

AUSTRALIAN TAX RESIDENCY AND WORKING OVERSEAS

Interesting news from the courts yesterday with the ATO losing an appeal against their decision in relation to Australians that have left the country to work overseas.

The courts found in the favour of Mr Harding who is an Engineer that had been working overseas. It's a really complex case where the ATO argued that as Mr Harding had rented a furnished apartment and still had his mail sent to Australia that He did not really reside in Bahrain but was a resident of Australia and thus should pay tax in Australia.

The Federal Court has found in favour of Mr Harding and we now have a greater degree of certainty around who is and who is not an Australian Resident for tax.

This is really topical at the moment with so many Australians taking up the opportunity to work (and live) overseas.

If you would like to discuss and clarify your situation please call 1300 728 048.

