



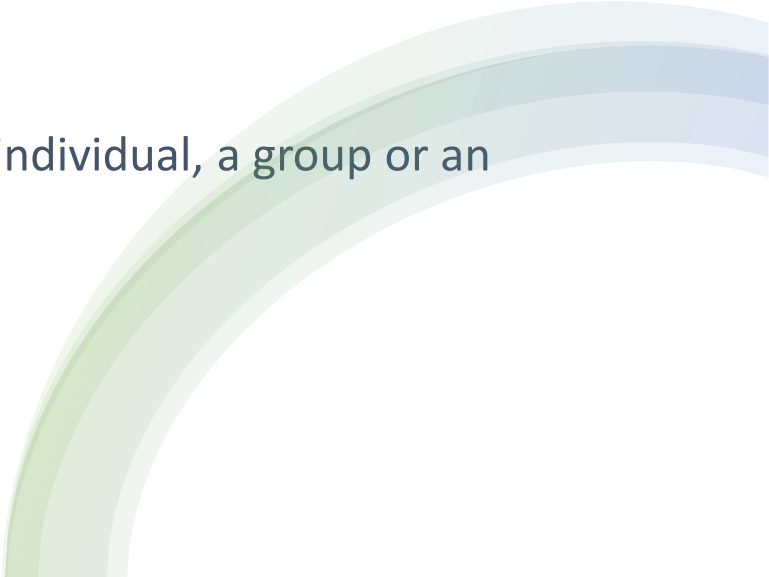
Foreign Entertainers Unit

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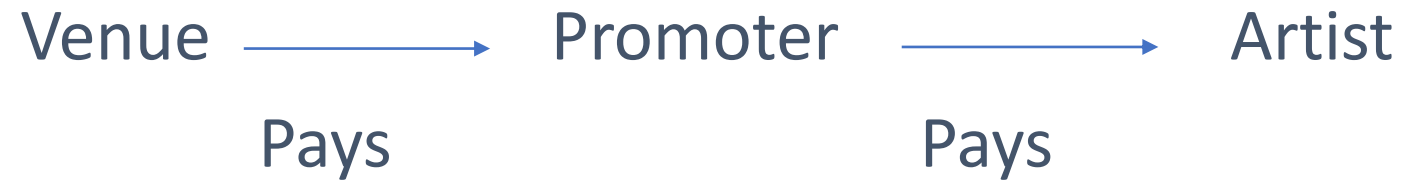


Background:

- Non-UK Resident Entertainers and Sportspeople liable to UK tax.
 - Foreign Entertainers is a withholding tax scheme.
 - Anybody making a payment in respect of a UK performance that includes a Non-UK entertainer is a **Payer** and may have an obligation to withhold tax from the payment.
 - A performance can be by an individual, a group or an Act.
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Payment Chain

Example:



<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foreign-entertainers-tax-deduction-certificate-feu2>

Middleman Scheme

- If payment is being made to an approved payer, tax does not need to be withheld from the payment.
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foreign-entertainers-list-of-approved-payers-in-the-middleman-scheme>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/simplified-tax-system-for-classical-music-payees-for-non-uk-resident-performers>

Register with HMRC

A Payer must register with HMRC and complete the FEU1 return on a quarterly basis.

Personal Allowance Threshold

- If the TOTAL payment is less than the equivalent amount of the Personal Allowance, no tax needs to be deducted from the payment.
- For the tax year 2023-24, the Personal Allowance is £12,750.

Reduced Withholding Tax Application

- HMRC will calculate the actual amount of tax due on the income in respect of the performance(s) in the UK; and
- Advise the payer of the actual amount of tax to withhold from the payment.
- Application usually made on the form FEU8

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foreign-entertainers-application-for-a-reduced-tax-payment-feu8>

Reduced Withholding Tax Application

- The application should be made on behalf of the individual, group or Act.
- The application should be made for all performances during the visit to the UK.
- The application must be made 30 days before the payment date.
- Notification of withholding tax due will be sent to the payer covering all shows relating to the payment made by the payer.

Do I need to complete a reduced withholding tax application?

- Tax withheld at 20% does not constitute a final tax liability.
- A repayment request can be made to HMRC at the end of the tax year (the tax year runs from 6 April to 5 April).
- If there is a liability to tax higher than the basic rate (20%), there is an obligation to pay the additional tax due via Self Assessment.

Further information:

HMRC Website:

<https://www.gov.uk/topic/personal-tax/foreign-entertainer-rules>

Contacting FEU:

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