

A large colony of penguins, likely King penguins, is shown on a grassy hillside. The penguins are densely packed, covering the ground and extending up the slope. The background shows a vast expanse of green vegetation under a clear sky.

Mathematics in legislation

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When to use a formula – considerations



complexity



users - familiarity with formulae

- need to generate own formula



technology



fear of maths

Things to consider with calculations



units of measurement



units of measurement

4 Mass limits for road trains

The total mass of a road train must not exceed ... :

$$a = \frac{k \times w \times t}{16}$$

where:

a = total mass of vehicle and load **in kilograms**

k = for a class 1 vehicle k = 0.055

for a class 2 vehicle K = 0.053

w = the number of **wheels on the vehicle**

t = maximum engine net torque **in newton-metres.**

Things to consider with calculations



units of measurement



rounding



rounding

10 Security deposit

(1) The amount of the security deposit ... is:

$$d = a \times w \times p$$

where:

d = amount of deposit

a = area of the land, in hectares,  **rounded down to the nearest multiple of 10**

w = number of **whole months** in the development period

p = relevant multiple prescribed by the regulations.

(2) If the amount determined under subsection (1) is not a whole number, the amount **is to be rounded up to the nearest whole number.**

Things to consider with calculations

 units of measurement

 rounding

 ascertaining value – how and when

Ascertaining value –how and when



12 Determination of amount of levy

The amount of the levy is ...:

$$a = (v \times r) - p$$

where:

a = amount of levy (in dollars)

v = volume of waste .. determined in **accordance with regulation 26**

r = prescribed rate **on the first day of the return period**

p = the reasonable processing costs of the waste determined **by the Director-General.**

Things to consider with calculations



units of measurement



rounding



ascertaining value – how and when



negative values



negative values

24 Out of balance charges

(1) The out of balance charge for a month is .. :

$$c = n \times b \times 5.26$$

where:

c = out of balance charge for the month

n = sum of the adjusted net amounts for the group for the month

b if **n is negative**, then b = sell fee for the month

if **n is positive**, then b = buy fee for the month.

(2) If the out of balance charge for a month **is negative, then ...**

(3) If the out of balance charge for a month **is positive, then ...**

Things to consider with calculations



units of measurement



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ascertaining value – how and when



negative values

How to use formulae



numbers



variables



mathematical function symbols

Multiplication signs between variables are optional

$a \times b \times c$

abc



variables – what not to do

17 Actual periodic deduction

The actual periodic deduction for the employer for a periodic return period, is the amount worked out using the following formula:

$$\text{apd} = \frac{\text{fme}}{\text{g}} - \frac{1}{4} \left(\text{tw} - \frac{\text{fme}}{\text{g}} \right)$$

where:

$$a = \frac{f \times m \times e}{g} - \left[\frac{1}{4} \times \left(t - \frac{f \times m \times e}{g} \right) \right]$$

a ~~apd~~ = actual periodic deduction in dollars

f = number of days in the period for which employer pays taxable wages

m = number of months in the period

e = maximum deduction per month

g = total number of days in the period

t ~~tw~~ = amount of taxable wages paid or payable in the period.



variables – what not to do

19 Amalgamated loan treated as dividend

The formula for the minimum yearly repayment for a year of income is:

$$\frac{\text{Amount of the loan not repaid by the end of the previous year of income} \times \text{Current year's benchmark interest rate}}{1 - \left[\frac{1}{1 + \text{Current year's benchmark interest rate}} \right]^{\text{Remaining term}}}$$

where ...

Current year's benchmark interest rate is the ...

Remaining term is the

How to use formulae



numbers



variables



mathematical function symbols

The formula, the whole formula, and nothing but the formula



2+ calculations - formula for 1, formulae for all



2+ calculations - formula for 1, formulae for all

26 Duty on transfer of vehicle

- (1) The amount of duty payable on the grant or transfer of a licence for a vehicle is worked out under this section (rounded down to the nearest 5 cents).
- (2) For the grant or transfer of a licence for a vehicle that is **not a heavy vehicle**, the amount of duty is:
 - (a) if the dutiable value of the vehicle **does not exceed \$20 000** – 2.75% of the dutiable value; or
 - (b) if the dutiable value of the **vehicle exceeds \$20 000 but does not exceed \$45 000** – r% of the dutiable value, where r is determined in accordance with the following formula:
$$r = \left[2.75 + \left(\frac{dv - 20\,000}{6666.66} \right) \right]$$
where dv = dutiable value; or
 - (c) if the dutiable value of the vehicle **exceeds \$45 000** – 6.5% of the dutiable value..
- (3) For the grant or transfer of a licence for **a heavy vehicle**, the amount of duty is the lesser of:
 - (a) 3% of the dutiable value; and
 - (b) \$12 000.





2+ calculations - formula for 1, formulae for all

26 Duty on transfer of vehicle

The amount of duty payable on the grant or transfer of a licence for a vehicle is the amount determined from the following table (rounded down to the nearest 5 cents).

Type of vehicle	Dutiable value (\$v)	Amount of duty (\$d)
Not a heavy vehicle	$v \leq 20\,000$	$d = \frac{2.75}{100} \times v$
	$20\,000 < v \leq 45\,000$	$d = \frac{\left[2.75 + \left(\frac{v - 20\,000}{6666.66}\right)\right]}{100} \times v$
	$v > 45\,000$	$d = \frac{6.75}{100} \times v$
Heavy vehicle	$v \leq 400\,000$	$d = \frac{3}{100} \times v$
	$v > 400\,000$	$d = 12\,000$

The formula, the whole formula, and nothing but the formula

-  2+ calculations - formula for 1, formulae for all
-  whole calculation into the formula



2+ calculations - formula for 1, formulae for all

6 Rate of pension

If the judge is entitled to a pension because of section 6(2A)(b), the annual rate of pension is worked out by using the formula:

$$\frac{ab}{10}$$

where:

a = 60% of the appropriate current judicial salary

b = whichever is the lesser of:

(a) the sum of:

- (i) the total number of years (including a fraction of a year) of his or her service as a judge; and
- (ii) the total number of years (including a fraction of a year) that the Attorney-General certifies to be the period, or aggregate of the periods, (if any) of leave in respect of that service due to the judge immediately before his or her retirement; or

(b) 10.



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6 Rate of pension

If the judge is entitled to a pension because of section 6(2A)(b), the annual rate of pension is worked out by using the formula:

$$p = \frac{0.6 \times s \times n}{10}$$

where:

s = current judicial salary

n = if $y + g \geq 10$, then $n = 10$

if $y + g < 10$, then $n = y + g$

y = years of service as a judge

g = years of leave certified by Attorney-General to be due to judge immediately before retirement

The formula, the whole formula, and nothing but the formula



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whole calculation into the formula



include exceptions, special cases, alternatives,
limitations etc in formula

