



# Lodgment rates and thresholds guide **2018-19**



To save you having to laboriously search for the right tax rate or relevant threshold, the essential information is right here in one place. This guide includes tax rates, offset limits and benchmarks, rebate levels, allowances, and essential super as well as FBT rates and thresholds (including current gross-up factors) and student loan repayment rates.

## About this newsletter

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# Individuals' tax rates and offsets; motor vehicles

Individual tax rates for residents		
2017-18 tax thresholds		
Taxable income	Rate (%)	Tax on this income
\$0 – \$18,200		Nil tax payable
\$18,201 – \$37,000	19	19c for each \$1 over \$18,200
\$37,001 – \$87,000	32.5	\$3,572 plus 32.5c for each \$1 over \$37,000
\$87,001 – \$180,000	37	\$19,822 plus 37c for each \$1 over \$87,000
\$180,001 and above	45*	\$54,232 plus 45c for each \$1 over \$180,000
2018-19 tax thresholds		
Taxable income	Rate (%)	Tax on this income
\$0 – \$18,200	0	Nil tax payable
\$18,201 – \$37,000	19	19c for each \$1 over \$18,200
\$37,001 – \$90,000	32.5	\$3,572 plus 32.5c for each \$1 over \$37,000
\$90,001 – \$180,000	37	\$20,797 plus 37c for each \$1 over \$90,000
\$180,001 and above	45	\$54,097 plus 45c for each \$1 over \$180,000
*2% Temporary Budget Repair Levy removed as of 1 July 2017.		
Individual tax rates for non-residents		
2017-18 tax thresholds		
Taxable income	Rate (%)	Tax on this income
\$0 – \$87,000	32.5	32.5c for each \$1
\$87,001 – \$180,000	37	\$28,275 plus 37c for each \$1 over \$87,000
\$180,001 and above	45*	\$62,685 plus 45c for each \$1 over \$180,000
2018-19 tax thresholds		
Taxable income	Rate (%)	Tax on this income
\$0 – \$90,000	32.5	32.5c for each \$1
\$90,001 – \$180,000	37	\$29,250 plus 37c for each \$1 over \$90,000
\$180,001 and above	45	\$62,550 plus 45c for each \$1 over \$180,000
2018-19 resident minors' tax rate		
Taxable income	Tax on this income	
Up to \$416	Nil	
\$417 – \$1,307	66% for the part over \$416	
\$1,308 and above	45% of total income that is not excepted income*	
*Excepted income includes employment income		
2018-19 non-resident minors' tax rate on eligible income		
Taxable income	Tax on this income	
\$0-\$90,000	32.5% on the entire amount	
\$90,001-\$180,000	\$29,250 + 37% on the part over \$90,000	
\$180,001 and over	\$62,550 + 45% of excess over \$180,000	

Tax offsets for individuals			
2018-19 Low Income Tax Offset			
Taxable income	Tax offset		
\$0 – \$37,000	\$445		
\$37,001 – \$66,666	\$445 – (1.5% of excess over \$37,000)		
\$66,667 and above	Nil		
2018-19 Low and Middle Income Tax Offset			
Taxable income	Tax offset		
Up to \$37,000	\$200		
\$37,000 – \$48,000	\$200 plus 3c for each \$ over \$37,000		
\$48,001 – \$90,000	\$530		
\$90,001 – \$125,333	\$530 less 1.5c for each \$ over \$90,000		
2017-18 Net Medical Expenses Offset			
Tax offset claimable <sup>1</sup>	Adjusted taxable income		
20% of net medical expenses over \$2,333	Single <sup>2</sup> : \$90,000 or less Family <sup>3</sup> : \$180,000 or less		
10% of net medical expenses over \$5,504	Single <sup>2</sup> : above \$90,000 Family <sup>3</sup> : above \$180,000		
1: Offset for 2017-18 only available for disability aids, attendant care or aged care.			
2: Single at 30 June 2018, no dependent children.			
3: Has a spouse at 30 June 2018, or dependent children at any time during 2017-18, or both.			
2017-18 Dependant (Invalid & Carer) Offset			
Adjusted taxable income is:	Offset amount		
\$282 or less	\$2,666*		
\$283 – \$10,946	$\$2,627^* - [(ATI - \$282) \div 4]$		
\$10,946 and above	Nil		
*This is the maximum offset. Assumes dependant status maintained for full income year.			
2018-19 Senior Australian and Pensioners Tax Offset			
Family status	Max. tax offset	Shade-out income threshold	Cut-out income threshold
Single	\$2,230	\$32,279	\$50,119
Married / de facto (each)	\$1,602	\$28,974	\$41,790
Separated due to illness (each)	\$2,040	\$31,279	\$47,599
Note: Offset entitlements reduce by 12.5c for each \$1 of rebate income in excess of the shade-out threshold. No entitlement when rebate income reaches the cut-out threshold.			
Motor vehicles			
	2018-19	2017-18	
Luxury car tax limit	\$66,331	\$65,094	
Fuel efficient luxury car tax limit	\$75,526	\$75,526	
Car depreciation limit	\$57,581	\$57,581	
Max. input tax credit claim for cars	\$5,234	\$5,234	
Cents per km car rates			
2018-19: 68c per km*	2017-18: 66c per km*		
*regardless of engine size			

# Medicare, HELP and SFSS

<b>Medicare</b>			
<b>2017-18 Medicare levy</b>			
Medicare levy is 2% of an individual's taxable income.			
<b>2017-18 Medicare levy for families with dependants</b>			
<b>Family taxable income \$</b>			
	<b>Nil levy payable</b>	<b>Reduced levy shade-in range (10% of excess over nil band)</b>	<b>Normal 2% payable</b>
<b>0</b>	To \$37,089	\$37,090 – \$46,361	\$46,362 & above
<b>1</b>	To \$40,495	\$40,496 – \$50,618	\$50,619 & above
<b>2</b>	To \$43,901	\$43,902 – \$54,876	\$54,877 & above
<b>3</b>	To \$47,307	\$47,308 – \$59,133	\$59,134 & above
<b>4</b>	To \$50,713	\$50,714 – \$63,391	\$63,392 & above
<b>5</b>	To \$54,119	\$54,120 – \$67,648	\$67,649 & above
<b>6</b>	To \$57,525 <sup>1</sup>	\$57,526 <sup>1</sup> – \$71,906	\$71,907 <sup>2</sup> & above
For more than 6 dependent children and/or students: 1: Add \$3,406 per child/student 2: Add \$4,257 per child/student			
<b>2018-19 Medicare levy surcharge</b>			
<b>Income for MLS purposes<sup>1</sup></b>			<b>Rate</b>
<b>Single</b>	<b>Family<sup>2</sup></b>		
\$0 – \$90,000	\$0 – \$180,000		0%
\$90,001 – \$105,000	\$180,001 – \$210,000		1%
\$105,001 – \$140,000	\$210,001 – \$280,000		1.25%
\$140,001 and above	\$280,001 and above		1.5%
1: Includes taxable income, reportable fringe benefits, reportable super contributions, net investment losses, exempt foreign income and any net amount subject to family trust distribution tax.			
2: Threshold increases by \$1,500 for each additional dependent child after the first.			
<b>2018-19 Medicare levy reduction threshold</b>			
<b>Taxable income</b>	<b>Medicare levy payable</b>		
\$0 – \$21,980	Nil		
\$21,980 – \$27,068	10% of excess over \$21,980		
\$27,069 and above	2% of taxable income		
<b>2018-19 Medicare levy threshold: Individuals who qualify for Senior Australian and Pensioner Tax Offset</b>			
<b>Taxable income</b>	<b>Medicare levy payable</b>		
\$0 – \$34,758	Nil		
\$34,758 – \$42,805	10% of excess over \$34,758		
\$42,806 and above	2% of taxable income		

<b>2017-18 HELP compulsory repayments</b>	
<b>HELP repayment income (HRI)</b>	<b>Rate (of HRI)</b>
Below \$55,874	Nil
\$55,874 – \$62,238	4%
\$62,239 – \$68,602	4.5%
\$68,603 – \$72,207	5%
\$72,208 – \$77,618	5.5%
\$77,619 – \$84,062	6%
\$84,063 – \$88,486	6.5%
\$88,487 – \$97,377	7%
\$97,378 – \$103,765	7.5%
\$103,766 and above	8%
<b>2017-18 SFSS compulsory repayments</b>	
<b>Repayment income (RI)</b>	<b>Rate (of RI)</b>
Below \$55,874	Nil
\$55,874 – \$68,602	2%
\$68,603 – \$97,377	3%
\$97,378 and above	4%
<b>2018 - 19 HELP compulsory repayments</b>	
<b>HELP repayment income (HRI)</b>	<b>Rate (of HRI)</b>
Below \$51,957	Nil
\$51,957 – \$57,729	2%
\$57,730 – \$64,306	4%
\$64,307 – \$70,881	4.5%
\$70,882 – \$74,607	5%
\$74,608 – \$80,197	5.5%
\$80,198 – \$86,855	6%
\$86,856 – \$91,425	6.5%
\$91,426 – \$100,613	7%
\$100,614 – \$107,213	7.5%
\$107,214 and above	8%
<b>2018-19 SFSS compulsory repayments</b>	
<b>Repayment income (RI)</b>	<b>Rate (of RI)</b>
Below \$51,957	Nil
\$51,957 – \$64,306	2%
\$64,307 – \$91,425	3%
\$91,426 and above	4%

This information has been prepared without taking into account your objectives, financial situation or needs. Because of this, you should, before acting on this information, consider its appropriateness, having regard to your objectives, financial situation or needs.

# Superannuation, business, CGT and FBT

2018-19 Superannuation rates & thresholds	
SLS <sup>1</sup> low rate cap amount (indexed)	\$205,000
SLS <sup>1</sup> untaxed plan cap amount (indexed)	\$1,480,000
Life benefit ETP <sup>2</sup> cap (indexed) <sup>3</sup>	\$205,000
Death benefit ETP <sup>2</sup> cap (indexed) <sup>3</sup>	\$205,000
Tax-free part of a genuine redundancy payment or early retirement scheme payment (indexed)	\$10,399
For each completed year of service add	\$5,200
Government co-contribution (max \$500)	
Lower income threshold	\$37,297
Higher income threshold	\$52,697
From 1 July 2017, total superannuation balance cannot exceed \$1.6m.	
Contribution caps	
Concessional (indexed)	\$25,000
Concessional (temporary, non-indexed) <sup>4</sup>	\$25,000
Non-concessional	\$100,000
CGT cap (indexed)	\$1,480,000
Non-concessional with bring forward option (non-indexed) <sup>5</sup>	\$300,000
Superannuation Guarantee (SG)	
Prescribed minimum employer contribution rate	9.50%
Maximum contribution base (per SG quarter)	\$54,030
Minimum account based pension withdrawal	
Under 65 years	4%
65 to less than 75 years	5%
75 to less than 80 years	6%
80 to less than 85 years	7%
85 to less than 90 years	9%
90 to less than 95 years	11%
95 years and over	14%
Maximum pension withdrawal	
Transition to retirement	10%
Account based pension	100%
Preservation age table	
Date of birth:	
Before 1 July 1960	55
1 July 1960 – 30 June 1961	56
1 July 1961 – 30 June 1962	57
1 July 1962 – 30 June 1963	58
1 July 1963 – 30 June 1964	59
1 July 1964 or later	60
1: Superannuation Lump Sum (SLS)	
2: Employment Termination Payment (ETP)	
3: Whole of income cap of \$180,000 applies.	
4: In 2018-19, a \$25,000 cap applies for individuals of all ages.	
5: Eligible persons may bring forward the next 2 years' non-concessional contributions.	

Corporate entity tax rates 2018-19		Rate	
Private and public companies		27.5% or 30% <sup>1</sup>	
Corporate unit trusts and public trading trusts		27.5% or 30% <sup>1</sup>	
Life Insurance companies			
Ordinary class		30%	
Complying superannuation class		15%	
Non-profit companies			
First \$416 of taxable income		Nil	
Taxable income \$417 – \$831		55% of excess over \$416 <sup>2</sup>	
Taxable income \$832 and above		30% or 27.5% <sup>1</sup>	
1: Tax rate is 27.5% for companies that are SBEs with aggregated annual turnover less than \$50 million and passive income no more than 80% of total assessable income from 1 July 2018.			
2: Upper limit is \$832 for non-profit companies that are SBEs from 1 July 2018.			
Division 7A - benchmark interest rate			
2018-19	5.20%	2017-18	5.30%
2018-19 CGT improvement threshold			
Improvement threshold		\$150,386	
FBT rates and thresholds			
FBT and gross-up rates			
FBT year	Rate	Type 1	Type 2
2018-19	47%	2.0802	1.8868
2017-18	47%	2.0802	1.8868
Car fringe benefits			
Statutory formula method			
The statutory fraction is 20% <sup>*</sup> .			
*Applies to "commitments" entered into from May 2011. Previous statutory fractions based on kms travelled may be used for pre-May 2011 commitments.			
Taxable value of a fringe benefit of a motor vehicle other than a car (c/km basis)			
FBT year ending	0 - 2500cc	Over 2500cc	Motor cycles
31-Mar-19	54c	65c	16c
31-Mar-18	53c	63c	16c
Record keeping exemption			
2018-19	\$8,552	2017-18	\$8,393
FBT - Benchmark interest rate			
2018-19	5.20%	2017-18	5.25%
Car parking threshold			
2018-19	\$8.83	2017-18	\$8.66