

Tax Solutions

Tax is a compulsory payment into government revenue to fund government expenditure. Most Australians are required to lodge an annual tax return by 31 October, except in the case of a tax return prepared by a registered tax agent.

Tax return fundamentals

Most people will submit a single annual tax return, either personally or through a registered tax agent. A registered tax agent will generally have a greater level of understanding in preparation of any tax return, to help maximise taxpayer deductions and minimise taxpayer risk.

Engaging a tax agent can be beneficial where a tax return may contain a high level of complexity, for example, income derived from rental properties, trusts, shares or other investments.

Key considerations

Personal Tax Advice

Preparation and lodgement of a personal tax return can be time consuming, especially if you are unsure of your entitlements. Your tax specialist can often discover additional deduction items.

Negative Gearing

Negative gearing is a term widely used to describe the purchase of a rental property, or shares, to minimise your tax. You borrow money to invest in an income producing asset but the investment expenses, including the interest on the borrowed amount, exceed the income derived from that asset. The investment in effect makes a loss. The loss can be used to reduce your income from wages or salary or other sources, reducing the amount of tax payable and in some cases providing a tax refund. There are further intricacies involved in negative gearing to offset a loss. There are technical deductions which may apply in some circumstances. A tax specialist can advise and assist you.

Capital Gains

Capital gain, or capital loss, is the difference between the cost that you incurred to purchase an asset and the amount that you received upon disposal of the asset. You are required under Australian law to pay tax on any capital gain, since it is included in your taxable income.

You can use a capital loss to reduce a capital gain in the same year or the capital loss can be carried forward to offset future capital gains. You cannot use the capital loss to offset your income tax.

A tax agent provides benefits where a tax return involves a high level of complexity, as where income is derived from rental properties or share portfolios or you have received an inheritance.

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Capital gains tax applies to assets including:

- real estate
- shares
- collectibles
- goodwill on the sale of a business

Capital gains tax compliance can be complex and requires accurate record keeping. Your tax specialist will help you to assess your tax liability correctly.

BAS - Business Activity Statements

You must lodge a Business Activity Statement (BAS), if you operate your own business. A BAS includes a number of tax liabilities, including GST, PAYG instalments, PAYG withholding tax and fringe benefits tax. There are certain requirements when you lodge a BAS for the first quarter of any new financial year. Your tax specialist can advise you on the intricacies of lodging a statement concerning any business related taxes.

Inheritance

Receiving an inheritance can have taxation implications. You are also required to keep certain records on file and for any sales. Your tax specialist can provide advice about your taxation liabilities relating to inheritance receipts.

Tax specialist advice

Tax specialist benefits

All Australian residents earning above the tax-free threshold must pay income tax, but most taxpayers remain unaware of their full level of deduction entitlements. Engaging a tax specialist can help to maximise your deductions.

Tax specialist cost

Most simple personal tax returns can be completed in one session. Your tax specialist can guide you through the full requirements that the specialist needs to complete the return. Tax specialist costs are also tax deductible.

A more complex tax return with a high level of deductions or requirements, for example, multiple investment properties or share dividend calculations, will require more input, which will be reflected in the pricing.

The tax specialist fee is fully quoted upfront.

Where we can help

The tax year for Australia ends on 30 June. You must lodge your tax return by 31 October, if you lodge it yourself. You must lodge by 15 May in the following year, if you engage a registered tax agent to submit your return on your behalf.

Talk to Anne Street Partners Tax Solutions Pty Ltd (ACN 162 176 543) today about engaging one of our skilled tax specialists to prepare your tax return and obtain your full deduction entitlements.

We're here to help you.

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