



Economic Loss

HOW TO PROVE YOUR EARNINGS WITHOUT HAVING LODGED TAX RETURNS

A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

Proof of Earnings Checklist.

PROVING YOUR INCOME WITHOUT UP-TO-DATE TAX RETURNS: A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE

Tax returns are undoubtedly the easiest way to prove your income in a claim for compensation, so what happens when you're lacking them? How can you prove your income?

Helen Driscoll of MCW Legal recommends collecting every piece of evidence possible to substantiate your claim for economic loss.

To prove your own earnings, make sure you've considered and collected any of the applicable documents:

- Payslips
- Employer group certificates
- Payment summaries
- Statements from an employer or colleague
- Photographs of someone doing their job
- A diary of calendar appointments
- A Facebook group
- Text messages about work
- Discussion notes or reports from a financial planner
- Putting down a house deposit
- Employer activity statements
- Text messages from clients
- Clocking in and out
- Phone call logs

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- STEP 1:** Collate all of the information:
- Details of your income
 - Details of your expenses
- STEP 2:** Number crunch, try to work out what're the taxes that are due, and what is the interest or potential penalties on that?
- STEP 3:** Decipher whether or not it's worth lodging your past tax returns to make your claim for compensation.

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