

INCOME:

Company	30%
Super Fund	15%
Individual	Marginal Rates

s4-10

$$\text{INCOME TAX} = (\text{TAXABLE INCOME} \times \text{TAX RATE}) - \text{OFFSETS}$$

also: for individual add medicare levy (1.5% x taxable income)

Framework for calculating taxable income = s4 Div 6

$$\text{TAXABLE INCOME} = \text{ASSESSABLE INCOME} - \text{DEDUCTIONS}$$

(Gross income)

ASSESSABLE INCOME = s6-5 ORDINARY INCOME + s6-10 STATUTORY INCOME

Assessable Income EXCLUDES Non-Assessable Income, Non-Exempt Income & Exempt Income

ORDINARY INCOME s6-5 (CSG 1-17)

- Income according to Ordinary Concepts (s.6-5(1))
- Arising from employment or services
- Arising from carrying on a business
- Is regular/periodic/recurrent (FCT v Dixon)
- NOT a capital amount
- Amounts received from the use of property (e.g. rent, royalty) Eisner v. Macomber
- NOT a personal gift or windfall gain Scott v. FCT (1966)
- Compensation for loss of income or profits Liftronic Pty Ltd v FCT
- Isolated transactions entered into to derive profit (FCT v Myer Emporium Ltd)
- Compensation for loss of trading stock FCT v. Wade
- Reward for personal performance is income (Scott v FCT)
- Must be in money, or convertible into money (Tennant v Smith)

DISTINCTION BETWEEN INCOME AND CAPITAL CSG 1-19 has table of comparatives

CAPITAL RECEIPTS ARE NOT INCOME: CSG 1-20

- Receipt more likely to be capital if:
- Gain relating to a one-off or non-recurring event (e.g. sale of building used to conduct business) Californian Oil Products Limited (in liq.) v. FCT
- Amount received for a restrictive covenant or sterilisation of an asset Dickenson v. FCT
- Gain resulting from merely realising an investment in the most advantageous way Scottish Australian Mining Co Limited v. FCT
- Transaction occurring outside the ordinary course of business and not entered into with the intention of making a profit Westfield Limited v. FCT
- Received as a lump sum payment in relation to an asset McLaurin v. FCT

DERIVATION OF INCOME CSG 1-16

- SALARY & WAGES** On receipt, in accordance with the employment contract or award (Brent v. FCT)
- TRADING INCOME** When stock is sold and debt is created (even if has deferred payment arrangement) J Rowe and Son Pty Ltd v. FCT
- If dispute over whether amount is owing, amount not derived until dispute resolved re BHP Billiton Petroleum (Bass Strait) Pty Ltd v. FCT
- INTEREST** Individual investor - Assessable only upon receipt (unless in Ordinary Business) s6-5(4) TR 98/1
- INTEREST** Accrued in Ordinary Course of Business (eg banks) is Income [see CSG 1- s6-5] TR 98/1
- [See TR 98/1 for more scenarios]
- INTEREST** Interest (financial institutions and other taxpayers with Division 230 financial arrangements)
- Under TOFA rules, accruals basis method = default mechanism. Test applies where is sufficiently certain that there will be a gain over the duration of the arrangement
- DIVIDENDS** Derived when paid (receipted) or credited s44(1) ITAA 1936
- RENT** Derived when received, TR 98/1
- unless carrying on a rental business = accruals basis method
- ADVANCE** Amounts received in Advance for services are derived when EARNED (Arthur Murray v FCT)
- PROF SERVICES** Depends on whether the services provided on cash or accruals basis.
- AGENT'S COMMISSION** When commission matures into recoverable debt and agent not obliged to take any further steps before becoming entitled to the commission

Note: see [CSG 1-16] for more

CASH vs ACCRUALS: CSG 1-15

- Should "give a substantially correct reflex of taxpayers income" (Carden's Case)
- Sole Practitioners can be assessed using CASH BASIS (FCT v Firstenberg)
- Large professional practices should use ACCRUALS BASIS (Henderson v FCT)
- Trading business (business selling trading stock) use ACCRUALS BASIS J Rowe and Son Pty Ltd v. FCT
- Generally, the most appropriate method for a business is the ACCRUALS BASIS

CHANGING METHODS:

In moving from Cash to Accruals, Debtors in last Cash year escape tax as income. But capital gain may arise. (Henderson v FCT)

CONSTRUCTIVE RECEIPT APPROACH CSG 1-14

Where a person gives instructions on how income is to be dealt with on their behalf Person is deemed to have received that income when it is dealt with as directed by that person (ss 6-5(4) and 6-10(3)).

REIMBURSEMENT OF DEDUCTIBLE EXPENDITURE CSG 1-18

NON CASH BUSINESS BENEFITS CSG 1-22

Assuming the benefit would otherwise be of an income nature, s. 21A(1) ITAA 1936 treats any non-cash business benefit that is not convertible to cash as if it was convertible to cash

Exemption for low value non-cash business benefits

If the total amount of benefit under s. 21A(1) ITAA 1936 (i.e. net of the above reductions) does not exceed \$300, the benefit will be exempt from tax (s. 23L(2) ITAA 1936).

STATUTORY INCOME:

Amounts that are not Ordinary Income but ARE ASSESSABLE by other provisions (s.6-10(2)) ITAA 1997

Includes:

CSG 1-24 A Scheme that has the intention of MAKING A PROFIT s.15-15 ITAA 1997
 CSG 1-25 Disposal of Leased car for a profit s. 20-110 ITAA 1997

See CSG 1-27 for LIST

Amount included in assessable income = lower of:
 Actual profit, total lease pmts deducted, notional depreciation for the lease period

Sale of WIP amounts received s. 15-50 ITAA 1997
 Non-Cash business benefits Amt assessable is market value less contributi s.21A List 6-480 ITAA 1997
 Except: when Total Annual Amount is less than \$300 s.23L(2) ITAA 1997
 It relates to non-deductable entertainment expenditure s.21A(4) ITAA 1997

Royalties s.15-20 ITAA 1997
 Reimbursed car expenses s. 15-70 ITAA 1997
 Gain on disposal of a depreciating asset s. 40-285 ITAA 1997
 Interest on overpayments of Tax and early payments of tax s.15-35 ITAA 1997
 ETP's - Eligible Termination Payments s. 82-130 ITAA 1936
 Excess of Closing Stock over Opening Stock s.70-35 ITAA 1997
 Employee share schemes Division 83A ITAA 1997
 Dividends s.44 ITAA 1936
 Liquidation Distributions s.47 ITAA 1936
 Partnership Distributions s.92 ITAA 1936
 Trust Distributions s.97 ITAA 1936
 Deemed dividends – excessive pmts by a private company to shareholders/s. 109 ITAA 1936
 Deemed dividends – disguised profit distr by a priv comp to shareholders/as Division 7A ITAA 1936
 Foreign exchange gains s. 775 - 15 ITAA 1997
 Superannuation benefits Divisions 301–30; ITAA 1997
 Gain on a Division 230 financial arrangement s. 230 - 15 ITAA 1997
 Net Capital Gains s.102-5 ITAA 1997

Note: A net capital loss is carried forward to the next income year (to be offset against capital gain (if any))

EXEMPT INCOME

CSG 1-28

Ordinary or statutory income that is specifically excluded from assessable income s.6-20
 Net exempt income taken into account when calculating:
 A current year tax loss s. 36 - 10
 A prior year tax loss that can be claimed in the current year ss 36 - 15 to 36 - 20

Includes:

income of entities that are exempt no matter what type of income it is
 income which is exempt no matter who receives it
 income which is exempt only if it is derived by certain entities

e.g Income of religious, charitable and scientific institutions s.50-5 ITAA 1997
 Income of public and non-profit hospitals s.50-30 ITAA 1997
 Income of Trade Union and employer associations s.50-15 ITAA 1997

FOREIGN SOURCE INCOME FOR NON-RESIDENTS s.6-5(3),s.6-10(5) ITAA 1997

INCOME EARNED IN OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT s.23(r) ITAA 1936

BRANCH PROFITS OF AUSTRALIAN COMPANIES s.23AG ITAA 1936

FRINGE BENEFITS s.23AH ITAA 1936

Certain Income derived from approved overseas projects s.23L(1) ITAA 1936

s.21A (Non-cash business benefits) amounts less than \$300 s.23AF ITAA 1936
 s.23L(2) ITAA 1936

NANE INCOME

CSG 1-29

Non-Assessable Non Exempt Income does NOT reduce TAX LOSSES (in the way exempt income does)

e.g Fringe benefit under the FBTA 1986 s. 23L(1) ITAA 1936
 e.g A 'non-portfolio' dividend paid by a foreign company to an Australian resident company –Aus Comp must hold 'at least 10% of the voting power' Foreign Comp s. 23AJ ITAA 1936
 e.g Taxpayers who supply g/s to which GST applies receive pmts including GST components. GST component = NANE income s. 17-5(a) ITAA 1997

MUTUALITY PRINCIPLE

CSG 1-31

Recognises that a person cannot make a profit when dealing with themselves