

# Application for private ruling on transfer pricing arrangement – additional declaration

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- This declaration is for completion by all taxpayers applying for a ruling on a proposed, current or completed transfer pricing arrangement, and should be completed by the applicant, NOT a tax agent or accountant outside the applicant's business.
- This form should always be completed in conjunction with and accompany the IR713 Application for Private Ruling form.
- Contact a Transfer Pricing Specialist at **transfer.pricing@ird.govt.nz** to discuss requirements and necessary information for the advance pricing agreement process before completing the application and this form.
- Please read the information on the back before completing this form.

Applicant details  Complete the details of the person to whom this ruling will apply.  If this is a joint application, please ensure each applicant has completed a separate additional declaration form.	
IRD number of applicant	(8 digit numbers start in the second box. 12345678)
Full name of applicant	
Address of applicant	Street address/PO Box number  Town/city
Name of person signing this declaration	
Position/role held in applicant's business	
Daytime phone number	
Declaration  The person signing this declaration should be fully aware of the applicant's transfer pricing arrangement, and hold a role in the applicant's business with sufficient authority to make the declaration.  I have fully examined the attached application and information and documents provided in connection with the application.  To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information disclosed for the application is comprehensive.  Signature of applicant(s)	
	Date

# Transfer pricing agreement information

### Introduction:

Transfer pricing is the setting of prices for the international transfer of goods, services and intangibles between associated parties [one of whom is a New Zealand taxpayer]. If these are manipulated profits may be shifted out of New Zealand.

The purpose of New Zealand's transfer pricing rules is to ensure that for tax purposes taxpayers price their international related-party dealings as truly independent parties would have done in the same situation, i.e. on an arm's length basis.

To provide certainty for taxpayers in relation to these international related-party dealings, New Zealand's tax law provides for the issuing, upon application, of unilateral Advance Pricing Agreements ("APAs") in the form of binding rulings. Bilateral and multilateral APAs may also be entered into in line with New Zealand's double tax treaties. A unilateral APA is a ruling binding the Commissioner of Inland Revenue on an appropriate transfer pricing methodology to be applied to the taxpayer's specified international related-party transactions over a fixed period.

The legislation governing transfer pricing arrangements is contained in sections GC 6 - 19 of the Income Tax Act 2007. In respect of Branches any allocations of income and expenditure are made in terms of section YD 5 of the Act.

## Issuing an APA:

Inland Revenue will issue an APA when it is satisfied that the transfer pricing methodology to be used by the taxpayer results in an arm's length price for the international related-party transactions. Further information on Inland Revenue's approach can be found on our website www.ird.govt.nz/international/business/transfer-pricing/transfer-pricing/practice/transfer-pricing-practice-apas.html

### Applying for an APA:

The transfer pricing documentation and information provided by a taxpayer in connection with its application for a unilateral APA is central to the process of explaining and justifying the pricing methodology for its cross-border transactions. A taxpayer should be able to readily demonstrate to Inland Revenue that its transfer prices are consistent with the arm's length principle.

For this reason a taxpayer considering an application for an APA should contact a Transfer Pricing Specialist at **transfer.pricing@ird.govt.nz** to discuss the requirements and necessary information for the advance pricing agreement process before making the application.

An application for an APA is made on Form IR713 and is to be accompanied by this additional declaration.

### Additional declaration:

Section 91ED(1B) of the Tax Administration Act 1994 requires an applicant for a private ruling on how sections GC 6 - 19 or YD 5 of the Income Tax Act 2007 applies, to state, in a notice signed by them and sent to the Commissioner at the same time as the application, that they have examined the application and to the best of their knowledge and belief the information disclosed for the application is comprehensive.

### **Declaration explained:**

The additional declaration requires applicants for private rulings relating to advance pricing agreements to be more explicitly involved in the application process compared with other private ruling applications. This additional declaration is to ensure that a person holding a role in the applicant's business with sufficient knowledge of the applicant's international related-party transactions and transfer pricing methodology and having the necessary authority to make the declaration, is able to declare that the information provided to Inland Revenue in connection with the application is sufficiently expansive and complete.