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## Amalgamation of EDR Services

On 6 March 2006, our Sydney EDR operational staff were relocated to Parramatta. The Sydney City staff have joined our Parramatta team to create an EDR Operational team responsible for the provision of EDR services to all Sydney metropolitan EDR clients.

The centralised EDR Operational team will provide improved support services for all Sydney based EDR clients.

### EDR Services ►

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## National Electronic Conveyancing System Readiness Program

OSR is taking part in a number of major projects to ready its systems, procedures and clients for the introduction of the National Electronic Conveyancing System (NECS). The NECS Readiness Program brings together under one management structure:



Office of State Revenue  
NSW TREASURY

ISO 9001-Quality Certified

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## NECS readiness program ►

- existing strategic initiatives in developing electronic workflow systems, electronic examination of instruments, presentation of paper instruments and local stakeholder communications
- NECS-specific preparations intended to ready systems and procedures for use of the NECS by industry participants in NSW.

The following seven NECS-specific projects have been identified:

1. Third-party interfaces - to define and implement new or changed arrangements required with other NSW agencies, including the Office of State Revenue (for verification of electronic stamps during instrument examination), industry software suppliers and practitioner licensing authorities, the Law Society of NSW (for verification of legal practitioner status during accreditation of certifiers) and the Office of Fair Trading (for verification of licensed conveyancer status during accreditation of certifiers).
2. Business practices and procedures - this initiative defines and implements necessary changes in business practices and procedures with customers, such as identity verifications, client authorisations, certificates of title, instrument wordings, instrument certifications and fee billing procedures.
3. NECS business rules - to define the NSW-specific business rules required in the NECS for the creation, content and validation of instruments acceptable for lodgment, including acceptance testing and commissioning procedures.
4. System enhancements - to define and implement necessary enhancements to existing titling and related software systems for pre-populating NECS workspaces, receiving and handling electronic instruments, publishing registered electronic instruments and providing information to other agencies and customers.
5. Infrastructure performance - to benchmark existing systems performance and implement robust and redundant processing arrangements necessary to service the availability and reliability requirements of the NECS environment.

## NECS readiness program ►

6. Legislation, licensing and accreditation - to define and implement required changes to legislation and regulations, and to develop arrangements for licensing of Licensed Service Providers (LSPs) and accrediting NSW practitioners for certification of electronic instruments.
7. Stakeholder communications and support - to devise and implement effective communications with stakeholders advising of progress and encouraging feedback and to develop appropriate technical and operational support arrangements including training.

For more information, you can subscribe to the NECS electronic newsletter:

<http://www.lands.nsw.gov.au>

## Pay-roll tax factsheet ►

### Pay-roll tax publications

Our pay-roll tax employers factsheet and the pay-roll tax contractors and employment agents factsheets have been updated and are now available on our website.

We also have a new factsheet for pay-roll tax exemptions (Section 10 of the Pay-roll Tax Act 1971).

**Read:** Pay-roll tax  
**Phone:** 1300 139 815

## Education in northern NSW ►

### Petroleum products subsidy scheme

We have recently launched a public awareness campaign in northern NSW to educate consumers, fuel wholesalers and retailers about their rights and obligations when purchasing subsidised diesel.

Posters, brochures and stickers have been distributed to all service stations in northern NSW explaining how the NSW Petroleum Products Subsidy Scheme works.

Service station operators are encouraged to place the stickers on their diesel bowsers, and display the posters and brochures that explain how the scheme operates and the requirements involved in the sale of subsidised products.

## Education in northern NSW ►

"We hope service station operators will assist us to promote the scheme and improve community understanding of how the scheme operates, especially the obligations of those who receive the subsidised fuel," said Tony Newbury, Chief Operating Officer.

"Recently, we have found some people who purchased subsidised diesel were using it for off-road purposes, such as the running of farm generators or other machinery.

"Diesel purchased under the scheme should only be used for on-road purposes. If diesel purchased under the scheme is used for off-road purposes it must be repaid by the purchaser to the Chief Commissioner of State Revenue within 60 days," he added.

### Legislative changes

On 7 December 2005, the NSW Parliament passed laws changing the way the Petroleum Products Subsidy Scheme operates. These changes include:

- amounts incorrectly paid as subsidies can now be recovered and those who incorrectly claimed the subsidies can be charged interest and penalties on top of having to repay the subsidy;
- the introduction of an objection, appeal and review procedures;
- invoices need to show the rate of the petroleum subsidy;
- limiting the offence of consuming subsidised diesel fuel for off-road purposes to purchases of more than 100 litres which have not been delivered into a running tank of a road vehicle.

**Read:** Petroleum products subsidy scheme

**Phone:** 1300 305 191

## State tax update seminars ►

### Free seminar program

The State tax update seminars are designed for professional advisers and will discuss recent cases, amendments and issues arising. The pay-roll tax seminars are designed for businesses with an emphasis on providing practical advice on recent changes to pay-roll tax.

The seminars are free and you can register on our website: [www.osr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.osr.nsw.gov.au) go to the 'Free Seminars' link. Seminars in regional areas will be held later in the year.

Topic	Date	Time	Venue	Location
Pay-roll Tax	13 Jun	10.00 - 12.00 14:00 - 16:00	The Portside Centre	Level 5, 207 Kent St, Sydney
State Tax Update	13 Jun	18.00 - 20.00	The Portside Centre	Level 5, 207 Kent St, Sydney
Pay-roll Tax	14 Jun	14:00 - 16:00	Ramsgate RSL Memorial Club	Cnr Chuter Ave & Ramsgate Rd, Sans Souci
State Tax Update	14 Jun	18.00 - 20.00	Ramsgate RSL Memorial Club	Cnr Chuter Ave & Ramsgate Rd, Sans Souci
Pay-roll Tax	15 Jun	10.00 - 12.00 14:00 - 16:00	Parramatta Leagues Club	13-15 O'Connell St, Parramatta
State Tax Update	15 Jun	18.00 - 20.00	Parramatta Leagues Club	13-15 O'Connell St, Parramatta
Pay-roll Tax	20 Jun	14:00 - 16:00	Campbelltown Catholic Club	20-22 Camden Rd, Campbelltown
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Pay-roll tax	22 Jun	14:00 - 16:00	The College of Law	2 Chandos St, St Leonards
State Tax Update	22 Jun	18.00 - 20.00	The College of Law	2 Chandos St, St Leonards
State Tax Update	27 Jun	8.30 - 10.45	West's Convention Centre	88 Hobart Rd, New Lambton (Newcastle)
Pay-roll tax	27 Jun	11.00 - 13.00	West's Convention Centre	88 Hobart Rd, New Lambton (Newcastle)
State Tax Update	28 Jun	8.30 - 10.45	Central Coast Leagues Club	Dane Drive, Gosford
Pay-roll tax	28 Jun	11.00 - 13.00	Central Coast Leagues Club	Dane Drive, Gosford
State Tax Update	29 Jun	8.30 - 10.45	Steelers Club	Cnr Harbour & Burelli Sts, Wollongong
Pay-roll tax	29 Jun	11.00 - 13.00	Steelers Club	Cnr Harbour & Burelli Sts, Wollongong

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