

30th June 2025**Taxation & Financial Planning Newsletter for FY2024/25****Resident Individual Tax Rates – 2025 (small reduction from Previous year 2024)**

| Taxable income | Tax on this income |
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| \$0 – \$18,200 | Nil |
| \$18,201 – \$45,000 | 16% of excess over \$18,200 (reduced from 19%) |
| \$45,001 – \$135,000 | \$4,288 + 30% of excess over \$45,000 (reduced from 32.5%) |
| \$135,001 – \$190,000 | \$31,288 + 37% of excess over \$135,000 |
| \$190,001 and over | \$51,638 + 45% of excess over \$190,000 |

The above rates do not include the Medicare levy. Foreign residents pay tax from the first dollar earned. Minors (under age 18) pay increased rates after \$416 for non-employment income.

- ❖ 2024-25 Low Income Tax Offset of \$700 applies income up to \$37,500 and income between \$37,501 and \$45,000 offset will be \$700 minus 5 cents for every \$1 in excess over \$37,500. Between \$45,001 and \$66,667 offset will be \$325 minus 1.5 cents for every \$1 in excess over \$45,000. Offset will not be applicable for income \$66,668 & above.
- ❖ Medicare levy of up to 2% is normally payable for income above \$27,222 on top of the above tax rates. In addition, Medicare levy surcharge may be payable as per the table given below.
- ❖ HECS-HELP Repayment Rate vary between 1%-10% depending on your income. For FY2024/25, below \$54,434 repayment rate is NIL and maximum will be 10% for income from \$159,664 and above.

Taxable income = Assessable Income (less) Allowable Deductions.

Tax credits and offsets (rebates) may directly reduce the resulting tax payable

Company and Fringe Benefit Tax Rates:

Company tax is 25% for Base rate entities (turnover threshold < \$50M) for FY2024/25, otherwise general company tax rate is 30%. Fringe Benefits tax rate is 47% for FBT year ended 31 March 2025. It will be same for year ending 31 March 2026.

'Cents per Km Rates' to claim car expense up to 5000 km: The rate is **88 cents (increased from 85cents for 2024)** per kilometre for assessable travel for FY2024/25.

Work from Home Expenses: The per hour rate is 70 cents (increased from 67c). This rate is inclusive of all running costs such as electricity, gas, phone, internet etc. You can additionally claim depreciation on equipment according to the usage.

Medicare levy Surcharge:

Medicare surcharge levy may be payable (if the appropriate cover is not held). In a single year, two separate PHI rebate percentages will be applied in calculating taxpayer's whole year rebate.

The impact from 1 July 2024 is shown in the table below. *The offset entitlement for those below age 65

| Income for surcharge purposes | Single | \$97,000 or less | \$97,001-\$113,000 | \$113,001-\$151,000 | Over \$151,001 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | Couple (combined) | \$194,000 or less | \$194,001-\$226,000 | \$226,001-\$302,000 | Over \$302,001 |
| Medicare levy surcharge | | 0% | 1% | 1.25% | 1.5% |

Superannuation:**Minimum withdrawals from super pension account**

The minimum annual payment required from account-based pension is based on the age group. Please call us to discuss or email us if more information is required

Super Contribution Cap: The concessional (i.e., tax deductible) contribution of \$30,000 (remains same \$30,000 for FY2026 as well) continues to apply for people aged 75 or less. With some scope for additional catch-up contributions if meet certain conditions. Please contact us if you need advice.

Maximise non-concessional contributions: Personal contributions, where no tax deduction is claimed, count towards the non-concessional contributions cap. This cap is \$120,000 (remains same \$120,000 for FY2026) with some bring forward provisions.

Salary Sacrifice and / or direct Member Contributions: Both reduce your assessable income & hence tax impact. Please contact us if you would like advice on these strategies.

Downsizer contribution. From 1 January 2023, if you are over **55** years old and selling your family home that you have owned for more than 10 years you may be able to contribute up to \$300,000 from the proceeds of the sale of your home into your superannuation fund. If interested, please call to discuss your eligibility.

Super Co-Contribution: The maximum co-contribution from the Government is 50% of the contribution made capped at \$500 for FY 2024/25 for those who earn up to \$45,400 and make a personal contribution. The co-contribution decreases on a sliding scale and ceases at \$60,400.

Spouse contributions tax offset: If you make a personal contribution on behalf of your spouse (spouse's total income must be less than \$40,000) before the end of the financial year, you will be eligible for an 18% tax off-set for contributions up to \$3,000, which means up to a \$540 tax off-set.

Low Income Superannuation Tax Off-set (LISTO): If you earn less than \$37,000, the government may pay a benefit up to \$500 directly to your super fund.

From 1 July 2024, **Super Guarantee** is 11.5% (this is increasing to 12% from 1st July 2025).

Federal Budget 2025-26 (announced 25 March 2025):

The Budget highlights: (budget paper is available in our website at www.palani.com.au under "Links and Resources").

Cost of Living measures: Energy bill relief, strengthening Medicare, Cheaper Medicines, Cutting Student Debt

Personal Tax: The lower tax bracket tax rate for 2025/2026 is 16%, which will be reduced to 15% in 2026/2027 and again reduced to 14% in 2027/2028.

Business at Palani & Associates:

We are looking to grow in Tax and Financial Planning. Your referrals are most welcome. Ramiah as well as Arjun & another new staff (to be recruited soon) will effectively work for your best outcomes this Tax Season.

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