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In this episode – a TPB Q & A – we ask Debra Anderson, a board member of the Tax Practitioner Board three important questions about branding, remote staff and supervision.

Here is what we learned but please listen in as Debra explains all this much better than we ever could.

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TPB Q & A

In this episode we ask Debra Anderson of the Tax Practitioner Board three important questions. Here are her answers.

1 – Can you run several brands under one TPB registration?

Yes, you can. As long as the relevant business name and trademark is linked to the entity holding the TPB registration, you can act under whichever 'name' you want.

Sounds harmless but is actually a big door opener for you. It means you can experiment with various niches under different brands under just one TPB registration. Many brands – one registration – that is your door in to tailor your services to specific niches.

2 – Do you have to tell clients that your staff is overseas?

Yes, if your staff is employed through TOA and other outsourcing providers and agencies. No, if your overseas staff works directly for you.

Having spoken to several TOA clients, it doesn't seem that TOA tells its clients that they need to disclose TOA's involvement. Maybe they do somewhere in the hidden fineprint, but not outright. But TOA should since you need to know and probably didn't know until now.

3 – Staff in Australia and overseas – different supervision?

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Registered tax agents need to supervise staff working for them. However, the standards are the same, whether the staff is working right next to you or from home somewhere in Australia or remotely from overseas.

The supervision standards are the same. The supervision needs to be adequate. But there are no addiitonal requirements as such for staff working overseas.

We discussed a few other things, but these are the main questions we cover in this TPB Q & A. Please listen in since Debra Anderson outlines her answers much better than we have here.

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