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Refund For Withholding Tax

If at the end of any calendar year you have overpaid your taxes, you may apply online for a refund.

Refunds are now being processed at select Revenue Service Centres.

The **Form ITO5** is to be completed if your income does not include business profits or rental income.

Documents to be submitted are:

- Taxpayer Registration Number (TRN)
- Proof of age
- Certificates showing Pension (**P24**) for each Year of Assessment.
- Withholding tax certificates showing total interest earned and tax deducted (if any) for each of the claim from Prescribed Persons e.g. Banks, Building Societies, and any institutions operating under the Financial Institutions Act.
- Documentary proof of any other source of income for each year of claim.



For further details :

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Aaaahh finally...retirement ! No more punching the old time clock, no more 9 - 5 ! It's your time now to do whatever you want, whenever you want. As a retiree, pensioner and/or golden-ager there are certain benefits to which you are entitled based on your new status. This brochure will help you to understand what your benefits are, and to ensure that you pay your fair share ... no more, no less !

1. Income Sources

Examples of possible income sources:-

- Pension
- Bank Interest
- Dividends
- Rent
- Farming
- Fees/ Commissions
- Business Profits
- Employment



N.B. Pensioners who are resident in Jamaica for a period totaling 6 months or more, must include/declare all income earned from other countries (World Income). World Income is income from in Jamaica and from all sources outside Jamaica (subject to applicable Double Taxation Agreement).

2. Exemption For Pensioners & Golden Agers

The following exemptions apply in the circumstances outlined below:

- Pensioners under 55 years old, who receive a Pension from a Statutory Pension Scheme e.g. NIS, or an Approved Superannuation

Scheme are entitled to the tax exemption amount of **\$80,000*** restricted to Pension income only.

80,000 - Pension Exemption
\$1,375,140 - Threshold (2017)
TOTAL \$1,455,140 (Exemption & Threshold)

- Pensioners 55 years and over, who receive a Pension from a Statutory Pension Scheme or an Approved Superannuation Scheme are entitled to a tax exemption amount of **\$80,000** from that Pension income and any other source of income.

\$80,000 - Pension Exemption
\$1,375,140 - Threshold
\$1,455,140 TOTAL

- Pensioners who are Golden Agers (Persons 65 years and older, are entitled to an exemption of **\$80,000** for Age Relief & **\$80,000** Pensioners Relief.

\$80,000 - Pensioners Exemption
\$80,000 - Age Relief
\$1,375,140 - Threshold
\$1,535,140 TOTAL

- Pension exemption - \$80,000
- Age exemption - \$80,000
- Income Tax Threshold - \$1,375,140

- Golden Agers are entitled to the Age Relief of **\$80,000** as well as the threshold of **\$1,375,140** (2017)
- **Non-resident Pensioners** and/or Golden Agers are entitled to the exemptions, but **not** the threshold .

* Threshold and Exemptions effective 2017

3. Exemption for Withholding Tax (Tax on Income imposed at source)

Documents required for application :-

- Taxpayer Registration Number (TRN)
- Proof of age (Birth Certificate, Golden Ager ID Card, Passport, Driver's Licence)
- Proof of Pensioner's current pension slip, stub or receipt
- Documentary proof of any other source of income including interest income. (Certificates are usually supplied by the banks or financial institutions).
- Name and address of bank (s) or financial institutions and all account numbers.
- Complete **P01 - Exemption Form - 'PAYE Application For The Determination Of Exemption & Expenses'**.

Applications for the Exemption from Withholding Tax are to be submitted to:

Refunds Units at select Tax Offices.

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