

Tax Time Essentials



INCOME STATEMENTS

Your income statement (formerly known as payment summaries) will be available in the following ways:

- via your tax agent
- your employer
- ATO online service via MyGov

Businesses are no longer required to give individual employees income statements. You can view these via MyGov.

If you would like to lodge your tax returns now, please note that your income statement may not be 'tax ready' as businesses still have until the 14th of July to finalise their single touch payroll year end data.

If you choose to use the unfinalised income statement, you may need to amend your tax return at a later date.

To be safe, it is best to lodge your tax return once your income statement becomes 'tax ready.'

Resident Individuals 2019/2020

Taxable Income (\$)	Tax Payable (\$)
0 - 18,200	Nil
18,201 - 37,000	19c for each \$1 over \$18,200
37,001 - 90,000	\$3,572 + 32.5c for each \$1 over \$37,000
90,001 - 180,000	\$20,797 + 37c for each \$1 over \$90,000
180,001 and over	\$54,097 + 45c for each \$1 over \$180,000

The above rates do not include medicare levy which is an additional 2% of your taxable income.

Tax Offsets

A non-refundable tax offset of a maximum \$1,080 is available to taxpayers with taxable income of \$125,599 or less. It phases out at \$126,000.

Taxable Income (\$)	Offset
\$37,000 or Less	\$255
\$37,001 - \$48,000	\$255 + 7.5c for every \$1 over \$37k up to \$1,080
\$48,001 - \$90,000	\$1,080
\$90,001 - \$126,000	\$1,080 minus 3c for each \$1 over \$90,000

Medicare Levy Surcharge (MLS)

The MLS is added to your marginal tax rate if you meet the below criteria and do not have hospital cover for the full 2019/2020 year.

	No Charge	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Singles	< \$90k	< \$105k	< \$140k	\$140k +
Couples/ Families	< \$180k	< \$210k	< \$280k	\$280k +
Surcharge	0%	1%	1.25%	1.5%

Working from Home Deductions

The ATO has introduced a shortcut method which uses a flat **"80c per hour"** rate, to cover all home office expenses, including:

- electricity and gas for heating, cooling and lighting.
- phone and internet.
- computer consumables and stationery.
- depreciation of equipment and furniture (including phones, computers /laptops and desks).

Taxpayers must have records of the number of hours worked from home.

Please note that the fixed rate method and the actual cost method are still available to individuals who have claimed deductions under either of these methods in previous years.

This is general advice only. For more information contact DFK Gooding Partners on (08) 9327 1777