

**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 = s4-15**

$$\text{TAXABLE INCOME} = \text{ASSESSABLE INCOME (Gross income)} - \text{DEDUCTIONS}$$

**Div 6**      **Div 8**

**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(1):****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 BHP Billiton Petroleum (Bass Strait) Pty Ltd v. FCT

**INTEREST** Individual investor - Assessable only upon receipt (unless in Ord Business) s6-5(4) TR 98/1

**INTEREST** Accrued in Ordinary Course of Business (eg banks) is Income [see CSG 1-16] 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** Amts 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 ordinary 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)) ITAA1997

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
Amount included in assessable income = lower of:			
Actual profit, total lease pmts deducted, notional depreciation for the lease period			
See CSG 1-27 for LIST	Sale of WIP amounts received	s. 15-50	ITAA 1997
	Non-Cash business benefits Amt assessable is market value less contributions	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/associates	s. 109	ITAA 1936
	Deemed dividends – disguised profit distr by a priv comp to shareholders/associates	Division 7A	ITAA 1936
	Foreign exchange gains	s. 775-15	ITAA 1997
	Superannuation benefits	Divisions 301–307	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

s.23(r)

ITAA 1936

**INCOME EARNED IN OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT**

s.23AG

ITAA 1936

**BRANCH PROFITS OF AUSTRALIAN COMPANIES**

s.23AH

ITAA 1936

**FRINGE BENEFITS**

s.23L(1)

ITAA 1936

Certain Income derived from approved overseas projects

s.23AF

ITAA 1936

s.21A (Non-cash business benefits) amounts less than \$300

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

s. 23AJ

ITAA 1936

e.g

resident company – Aus Comp must hold 'at least 10% of the voting power' Foreign Comp

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

**RESIDENCY****NOTE FOR QS: DETERMINE RESIDENCY THEN SOURCE**

	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>	CSG 1-7
Assessable Income	All sources (worldwide)	Australian Income only	
Tax-free Threshold	\$18,200 (apportioned if part-year resident)	NIL	
Marginal Rate	Lower	Higher	
Medicare Levy	Yes	No	
Dividends, Interest & Royalties	Not Subject to W/Holding Tax	Subject to W/Holding Tax	
CGT on disposal of asset	All assets (worldwide), CGT discount for assets held at least 12 months	Australian Assets only, no CGT discount for gains accruing after 8 May 2012	
Companies	Benefit from a range of concessions	If located in country with tax treaty with Aus, will typically pay tax on business profits sourced in Aus only if the entity has an Aus permanent establishment	

**RESIDENCY TESTS FOR INDIVIDUALS s.6(1)(a) ITAA 1936:**

CSG 1-9

Note: one of four tests needs to be met to be considered an Australian tax resident

**1.) RESIDES TEST**Residency is a question of fact and not law (*FCT v Miller*). Key factors to consider to support your argument:

Intention or purpose of visit	TR 98/17
History, frequency, regularity and duration of visits ie > 6 mths	TR 98/17
Family and business/employment ties	TR 98/17
Social and living arrangements ie joining clubs, signs lease, intending to live in Aus to fulfil a contract etc.	TR 98/17
Maintenance & Location of Assets ie bank accounts, M/Vehicle	TR 98/17

**2.) DOMICILE TEST s.6(1)(a)(i)**

A resident is a person whose DOMICILE is in Australia. ("Domicile" can be defined as: "The permanent residence of a person; a place to which even if he or she were temporary absent, they intend to return. In law, it is said that a person may have many residences but only one domicile") unless can be shown that permanent place of abode is outside Australia.

**TYPES OF DOMICILE**

- Domicile of origin
- Domicile of choice
- Domicile by operation of law

**PERMANENT PLACE OF ABODE**

The INTENDED and ACTUAL duration of the taxpayer's stay overseas	Jenkins & Applegate	IT 2650
Whether the taxpayer intends to return to Australia at some DEFINITE point in time	Jenkins & Applegate	IT 2650
Whether the taxpayer has an ESTABLISHED HOME outside Australia	Jenkins & Applegate	IT 2650
Duration and continuity of the taxpayer's presence in the overseas country	Jenkins & Applegate	IT 2650
Whether any residence or place of abode exists in Aus or abandoned because of the o/s absence	Jenkins & Applegate	IT 2650
Durability of association that the person has with a particular place in Australia	Jenkins & Applegate	IT 2650

**3.) MORE THAN 183-DAY TEST s.6(1)(a)(ii)**

The Commissioner deems any person who has physically been in Australia for more than HALF OF THE INCOME YEAR as a resident for taxation purposes for the ENTIRE INCOME YEAR.

Unless can be established that their usual place of abode is outside Aus and they don't intend to take up residence in Aus

**4.) SUPERANNUATION FUND TEST s.6(1)(a)(iii)**

A person is a resident if they are a MEMBER of a SUPERANNUATION SCHEME for COMMONWEALTH GOV'T OFFICIALS.  
OR a spouse or child of such a person

**RESIDENCY TEST FOR COMPANIES s.6(1)(b) ITAA 1936:**

CSG 1-10

A company is a resident where it is:

- 1.) Incorporated in Australia (see ASIC register); OR
- 2.) Not incorporated but CARRIES ON BUSINESS in Australia (note: business can be active and passive operations); AND either:
  - a.) CENTRAL MANAGEMENT & CONTROL/OPERATIONS is in Australia; OR *Malayan Shipping Co v FCT*
  - b.) VOTING POWER is controlled by Australian shareholders/residents

Conflicting case - as above says Carries on a Business "AND"...

TR 2004/15

- Mere fact that central management and control of comp is in Aus is not sufficient to establish that comp is carrying on business in Aus

- For the purposes of the second statutory test, a company that has major operational activities relative to the whole of its business carries on business wherever those activities take place and not necessarily where its CM&C is likely to be located.

- A company whose income earning outcomes are largely dependent on the investment

decisions made in respect of its assets carries on its business where these decisions are made

**RESIDENCY TEST FOR TRUSTS**

CSG 1-10

Determined by the residency of the trustee or central management and control of the trust

**RESIDENCY TEST FOR SUPER FUND**

CSG 1-10

Determined by the residency of the trustee

**RESIDENCY TEST FOR PARTNERSHIP**

CSG 1-10

Net income calculated on the basis that partnership is an Australian resident. Partners residency is determined separately.

**SOURCE OF INCOME:**

CSG 1-11

NOTE: Consider impact of double taxation agreement (source of income may be overturned by agreement)

Sale of goods	Place where the contract of sale was entered into or where value was added	<i>CoT (NSW) v. Kirk</i>
Sale of shares	Place where the sales contract was entered into, although the place where the company conducts its operations is also relevant	<i>Australian Machinery &amp; Investment Co. v. DFCT</i>
Sale of other property	The place where the property is located CGT provisions seek to tax non-residents on the direct or indirect disposal of 'taxable Australian property' (e.g. Australian land)	
Salary & Wages	Source of Income is where work is performed	<i>French v FCT, FCT v Efsthakis</i>
Trading Income	Usually where goods & Services were carried out	<i>Cam &amp; Sons v FCT</i>
Professional Services	(specialised services) Place of contract may be the source (eg Actors) Place where payment for the service was made	<i>FCT v Mitchum</i> <i>Evans v FCT</i>
Dividend Income	Place where the profits that gave rise to the dividend were made Australia Residents include Dividends from ALL sources Non-Residents include Dividends derived from Aust sources only	<i>Esquire Nominees v FCT</i> <i>s.44(1)(a) ITAA 1936</i> <i>s.44(1)(b) ITAA 1936</i>
Interest Income	Source is where funds are advanced Where loan contract was entered into	<i>FCT v Spotless Services Limited</i>
Rent from Property	Sourced where real property is located	<i>Rhodesia Metals Ltd v C of T</i>
Lease contracts	Where the lease contract is entered into	
Royalties	If arising from right to use property, sourced where property is located. If arising from intellectual property, then where contract was entered into Interest deemed to be sourced in Australia if Aus bus pays royalty to a non-resident	<i>FCT v United Aircraft Corporation</i> <i>s.6C ITAA 1936</i>

DEDUCTIONS

INCOME TAX

=

(TAXABLE INCOME

x

TAX RATE)

-

OFFSETS

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

Framework for calculating taxable income = s4-15

Div 6

Div 8

TAXABLE INCOME

=

ASSESSABLE INCOME

-

DEDUCTIONS

(Gross income)

DEDUCTIONS

Division 8 of ITAA 1997 deals with deductions and contains 3 sections:

- s.8-1

GENERAL DEDUCTIONS
- s.8-5

SPECIFIC DEDUCTIONS see s. 12-5 for a LIST of SPECIFIC DEDUCTIONS
- s.8-10

ANTI-DOUBLE COUNTING RULES (Where multiple provisions allow dedn, the MOST APPROPRIATE applies)

Value of a tax deduction

Income tax deductions are claimed on a GST EXCLUSIVE basis by business ELIGIBLE for ITC. s27-5 ITAA 1997

s.8-1 GENERAL DEDUCTIONS

CSG 1-32

provides that a loss or an outgoing is allowed as a deduction to the extent that it is:

(note: dual purpose expenditure is apportioned Ronpibon Tin NL v. FCT)

s.8-1(1) POSITIVE LIMBS (Must be either:)

CSG 1-38

Incurred in gaining or producing your Assessable Income s8-1(1)(a)

Necessarily incurred in carrying on a business for the purposes of gaining or producing assessable income s8-1(1)(b)

SEE BOX BELOW

s.8-1(2) NEGATIVE LIMBS (Cannot be any of the following:)

Outgoing is CAPITAL in nature (3 Tests s.8-1(2)(a)) s8-1(2)(a)

O/g is of PRIVATE or DOMESTIC nature (only relevant to individuals) s8-1(2)(b)

O/g is incurred in producing EXEMPT or NANE income (i.e. prevent competitio s8-1(2)(c)

O/g is prevented by a provision of the ITAA (tax law) s8-1(2)(d)

Notes

- FBT, STATE PAYROLL TAX IS A TAX DEDUCTION UNDER S8-1 AS AN EXPENSE OF EMPLOYING LABOUR

-An expense does not need to be specifically matched to assessable income that is produced in the same year as the expense. ☐

Subject to special rules dealing with prepayments, the question is whether there is a connection (or nexus) between the expenditure and the taxpayer's income-producing activity (FCT v. Smith).

- s. 51AAA ITAA 1936 ensures that expenses incurred in relation to a CGT asset are not, for that reason alone, tax deductible.

- Under 1st pos limb, accepted that a person does not have to have paid the amount as long as it was actually incurred and there is the relevant connection to 'earning assessable income TR 97/7).

CARRYING ON A BUSINESS

CSG 1-40

Business indicators (TR 97/11) Note: for qs, analyse each indicator.

Activity has a significant commercial purpose

Taxpayer has more than just an intention to engage in business

Taxpayer has an intention of making a profit and the activity is or will be profitable

(FCT v. Stone)

Repetition and regularity of the activity

(FCT v. Whitfords Beach Pty Ltd)

Activity is akin to comparable businesses

Activity is planned, organised and carried on in businesslike manner

(Ferguson v. FCT)

Size, scale and permanency of the activity

(Thomas v. FCT; FCT v. Walker)

Cannot be described as a hobby, recreation or sporting activity

(Evans v. FCT)

ALSO CONSIDER

Non-commercial business loss rules CSG 1-40

Pre-commencement and post-cessation expenditure CSG 1-40

WHETHER CAPITAL EXPENDITURE OR REVENUE

CSG 1-42

Tests

Sun Newspapers Ltd and Associated Newspapers Ltd v. FCT

What is the character of the advantage sought?

Capital nature: If the expenditure will result in an enduring benefit to the taxpayer

What is the manner in which the advantage is to be used or enjoyed?

Capital nature: If the expenditure was a once-and-for-all benefit as opposed to a short-term benefit,

What means were adopted to obtain the advantage?

Capital nature: If the advantage was provided by a single lump sum as opposed to a series of recurrent payments

Tax recognition for non-deductible business expenditure of a capital nature CSG 1-43

CONSIDER WHETHER MAY RELATE TO :

A depreciating asset – should give rise to a capital allowance deduction under Div 40 (sometimes referred to as tax depreciation).

Construction of an income-producing building or structural improvement - should give rise to a capital works deduction under Division 43

CGT asset - expenditure should form part of the cost base of the asset

IF NONE APPLY CONSIDER:  
BLACKHOLE DEDUCTION (s40-880)  
Provides a deduction for business expenditure over a five-year period