

ASX Announcement



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Return of Capital and Special Dividend – ATO Class Ruling

Cardno Limited (ASX: CDD) (**Cardno**) is pleased to confirm that the Australian Taxation Office yesterday issued Class Ruling 2022/14 (**Class Ruling**) in respect of the Australian income tax implications for shareholders of Cardno who received the return of capital payment of 92 cents per ordinary Cardno share and unfranked special dividend of 57 cents per ordinary Cardno share on 22 December 2021. The Class Ruling is available on the ATO website (<https://www.ato.gov.au>) and on the Investor Centre section of Cardno's website at <https://cddid.com/>.

The Class Ruling applies only to persons who were shareholders of Cardno on 15 December 2021, received the return of capital payment and unfranked special dividend on 22 December 2021 and held their Cardno shares on capital account (but are not subject to the taxation of financial arrangements rules).

The Class Ruling confirms that:

- the unfranked special dividend is classified as a dividend;
- no part of the return of capital paid by Cardno is assessable as a dividend;
- a capital gains tax event happened when Cardno paid the return of capital. Qualifying shareholders will be entitled to treat any resulting capital gain as a discount capital gain and certain foreign shareholders will be entitled to disregard any capital gain or loss.

The information contained in this announcement is summary in nature and shareholders should refer to the Class Ruling for a better understanding of its contents. The tax consequences for a shareholder may vary depending upon the shareholder's individual circumstances. Shareholders should consult their own tax adviser as to the potential tax consequences for them.

This announcement has been approved for release by Peter Barker, Chief Financial Officer and Joint Company Secretary.

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