



KEY DATES OVERVIEW

21 Sept

30 Sept

21 October

28 October

31 October

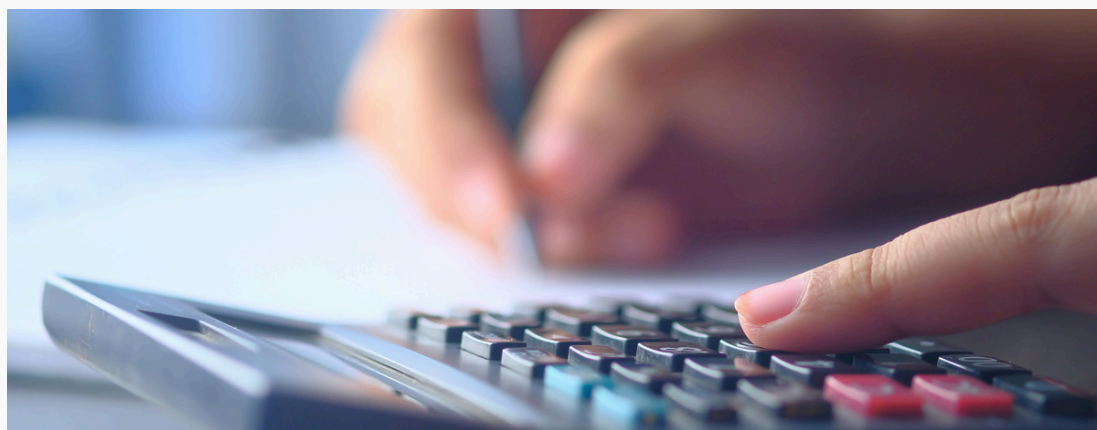


INSIGHTS

5 common accounting mistakes (and how to avoid them)

Starting a business can be a challenging experience, especially when it comes to managing your numbers and staying on top of your financial management.

Unless you've got some experience in finance, the bookkeeping and accounting requirements can be quite daunting. And even with today's helpful cloud accounting platforms and fintech apps, there's always the possibility of making a simple accounting mistake. [You can read more here.](#)



Tax planning helps you do more with your money

Tax planning is a strategic approach to managing your business' financial affairs, with the aim of legally minimising your tax liability. In other words, you plan ahead to make sure you pay the taxes you should be paying, but not a penny more.

Working with your tax adviser, you can look for deductions, credits, exemptions and tax-saving strategies that will help to optimise your company's overall tax position. [You can read more here](#)



OUR SERVICES

- External audit
- Business recovery
- Internal audit
- Internal systems reviews
- Corporate governance and risk management
- Accounting and compliance services
- Due diligence
- Change management
- Corporate and strategic planning
- Litigation support
- Management consulting
- Specialist audits
- Indigenous services



KEY DATES IN DETAIL

21 September

Lodge and pay August 2026 monthly business activity statement.

30 September

Lodge PAYG withholding payment summary annual report if prepared by a BAS agent or tax agent, excluding large withholders whose annual withholding is greater than \$1 million.

Lodge Annual TFN withholding report 2026 if a trustee of a closely held trust has been required to withhold amounts from payments to beneficiaries.

21 October

Pay annual PAYG instalment notice (Form N). Lodge only if you vary the instalment amount or use the rate method to calculate the instalment.

Lodge and pay quarter 1, 2026–27 PAYG instalment activity statement for head companies of consolidated groups.

Lodge and pay September 2026 monthly business activity statement.

28 October

Lodge and pay quarter 1, 2026–27 activity statement, if lodging by paper.

Pay quarter 1, 2026–27 instalment notice (Form R, S, or T). Lodge the notice only if you vary the instalment amount.

Lodge and pay annual activity statement for TFN withholding for closely held trusts where a trustee withheld amounts from payments to beneficiaries during the 2025–26 income year.

31 October

Final date to add new clients to your client list to ensure their 2026 tax return is covered by the lodgment program.

Note: The lodgment program is a concession to registered agents. We can ask for documents to be lodged earlier than the [lodgment program due dates](#).

Lodge tax returns for all entities if one or more prior year returns were outstanding as at 30 June 2026.



OUR PARTNERS



BRIAN Woods
Partner CPA

Financial & Business Advice

Delivering value through future-focused advice, service & relationships.

Leading our Cairns office, Brian Woods works with commercial, community and government agency clients to deliver expert financial and business advice focused on business improvement, risk management and ongoing professional service.

Brian believes in future-focused business partnership and relishes the opportunity to contribute to client success.

Brian has over a decade of experience in leadership with DFK Kidsons and a strong portfolio of long-term client relationships in areas such as financial and business advice, accounting services, investigations, administrations and change management.



ROBERT Wernli
Partner CA

Driving Business Improvement

Assurance partner driving business improvement.

Managing Partner of our Melbourne office, Rob Wernli engages with private corporate, government, association, union and not-for-profit sector clients, providing professional external audit and assurance services that go beyond the demands of statutory compliance.

Rob's broad-remit audit and assurance practice focuses on building lasting client partnerships through business advisory and guidance services covering corporate governance, statutory reporting, risk assessment and management, probity, accounting standards and business improvement.



MICHAEL Port
Partner CA

Audit & Accounting Services

Practical value, professional expertise & hands-on delivery.

As Partner in our Melbourne office, Michael Port leads an audit, accounting and consulting practice providing ASX listed clients with a range of accounting and advisory services based on his considerable expertise and experience in external audit, recognising the particular challenges that listed entities face. Michael also works with small, medium and large scale private businesses and not-for-profit organisations providing specialist external audit service and business advisory in governance, compliance, accounting standards, financial report preparation and advice on industry regulation and trends.