superannuation clearing house for small business
- Reminder - super payments for quarter three due soon

Paying super for contractors:

- Make sure your temporary resident employees depart with their super
- Taking a balanced approach to debt collection
- Free tax seminars

For employees:

- Lost super can work for your retirement
- Is your identity secure?
- Targeting Tax Crime e-magazine

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## Upcoming Events

**16 June 2011,  
Collingwood VIC**

General Meeting  
[www.ppigroup.com.au](http://www.ppigroup.com.au)

**5 - 7 July 2011,  
Suntec Singapore**

Singapore International  
Water Week (SIWW)  
[www.wateraustralia.org](http://www.wateraustralia.org)

**7-11 September 2011,  
Edinburgh**

World Plumbing Conference  
[www.wpc2011.co.uk](http://www.wpc2011.co.uk)

**18-21 September 2011,  
Washington DC USA**

2011 PMI Spring Meeting  
[www.pmihome.org](http://www.pmihome.org)

**8-9 November 2011,  
Enstone, Oxfordshire**

Annual Bathroom  
Conference  
[www.bathroom-association.org](http://www.bathroom-association.org)

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## The phase-out of greenhouse intensive Hot Water Systems

The Australian Government Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency advises water heating is the largest single source of greenhouse gas emissions from the average Australian home and accounts for about a quarter of household energy use.

Currently about 50 per cent of Australian households use electric hot water systems to heat water in their homes. These systems produce up to three times the greenhouse gases of low emission alternatives. Other low emission technologies include solar, heat pump and high efficiency gas.

The Australian and State and Territory Governments are working together to phase-out greenhouse intensive hot water systems. This phase-out will result in the reduction of greenhouse gases by about 78.7 million tonnes over twenty years from 2010-2030.

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## Standards Australia

The following Standards Australia publications may be of interest:

[AS/NZS 4087:2011](#) Metallic Flanges for Waterworks purposes

[AS/NZS 3879:2006](#) Solvent Cements and Priming Fluids for PVC (PVC-U & PVC-M) and ABS Pipes & Fittings

[AS/NZS 3500.2:2003](#) Plumbing and Drainage - Sanitary Plumbing & Drainage

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## BCA Energy Efficiency Provision Handbooks

The Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) has introduced two new handbooks related to the energy efficiency provisions of BCA 2010. Both, as linked below, are available to download from the ABCB website.

- [Energy Efficiency Provisions for Electricians and Plumbers](#)
- [BCA Section J - Assessment and Verification of an Alternative Solution](#)

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