

# Personal Tax Quick Guide



2013/14

## Personal income tax rates

The following base income tax rates apply to taxable income.

2013/14 & 2014/15 Years	%	Tax on this income
\$0 – 18,200	0	Nil
\$18,201 – 37,000	19	19 cents for each \$1 over \$18,200
\$37,001 – 80,000	32.5	\$3,572 plus 32.5 cents for each \$1 over \$37,000
\$80,001 – 180,000	37	\$17,547 plus 37 cents for each \$1 over \$80,000
\$180,001 +	45	\$54,547 plus 45 cents for each \$1 over \$180,000

**Flood Levy:** No longer applies from 1 July 2012.

**Low income rebate:** \$445. Full entitlement where income is less than \$37,000 and then reducing by 1.5 cents in every dollar, ceasing where income reaches \$66,667. Effective tax-free threshold for low income earners is \$20,542.

### Medicare levy:

2013/14 Year: 1.5%. Low income threshold: \$20,542 for individuals and \$31,789 for families.

2014/15 Year: The Medicare levy will increase to 2%.

**Medicare levy surcharge:** Additional surcharge may apply to those without adequate private health insurance (PHI). Thresholds and applicable Medicare Levy Surcharge (MLS) rates set out below.

MLS tier	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Singles income	\$84,001 - \$97,000	\$97,001 - \$130,000	Above \$130,000
Families income	\$168,000 - \$194,000	\$194,001 - \$260,000	Above \$260,000
<b>MLS rate</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1.25%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
PHI Rebate (under 65s)	20%	10%	0%

## Non-resident income tax rates

The following income tax rates apply to taxable income.

2013/14 & 2014/15 Years	%	Tax on this income
\$0 – 80,000	32.5	32.5 cents for each \$1 of income up to \$80,000
\$80,001 – 180,000	37	\$26,000 plus 37 cents for each \$1 over \$80,000
\$180,001+	45	\$63,000 plus 45 cents for each \$1 over \$180,000

## 2013 Income tax return lodgement dates

Description	Deadline date
Individuals not with a tax agent	31 October 2013
Individuals who had more than \$20,000 tax payable on their 2012 income tax return, who were on a tax agent's lodgement program prior to 31 October 2013	31 March 2014
Individuals who were on a tax agent's lodgement program prior to 31 October 2013	15 May 2014

Individuals not registered with a tax agent by 31 October 2013 will still be required to lodge their tax returns by 31 October 2013, even if the agent later prepares the tax return.

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**Medical Expenses**

A 20% tax offset for net medical expenses over \$2,120. For singles with income over \$84,000 or families over \$168,000, the threshold is \$5,000 and the tax offset is to 10%.

To claim the medical expense tax offset in the 2013/14 year, the offset must have been claimed in your 2012/13 tax return.

**Baby Bonus & Parental Leave**

The bonus is a payment of \$5,000 per eligible child paid over 13 fortnights. It is payable to families with adjusted taxable income of less than \$75,000 six months following the birth of the child. The Government's paid parental leave is also available.

From 1 March 2014, the baby bonus will be abolished. Entitlements to Family Tax Benefit Part A will increase by \$2,000 following birth/adoption of the first child and increase by \$1,000 for each additional child.

**Child Care Rebate**

The rebate is available to parents who place their child in care while working, looking for work or studying for more than 15 hours per week. The rebate is 50% of out-of-pocket expenses paid for approved care up to a limit of \$7,500 per child for the year.

**Family Tax Benefit & Schoolkids Bonus**

Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part A is available to families subject to income limits. FTB Part B is subject to an income test of \$150,000 of Adjusted Taxable Income of the primary earner.

The Schoolkids superseded the Education Tax Refund. An amount of \$820pa for secondary students and \$410pa per primary student is available for those families eligible for FTB Part A. If your family receives fortnightly FTB Part A payments, your Schoolkids bonus payment will be made in January and July. Alternatively, if your family receives a lump sum payment, the Schoolkids bonus payment will be made when your lump sum is assessed.

**2013 – 2014 HELP Repayments**

HELP Repayment Income	Repayment Rate
Below \$51,309	Nil
\$51,309 – \$57,153	4% of HRI*
\$57,154 – \$62,997	4.5% of HRI
\$62,998 – \$66,308	5% of HRI
\$66,309 – \$71,277	5.5% of HRI
\$71,278 – \$77,194	6% of HRI
\$77,195 – \$81,256	6.5% of HRI
\$81,257 – \$89,421	7% of HRI
\$89,422 – \$95,287	7.5% of HRI
\$95,288 and above	8% of HRI

\*HELP Repayment Income (HRI) = Taxable income plus net investment losses, reportable fringe benefits, reportable super contributions and exempt foreign employment income.

At present, there is a 5% bonus on voluntary HELP repayments made to the Taxation Office of \$500 or more. The government has proposed to abolish the 5% discount from 1 January 2014.

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