# **Income Tax**

Income tax is levied on taxable income. Taxable income is calculated as [assessable income] less [any allowable deductions]. Deductions include wages, cost of stock, rent, bad debts, and previous year losses. Sole traders are not required to complete a separate return for their business. They use their personal income tax return to report their business income and deductions. Partnerships complete a partnership tax return to show the partnership's income and deductions and how the profit or loss was shared among partners. Companies complete a company tax return to calculate the income tax the company should pay. Income tax is calculated according to taxable income for sole traders.

#### **Resident Individual Tax Rates 2010-11**

Taxable Income Tax on this income

\$0 - \$6,000 \$0

\$6,001 - \$35,000 15c for each \$1 over \$6,000

\$35,001 - \$80,000 \$4350 plus 30c for each \$1 over \$80,000 \$80,001 - \$180,000 \$17,850 plus 38c for each \$1 over \$80,000 Over \$180,000 \$55,850 plus 45c for each \$1 over \$180,000

NOTE: Resident tax rates do not include the Medicare levy of 1.5%. FURTHER INFORMATION:- Refer to the <u>Medicare levy</u> section of the ATO website for more information.

#### Non-Resident Tax Rates 2010-11

Taxable Income 50 - \$35,000 Tax On This income 29c for each \$1

\$35,001 - \$80,000 \$10,150 plus 30c for each \$1 over \$35,00 \$80,001 - \$180,000 \$23,650 plus 38c for each \$1 over \$80,000 Over \$180,000 \$61,650 plus 45c for each \$1 over \$180,000

NOTE: Non residents are not required to pay the Medicare levy.

## <u>Partnership</u>

A partnership running a business must complete a partnership tax return to show all income earned and deductions claimed for expenses during the course of the business. Each partner pays tax on their share of the partnership's income. Consequently they must include their individual share of the net partnership profit or loss in their personal tax return. Partnership and trust 2008 tax returns instructions are available on the ATO website.

### **Company**

A company is a distinct legal entity with its own income tax liability therefore a company tax return must be completed for each company. A company's income tax is calculated as a percentage of the taxable income the company earned during the financial year. The company tax rate is 30%.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Vist the <u>ATO website</u>-https://www.ato.gov.au/