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AAT Recent Decisions

This section of the Bulletin provides information about decisions recently published by the AAT. Only AAT decisions that have been published on [AustLII](#) have been included. Full copies of the decisions can be accessed through the hyperlinks provided below.

Compensation

[Clifford and Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission](#) [2015] AATA 86; 19/2/2015; Deputy President SD Hotop

Commonwealth employees – Applicant commenced National Service in Australian Army in July 1966 – Applicant medically discharged from National Service in September 1966 by reason of bilateral hearing loss – Applicant claimed compensation for hearing loss in September 2012 – Respondent accepted liability to pay compensation to applicant for bilateral hearing loss sustained in September 1966 – Applicant claimed permanent impairment compensation in respect of bilateral hearing loss – Tribunal not satisfied that applicant’s bilateral hearing loss causally related to National Service – Applicant not entitled to permanent impairment compensation for bilateral hearing loss – Decision under review affirmed

Immigration and Citizenship

[Hasib and Minister for Immigration and Border Protection](#) [2015] AATA 82; 13/2/2015; Senior Member CR Walsh

Eligibility for citizenship by conferral – “Good character” requirement – Applicant convicted in 2007 of 10 offences relating to credit card fraud, being “serious” offences under the Australian Citizenship Instructions – Applicant remained in Australia as an unlawful non-citizen for over a year following cancellation of his student visa – Mitigating factors outweigh applicant’s behaviour – Decision under review set aside and substituted

Industry and Science

[Automotive Components Limited \(Receivers and Managers Appointed\) \(In Liquidation\) and Secretary, Department of Industry and Science](#) [2015] AATA 79; 13/2/2015; Deputy President SA Forgie

Automotive Transformation Scheme – ATS participant – Automotive component producer – Deregistered in January 2014 on basis that unlikely to meet ongoing conditions of its registration as an ACP in 2013 ATS year – Applicant registered in national interest from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2013 and not required to meet production volume and value conditions – Whether production volumes and values assessed by reference to 2013 ATS year or 2014 ATS year – Production value is total revenue of sales of automotive components produced in preceding 12 months – Condition to be met in each ATS year following the ATS year in which the registration takes effect and so in 2013 ATS year – Decision under review affirmed

Practice and Procedure

[Cameron and Secretary, Department of Human Services](#) [2015] AATA 62; 2/2/2015; Senior Member JF Toohey

Freedom of Information – Request for information outside the scope of FOI legislation – Whether application for review frivolous – Whether application should be dismissed — No utility in application proceeding – Application dismissed

[Cassin and Secretary, Department of Employment](#) [2015] AATA 84; 18/2/2015; Senior Member BJ McCabe

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME – Reasonable excuse for delay – Merits of the case – Liquid asset waiting period – Legislative formula – No severe financial hardship – Unlikely to succeed at substantive hearing – Application for extension of time refused

[Gallway and Australian Postal Corporation](#) [2015] AATA 88; 18/2/2015; Ms S Taglieri, Member

Proceedings – Application to reopen case to tender evidence – Counsel failed to tender documents – Evidence has some evidentiary value – Whether in the interests of justice – Prejudice to the Respondent can be cured – Application allowed

[Iyengar and Commissioner of Taxation](#) [2015] AATA 80; 16/2/2015; Dr J Popple, Senior Member

Income tax – Reviewable objection decision – Stay order sought – Whether Tribunal has jurisdiction to issue a stay order for an objection decision – Stay application refused

[Tiplady and Repatriation Commission](#) [2015] AATA 81; 11/2/2015; Senior Member BJ McCabe

Jurisdiction – Whether there is a reviewable decision – Date of effect of pension – Earlier decision of the Tribunal – No jurisdiction

Social Security

[Daoud and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) [2015] AATA 69; 23/1/2015; Senior Member JF Toohey

Social security – Disability support pension – Back condition – Psychological condition – Tribunal not satisfied conditions fully diagnosed treated and stabilised – Decision under review affirmed

[Saric and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) [2015] AATA 87; 19/2/2015; Dr P McDermott, Senior Member

Disability Support Pension – Unlimited portability – Cancellation of DSP – Decision under review affirmed

Taxation

[Bryxl Pty Ltd as Trustee for the Kypu Trust and Commissioner of Taxation](#) [2015] AATA 89; 19/2/2015; Senior Member E Fice

TAXES AND DUTIES – Goods and Services Tax – Basic and special rules – Registration

TAXES AND DUTIES – Goods and Services Tax – Basic and special rules – Supplies and acquisitions – Basic rules – Creditable acquisitions – Carrying on an enterprise – Land development – No land acquisitions made

TAXES AND DUTIES – Administration of federal tax legislation – Penalties, offences and prosecutions – Particular penalties and offences – False or misleading statements or records – Penalty – Where recklessness as to operation of taxation law – Claim for GST input tax credits

TAXES AND DUTIES – Administration of federal tax legislation – Australian business numbers – Deregistration

Appeals

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Appeals lodged

CASE NAME	AAT REFERENCE
Clare v Australian Community Pharmacy Authority	[2014] AATA 932

Appeals finalised

CASE NAME	AAT REFERENCE	COURT REFERENCE
Beezley v Repatriation Commission	[2014] AATA 495	[2015] FCA 78
Repatriation Commission v Watkins	[2011] AATA 918	[2015] FCAFC 10

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