

## Payroll tax

	Threshold ('000)	Rate on excess%
ACT	1,500	6.85
NSW	623	6.00*
NT	1,250	5.90
Qld	1,000**	4.75
SA	552	5.00
Tas	1,010	6.10
Vic	550	4.95
WA	750	5.50

\*Reduces to 5.75% from 1 January 2009.

\*\*Threshold reduces by \$1 for every \$3 above \$1m.

## Redundancy or early retirement

Tax free amount = \$7,350 + \$3,676 x years of service.  
The balance of a redundancy or early retirement payment is taxed as an ETP.

## Motor vehicle business deductions

Alternatives available for expense claims for individuals:

1. Up to 5,000 kilometres business use.

Non-rotary (cc)	Rotary (cc)	Per Km rates
0 - 1600	0 - 800	58c
1601 - 2600	801 - 1300	69c
2601 +	1301 +	70c

2. Over 5,000kms 1/3 total expenses or 12% of cost of car or per km rate limited to 5,000kms.

3. Log book method can be used regardless of distance.

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## Important Dates

Quarterly activity statements / instalment notices.  
This includes GST, FBT, PAYG withholdings and PAYG instalments for 30 June balancing taxpayers.

Quarter	Original date	Standard agent concession	Electronic concession
1st Jul-Sep	28 Oct 08	11 Nov 08	25 Nov 08
2nd Oct-Dec	28 Feb 09	no concessions	
3rd Jan-Mar	28 Apr 09	12 May 09	26 May 09
4th Apr-Jun	28 Jul 09	11 Aug09*	25 Aug 09*

\*Dates not confirmed by ATO at time of publication.

Monthly PAYG instalments are due and payable by the 21st day of the following month.

### FBT annual return

For quarterly instalment payers, the balance of FBT is payable on lodgement of the annual FBT return.

Original due date on or before 21 May 2009.

Standard agent concession date 28 May 2009.

### Superannuation contributions

Superannuation contributions are payable quarterly by 28 October, 28 January, 28 April and 28 July.

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- Business Advisory
- Liquidations
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# Tax 08-09 Survival Guide



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# Personal Taxation

## Residents tax rates 2008/2009

Taxable income	Tax payable (\$)
0 - 6,000	0
6,001 - 34,000	15% of amount over 6,000
34,001 - 80,000	4,200 + 30% of amount over 34,000
80,001 - 180,000	18,000 + 40% of amount over 80,000
180,001 and over	58,000 + 45% of amount over 180,000

Add 1.5% Medicare levy (except for low income earners).  
Add 1% Medicare levy surcharge for high-income earners without private patient hospital cover.

## Non-residents tax rates 2008-2009

Taxable income	Tax payable
0 - 34,000	29%
34,001 - 80,000	9,860 + 30% of amount over 34,000
80,001 - 180,000	23,660 + 40% of amount over 80,000
180,001 and over	63,660 + 45% of amount over 180,000

## Minors

Special rates apply to certain unearned income of prescribed persons under 18 years of age.

## Maternity payment

- the baby bonus scheme  
Lump sum of \$5,000 upon birth of a child (or adoption before 26 weeks of age). From 1 January 2009, the bonus will be paid over 13 fortnights and will not be paid to families with taxable income of more than \$75,000 in the 6 months following birth.

## Family Tax Benefit (FTB)

Part A: Maximum payment per dependent child*	
Under 13 years	\$4,631.85
13 - 15 years	\$5,818.10
16 - 17 years	\$1,945.45
18 - 24 years	\$2,379.80

\*Maximum rate is paid up to a family income of \$42,559 and is reduced by 20 cents for every extra dollar. Annual figures include the \$686.20 per child supplement for 2008/09.

Part B: Maximum payment per family - youngest child*	
Under 5 years	\$3,358.00
5 - 15 years or 16-18 years if a full-time student	\$2,339.65

Benefit reduced by 20 cents in the dollar for couples if adjusted taxable income of lower earner is greater than \$4,526.

# Company Tax

## Rate/Limit

Company tax rate	30%
Private company loans (Division 7A benchmark interest rate)	9.45%
Car depreciation cost limit - 2008/2009	\$57,180

## Capital Gains Tax (CGT)

Exemption / Discounts	
Discount on capital gains for individuals and trusts*	50%
Discount on capital gains for superannuation funds*	33.3%
Net asset threshold for small business exemptions**	\$6,000,000
Turnover test for small business entities**	\$2,000,000
Retirement exemption on capital gains	\$500,000
Indexation frozen from 30/9/1999 at indexation no.	123.4
CGT improvement threshold	\$119,594

\*Assets must have been held for at least 12 months - other limitations apply. Other small business concessions may also apply.

\*\*Either the net asset threshold test or the turnover test must be satisfied to access small business concessions. Other conditions apply.

## Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT)

Rate 2008/09	46.5%
Fringe benefits gross-up factor 2008/09*	2.0647
Benchmark interest rate 2008/09	9.00%
Instalment threshold	\$3,000
Reportable threshold (per employee)	\$2,000
Car parking threshold (per day)	\$7.07

\*If an employer was entitled to an input tax credit for the benefits provided - otherwise the rate of 1.8692 will apply.

## Motor vehicle statutory formula

Kms per annum	FBT Value
Less than 15,000	26%
15,000 to 24,999	20%
25,000 to 40,000	11%
More than 40,000	7%

## Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Tax Rate#	10%
Annual turnover threshold for registration*	\$75,000
for non-profit organisations	\$150,000
Annual turnover threshold for accrual accounting*	\$2,000,000
Annual turnover threshold for monthly payments*	\$20,000,000

#Calculated as 1/11th of the GST inclusive value.

\*Annual turnover includes taxable and GST free supplies connected with Australia.

# Superannuation Funds

Tax rate	
Non arms length income and private company dividends	45%
All other income*	15%

\*Funds paying pensions can be taxed at 0%

## Superannuation Guarantee

Minimum level of support	9%
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Due date for contributions:  
28 Oct 2008, 28 Jan 2009, 28 Apr 2009 and 28 Jul 2009.

## Superannuation contributions

Contribution type	Contribution Cap	Tax on excess
<b>Concessional*#</b>		
aged less than 50	\$50,000	31.5%
aged 50 or over	\$100,000	31.5%
<b>Non-concessional**</b>		
per year	\$150,000	46.5%
over 3 years ***	\$450,000	46.5%
Small business CGT^	\$1,045,000	46.5%

\*Taxed at 15% in the fund, deductible by the contributor.

\*\* Not taxed in the fund, not deductible by the contributor.

\*\*\*Bring forward rule only applies to person aged under 65.

#Excess concessional contributions also count against non-concessional cap.

^Lifetime limit.

## Superannuation benefits

Lump sum amount	Taxed element*	Untaxed element*
<b>Less than the preservation age</b>		
up to \$1.045m**	20%	30%
over \$1.045m**	20%	45%
<b>Between preservation age and 60</b>		
up to \$145,000**	0%	15%
\$145,001** to \$1.045m**	15%	30%
over \$1.045m**	15%	45%
<b>60 or over</b>		
up to \$1.045m**	0%	15%
over \$1.045m**	0%	45%

\*Excluding Medicare levy.

\*\*Lifetime limit.