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## Tax Newsflash Hong Kong Tax News: Passage of Two-tiered Profits Tax Regime

The Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 7) Bill 2017, which introduces the two-tiered profits tax regime, was passed by the Legislative Council on 21 March 2018. The two-tiered tax rates (see the table below) will apply starting from the year of assessment 2018/19.

<b>Assessable Profits</b>	Tax Rate	
	Corporation	Unincorporated Business
First HK\$2 million	8.25%	7.5%
Remainder	16.5%	15%

The Bill was slightly amended to clarify certain issues. For example, it is clarified that the profits relating to qualifying debt instruments, which are already taxed at half-rate under the existing tax concession, would not be counted towards the "cap" of the first HK\$2 million of assessable profits for the two-tiered tax regime. For other details of the regime, please refer to our <u>Tax Analysis</u> issued on 5 January 2018.

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