

Personal Tax Quick Guide

2016/17

Personal income tax rates

The following base income tax rates apply to taxable income.

2016/17	%	Tax on this income
\$0 – 18,200	0	Nil
\$18,201 – 37,000	19	19 cents for each \$1 over \$18,200
\$37,001 – 87,000	32.5	\$3,572 plus 32.5 cents for each \$1 over \$37,000
\$87,001 – 180,000	37	\$19,882 plus 37 cents for each \$1 over \$87,000
\$180,001 +	47 *	\$54,547 plus 45 cents for each \$1 over \$180,000

Deficit Levy: * Includes the additional 2% Deficit Levy for those with incomes above \$180,000.

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:

2016/17 Year: 2%.

Medicare levy surcharge: 2016/17 Year: Additional surcharge which applies to those without adequate private health insurance (PHI). Thresholds and applicable Medicare Levy Surcharge (MLS) rates are set out below.

MLS tier	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Singles income	\$90,001 - \$105,000	\$105,001 - \$140,000	Above \$140,000
Families income	\$180,001 - \$210,000	\$210,001 - \$280,000	Above \$280,000
MLS rate	1%	1.25%	1.5%
PHI Rebate (under 65s)	17.86%	8.93%	0%

Singles with income less than \$90,000, or families with combined income less than \$180,000 are entitled to PHI rebate of 26.79%.

Non-resident income tax rates

The following income tax rates apply to taxable income.

2016/17 Year	%	Tax on this income
\$0 – 87,000	32.5	32.5 cents for each \$1 of income up to \$87,000
\$87,001 – 180,000	37	\$28,275 plus 37 cents for each \$1 over \$87,000
\$180,001+	47	\$62,685 plus 47 cents for each \$1 over \$180,000

Deficit Levy: * Includes the additional 2% Deficit Levy for those with incomes above \$180,000.

2017 Income tax return lodgement dates

Description	Deadline date
Individuals not with a tax agent	31 October 2017
Individuals who had more than \$20,000 tax payable on their 2016 income tax return, who were on a tax agent's lodgement program prior to 31 October 2017	2 April 2018
Individuals who were on a tax agent's lodgement program prior to 31 October 2017	15 May 2018

Individuals not registered with a tax agent by 31 October 2017 will still be required to lodge their tax returns by 31 October 2017, even if the agent later prepares the tax return

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Family Tax Benefit

Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part A is available to families subject to income limits and is paid on a per child basis. The income limits are based on the family's Adjusted Taxable Income. Adjusted Taxable Income adds back rental and investment losses to the family's taxable income and includes reportable fringe benefits and reportable superannuation contributions.

FTB Part B is subject to an income test of \$100,000 of Adjusted Taxable Income of the primary earner. From 1 July 2016, if your youngest child is older than 13, you will no longer be eligible for FTB part B. This does not apply to single parents, grandparent or great grandparent carers. The rate of the payment is based on the secondary earner's Adjusted Taxable Income and the age of the youngest 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 or 30 hours per fortnight. 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.

2016/17 HELP Repayment thresholds

From 1 January 2017, the discount previously available for voluntary payments has been removed. In addition, there are changes to the HELP repayment obligations for Australian graduates living overseas. From 1 July 2017, Australians already living overseas will be required to register with the Taxation Office and will be required to make compulsory HELP repayments on their world-wide income, even if they don't have Australian-sourced income.

HELP Repayment Income	Repayment Rate
Below \$54,868	Nil
\$54,869 – \$61,119	4% of HRI*
\$61,120 – \$67,368	4.5% of HRI
\$67,369 – \$70,909	5% of HRI
\$70,910 – \$76,222	5.5% of HRI
\$76,223 – \$82,550	6% of HRI
\$82,551 – \$86,894	6.5% of HRI
\$86,895 – \$95,626	7% of HRI
\$95,627 – \$101,899	7.5% of HRI
\$101,900 and above	8% of HRI

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

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