

### Prices

We are Registered Tax Agents and members of CPA Australia. Fees paid to CMT Accounting are tax deductible. The prices in 2024 are as follows:

<b>Basic Personal tax return</b>	<b>\$198</b>
<b>Rental Property</b>	<b>\$319 minimum fee</b>
<b>Business Tax return</b>	<b>\$341 minimum fee</b>
<b>Under 21 Basic personal tax return</b>	<b>\$99 minimum fee</b>

For company tax returns and more complex returns we charge \$308 per hour.

The above prices assume that our fee is paid on the day but should you want the fee deducted from your tax refund then add \$33.

Our aim is to minimize your tax expense and maximize your refunds and rewards. We are experienced in tax and business planning, investment property planning and small businesses, including individual returns. We are committed to providing the highest level of service: honest advice, personalised attention and proactive, all-encompassing solutions.

Experience, expertise and excellence - it's how we create a better financial future for you.

Weekend appointments are available on Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm from July - August 2024 Tax Season.

**EASIEST WAY TO PREPARE YOUR TAX RETURNS  
NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY!  
YOU DON'T NEED TO COME INTO OUR OFFICE  
TO HAVE US LODGE YOUR TAX RETURN.**

### ATO HIT LIST 2024 TAX RETURNS

The ATO have released their hit-list for the 2024 tax returns – essentially, this is a list of key areas that they will be focusing on for their tax return reviews (noting that, really, all areas are subject to review):

- Incorrectly claiming work-related expenses
- Inflating claims for rental properties
- Failing to include all income in your tax return



### Work-related Expenses

Last year the ATO changed the records that were required to be kept to claim the fixed rate working from home deduction.

To claim a working from home deduction using the fixed rate method, you need to have kept the following records:

- Diary evidence showing the total hours worked from home; and
- Records of the additional costs you have incurred for working from home (e.g. Electricity bill, internet bill).

Simply “copying and pasting” your deduction from last year will likely result in a review of your tax return.

### Rental Properties

The ATO have specifically identified repairs and maintenance of rental properties as one of the areas of concern. General repairs can be claimed as a tax deduction, but expenses that are capital in nature are not deductible as repairs (these may be eligible for a depreciation deduction instead).

While not specially identified by the ATO, interest deductions are also another area where significant mistakes are made by taxpayers.

You need to ensure you keep full and complete records to ensure your tax return can be prepared accurately.



### Missing Income

If you rush to lodge your tax return on 1 July, not all of your income will be available on your ATO prefill report.

Check that your income statement from your employer is marked as “tax ready” before lodging your tax return.

Also check that all of your investment income has been included in your tax return (as it can take some time for this to be available on your ATO prefill report).

By following these steps, it means it will be less likely that your return will need to be amended.

## PERSONAL TAXATION

### Personal Income Tax

The Government did not announce any further changes to the personal tax rates in the 2024-25 Budget. The Budget has instead confirmed what was previously announced on 25 January 2024.

The Government's revised Stage 3 tax changes, as enacted into law by the Treasury Laws Amendment (Cost of Living Tax Cuts) Act 2024, commence from 1 July 2024. The Government has legislated permanent tax cuts for all 13.6 million Australian taxpayers from 1 July 2024 with the average annual tax cut being \$1,888 (or \$36 a week).

Here is a summary of the tax cuts you and your employees will receive based on your earnings. More money in your pocket each week.

Annual Income	Tax Savings
\$40,000	\$13 per week
\$75,000	\$30 per week
\$100,000	\$42 per week
\$125,000	\$58 per week
\$150,000	\$72 per week
\$200,000	\$87 per week

The table below compares the rates for 2023-24 with the revised rates for 2024-25.

Tax Rate %*	2023-24	2024-25
0%	0 - \$18,200	0 - \$18,200
16%		\$18,201 - \$45,000
19%	\$18,201 - 45,000	
30%		\$45,001 - \$135,000
32.5%	\$45,001 - \$120,000	
37%	\$120,001 - \$180,000	\$135,000 - \$190,000
45%	\$180,001+	\$190,001+

\* Not including the 2% Medicare Levy.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$1.3 billion over the five years from 2023-24.

### Medicare levy low-income thresholds for 2023-24

The Government also confirmed its increases to the Medicare levy thresholds announced on 25 January 2024. The new thresholds to provide cost-of-living relief were enacted by the Treasury Laws Amendment (Cost of Living – Medicare Levy) Act 2024.

The changes are as follows:

- From the 2023-24 income year, the Medicare levy low-income threshold for singles has been increased to \$26,000 for 2023-24 (up from \$24,276 for 2022-23)
- For couples with no children, the family income threshold is \$43,846 (up from \$40,939 for 2022-23)
- The additional amount of threshold for each dependent child or student is \$4,027 for each dependent child or student (up from \$3,760)
- For single seniors and pensioners eligible for the Seniors and Pensioners Tax Offset (SAPTO), the Medicare levy low-income threshold is \$41,089 (up from \$38,365).

### HECS Indexation

Also as previously announced, HECS debts will be indexed at the lower of the CPI or average weekly ordinary time earnings (AWOTE) from June 2023. This will lead to a substantial reduction in many HECS debts, as indexation at June 2023 was calculated based on CPI, and the AWOTE indexation will result in a much lower increase.



By changing the calculation of HELP indexation from 1 June 2023, the indexation rate is reduced from:

- 7.1% to 3.2% in 2023, and
- 4.7% to around 4% in 2024.

The change resolves an issue for more than 3 million Australians with a HELP debt when the CPI indexation rate spiked to 7.1% last year.

An individual with an average HELP debt of \$26,500 will see around \$1,200 wiped from their outstanding HELP loans this year, pending the passage of legislation.

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## Energy Price Relief Plan extension

The Government is addressing the continued rise in energy prices by extending the Energy Price Relief Plan introduced in the 2023-24 Budget for households and small businesses.

As part of this announcement the Government will provide \$3.5 billion over three years from 2023-24 to support targeted energy bill relief to eligible households and small businesses.



## Households

All Australian households are eligible for a \$300 annual rebate that will be applied in quarterly instalments to electricity bills from 1 July 2024. *This won't be cash to you – but it will be a \$75 quarterly payment to your energy company by the Government.*



## Superannuation contributions on paid parental leave

As previously announced, from 1 July 2025 superannuation will be paid on Paid Parental Leave payments from 1 July 2025. Eligible parents will receive an additional payment based on the superannuation guarantee (i.e. 12% on their PPL payments), as a contribution to their superannuation fund.

This payment is in addition to the changes that saw families provided with an extra two weeks of leave (22 weeks total), which will increase to 24 weeks from July 2025 and 26 weeks from July 2026 (see Paid Parental Leave Amendment (More Support for Working Families) Bill 2023, Royal Assent 20 March 2024).

## BUSINESS TAXATION

### \$20k Small business instant asset write-off extended

The Government has announced an additional temporary 12-month extension of the \$20,000 instant asset write-off. Small businesses with aggregated annual turnover of less than \$10 million will be able to immediately deduct the full cost of eligible assets costing less than \$20,000, first used or installed ready for use between 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025. This measure is similar to the extension as announced in the 2023-24 Federal Budget, which temporarily increased the threshold to \$20,000 for the year ending 30 June 2024.

### \$325 Energy relief for small business

Small businesses must meet their state and territory definition of electricity 'small customer', as determined by their annual electricity consumption threshold, to be eligible for a \$325 annual rebate. *This won't be a cash payment – but it will be a quarterly payment to your energy company by the Government.*

## SUPERANNUATION TAXATION

### Increased Employer Super

While this isn't a Budget announcement, this is a good opportunity to remind you that as an employer you are required to pay 11.5% of your staff's salary (up from 11%) into your superannuation from 1 July 2024. *Please remember if your employee has a salary package that is inclusive of super, then their take home pay effectively reduces by 0.5% from 1 July 2024. But remember this will be offset by the Stage 3 personal tax cuts also coming into effect on 1 July 2024.*

### New Super Contribution Caps

While there were no superannuation reforms contained in this year's Budget, the super contribution caps were given an inflation adjustment. The tax-deductible super cap will increase from \$27,500 to \$30,000 on 1 July 2024. The non-tax-deductible super cap will increase from \$110,000 to \$120,000 per year. *You will be able to contribute \$2,500 more into super as a tax deduction from 1 July 2024.*

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### Rewards for referrals

At CMT Accounting, we reward our clients who refer our services to their friends, family and associates through a referral thank you voucher. This voucher allows you to receive 10% off your next tax return. If you have received one of these vouchers please bring it into our office to have it validated.

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