INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT ACT 1997

An Act about income tax and related matters

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

CHAPTER 1 — INTRODUCTION AND CORE PROVISIONS

PART 1-1 — PRELIMINARY

Division 1—**Preliminarv**

SECTION 1-1 Short title

1-1 This Act may be cited as the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

SECTION 1-2 Commencement

1-2 This Act commences on 1 July 1997.

SECTION 1-3 Differences in style not to affect meaning

1-3(1) This Act contains provisions of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 in a rewritten form.

1-3(2) If:

- (a) that Act expressed an idea in a particular form of words; and
- (b) this Act appears to have expressed the same idea in a different form of words in order to use a clearer or simpler style;

the ideas are not to be taken to be different just because different forms of words were used.

Note: A public or private ruling about a provision of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 is taken also to be a ruling about the corresponding provision of this Act, so far as the 2 provisions express the same ideas: see section 357-85 in Schedule 1 to the Taxation Administration Act 1953.

SECTION 1-4 Application

1-4 This Act extends to every external Territory referred to in the definition of Australia.

SECTION 1-7 Administration of this Act

1-7 The Commissioner has the general administration of this Act.

Note: An effect of this provision is that people who acquire information under this Act are subject to the confidentiality obligations and exceptions in Division 355 in Schedule 1 to the Taxation Administration Act 1953.

PART 1-2 — A GUIDE TO THIS ACT

Division 2 — How to use this Act

Subdivision 2-A — How to find your way around

SECTION 2-1 The design

2-1 This Act is designed to help you identify accurately and quickly the provisions that are relevant to your purpose in reading the income tax law.

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The Act contains tables, diagrams and signposts to help you navigate your way.

You can start at Division 3 (What this Act is about) and follow the signposts as far into the Act as you need to go. You may also encounter signposts to several areas of the law that are relevant to you. Each one should be followed.

Sometimes they will lead down through several levels of detail. At each successive level, the rules are structured in a similar way. They will often be preceded by a Guide to the rules at that level. The rules themselves will usually deal first with the general or most common case and then with the more particular or special cases.

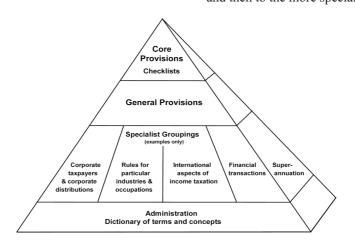
Subdivision 2-B — How the Act is arranged

SECTION 2-5 The pyramid

2-5 This Act is arranged in a way that reflects the principle of moving from the general case to the particular.

In this respect, the conceptual structure of the Act is something like a pyramid. The pyramid shape illustrates the way the income tax law is organised, moving down from the

central or core provisions at the top of the pyramid, to general rules of wide application and then to the more specialised topics.



Note: The *Taxation Administration Act 1953* contains the provisions on collection and recovery of tax and provisions on administration.

Subdivision 2-C — How to identify defined terms and find the definitions

SECTION 2-10 When defined terms are identified

2-10(1) Many of the terms used in the income tax law are defined.

2-10(2) Most defined terms in this Act are identified by an asterisk appearing at the start of the term: as in "*business". The footnote that goes with the asterisk contains a signpost to the Dictionary definitions starting at section 995-1.

SECTION 2-15 When terms are *not* identified

2-15(1) Once a defined term has been identified by an asterisk, later occurrences of the term in the same subsection are *not* usually asterisked.

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2-15(2) Terms are *not* asterisked in the non-operative material contained in this Act. Note: The non-operative material is described in Subdivision 2-E.

2-15(3) The following basic terms used throughout the Act are *not* identified with an asterisk. They fall into 2 groups:

Item	This term:	is defined in:	
1.	Australian resident	section 995-1	
2.	Commissioner	section 995-1	
3.	company	section 995-1	
4.	entity	section 960-100	
4A.	foreign resident	section 995-1	
5.	individual	section 995-1	
6.	partnership	section 995-1	
7.	person	section 995-1	
8.	trustee	section 995-1	
9.	you	section 4-5	

Key participants in the income tax system

Core concepts

Item	This term:	is defined in:
1.	amount	section 995-1
2.	assessable income	Division 6
3.	assessment	section 995-1
3A.	Australia	Subdivision 960-T
4.	deduct, deduction	Division 8
5.	income tax	section 995-1

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Item	This term:	is defined in:	
6.	income year	section 995-1	
7.	taxable income	section 4-15	•••••
8.	this Act	section 995-1	

SECTION 2-20 Identifying the defined term in a definition

2-20 Within a definition, the defined term is identified by *bold italics*.

Subdivision 2-D — The numbering system

SECTION 2-25 Purposes

2-25 Two main purposes of the numbering system in this Act are:

• To indicate the relationship between units at different levels.

For example, the number of Part 2-15 indicates that the Part is in Chapter 2. Similarly, the number of section 165-70 indicates that the section is in Division 165.

• To allow for future expansion of the Act. The main technique here is leaving gaps between numbers.

SECTION 2-30 Gaps in the numbering

2-30 There are gaps in the numbering system to allow for the insertion of new Divisions and sections.

Subdivision 2-E — Status of Guides and other non-operative material

SECTION 2-35 Non-operative material

2-35 In addition to the operative provisions themselves, this Act contains other material to help you identify accurately and quickly the provisions that are relevant to you and to help you understand them.

This other material falls into 2 main categories.

SECTION 2-40 Guides

2-40 The first is the "Guides". A *Guide* consists of sections under a heading indicating that what follows is a Guide to a particular Subdivision, Division etc.

Guides form part of this Act but are kept separate from the operative provisions. In interpreting an operative provision, a Guide may only be considered for limited purposes. These are set out in section 950-150.

SECTION 2-45 Other material

2-45 The other category consists of material such as notes and examples. These also form part of the Act. They are distinguished by type size from the operative provisions, but are not kept separate from them.

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Division 3 — What this Act is about

SECTION 3-5 Annual income tax

3-5(1) Income tax is payable for each year by each individual and company, and by some other entities.

- Note 1: Individuals who are Australian residents, and some trustees, are also liable to pay Medicare levy for each year. See the *Medicare Levy Act 1986* and Part VIIB of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*.
- Note 2: Income tax is imposed by the *Income Tax Act 1986* and the other Acts referred to in the definition of *income tax* in section 995-1.

3-5(2) Most entities have to pay *instalments* of income tax before the income tax they *actually* have to pay can be worked out.

- **3-5(3)** This Act answers these questions:
 - 1. What instalments of income tax do you have to pay? When and how do you pay them?

See Schedule 1 to the Taxation Administration Act 1953.

- 2. How do you work out how much income tax you must pay?
- See Division 4, starting at section 4-1. 3. What happens if your income tax is *more* than the instalments you have paid? When and how must you pay the rest?

See Division 5 of this Act and Part 4-15 in Schedule 1 to the Taxation Administration Act 1953.

4. What happens if your income tax is *less* than the instalments you have paid? How do you get a refund?

See Division 3A of Part IIB of the Taxation Administration Act 1953.

5. What are your *other* obligations as a taxpayer, besides paying instalments and the rest of your income tax?

See section 3-10.

6. Do you have any other obligations under the income tax law?

See section 3-15.

7. If a dispute between you and the Commissioner of Taxation cannot be settled by agreement, what procedures for objection, review and appeal are available?

See Part IVC (sections 14ZL to 14ZZS) of the Taxation Administration Act 1953.

SECTION 3-10 Your other obligations as a taxpayer

3-10(1) Besides paying instalments and the rest of your income tax, your main obligations as a taxpayer are:

(a) to keep records and provide information as required by:

- the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936; and
- Division 900 (which sets out substantiation rules) of this Act; and
- (b) to lodge income tax returns as required by:
 - the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936.

Tax file numbers

3-10(2) Under Part VA of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*, a tax file number can be issued to you. You are not obliged to apply for a tax file number. However, if you do not quote one in certain situations:

- you may become liable for instalments of income tax that would not otherwise have been payable;
- the amount of certain of your instalments of income tax may be increased.

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SECTION 3-15 Your obligations other than as a taxpayer

3-15 Your main obligations under the income tax law, other than as a taxpayer are:

• in certain situations, to deduct from money you owe to another person, and to remit to the Commissioner, instalments of income tax payable by that person.

See Part 4-5 (Collection of income tax instalments), starting at section 750-1.

PART 1-3 — CORE PROVISIONS

Division 4 — How to work out the income tax payable on your taxable income

SECTION 4-1 Who must pay income tax

4-1 Income tax is payable by each individual and company, and by some other entities. Note: The actual amount of income tax payable may be nil.

For a list of the entities that must pay income tax, see Division 9, starting at section 9-1.

SECTION 4-5 Meaning of you

4-5 If a provision of this Act uses the expression *you*, it applies to entities generally, unless its application is expressly limited.

- Note 1: The expression *you* is not used in provisions that apply only to entities that are not individuals.
- Note 2: For circumstances in which the identity of an entity that is a managed investment scheme for the purposes of the *Corporations Act 2001* is not affected by changes to the scheme, see Subdivision 960-E of the *Income Tax (Transitional Provisions) Act 1997*.

SECTION 4-10 How to work out how much income tax you must pay

4-10(1) You must pay income tax for each *financial year.

4-10(2) Your income tax is worked out by reference to your taxable income for the *income year*. The income year is the same as the *financial year, except in these cases:

- (a) for a company, the income year is the *previous* financial year;
- (b) if you have an accounting period that is not the same as the financial year, each such accounting period or, for a company, each previous accounting period is an income year.
- Note 1: The Commissioner can allow you to adopt an accounting period ending on a day other than 30 June. See section 18 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*.
- Note 2: An accounting period ends, and a new accounting period starts, when a partnership becomes, or ceases to be, a VCLP, an ESVCLP, an AFOF or a VCMP. See section 18A of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*.

4-10(3) Work out your income tax for the *financial year as follows:

Income tax = (Taxable income \times Rate) - Tax offsets

Method statement

Step 1. Work out your taxable income for the income year.

To do this, see section 4-15.

Step 2. Work out your basic income tax liability on your taxable income using:

- (a) the income tax rate or rates that apply to you for the income year; and
- (b) any special provisions that apply to working out that liability.

See the Income Tax Rates Act 1986 and section 4-25.

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Div 4 — How to work out the income tax payable on your taxable income

Step 3. Work out your tax offsets for the income year. A *tax offset* reduces the amount of income tax you have to pay.

For the list of tax offsets, see section 13-1.

- *Step 4.* Subtract your *tax offsets from your basic income tax liability. The result is how much income tax you owe for the *financial year.
- Note 1: Division 63 explains what happens if your tax offsets exceed your basic income tax liability. How the excess is treated depends on the type of tax offset.
- Note 2: Section 4-11 of the *Income Tax (Transitional Provisions) Act 1997* (which is about the temporary budget repair levy) may increase the amount of income tax worked out under this section.

[CCH Note: S 4-10(3) was amended by No 16 of 2011, s 3 and Sch 1 item 1, by substituting "Note 1" for "Note" in the note at the end of the subsection. However, since Note 3 also appears at the end of s 4-10(3), "Note" has been renumbered

as "Note 1" and "Note 3" has been renumbered to "Note 2", in line with an editorial change made by the Federal Register of Legislation under the *Legislation Act 2003* to bring it into line with legislative drafting practice.]

Income tax worked out on another basis

4-10(4) For some entities, some or all of their income tax for the ^{*}financial year is worked out by reference to something other than taxable income for the income year.

See section 9-5.

SECTION 4-15 How to work out your taxable income

4-15(1) Work out your *taxable income* for the income year like this:

Taxable income = Assessable income - Deductions

Method	statement
Step 1.	Add up all your assessable income for the income year.
	To find out about your assessable income, see Division 6.
Step 2.	Add up your deductions for the income year.
	To find out what you can deduct, see Division 8.
Step 3.	Subtract your deductions from your assessable income (unless they exceed it). The result is your taxable income. (If the deductions equal or exceed the assessable income, you don't have a taxable income.)

Note: If the deductions exceed the assessable income, you may have a tax loss which you may be able to utilise in that or a later income year: see Division 36.

4-15(2) There are cases where taxable income is worked out in a special way:

Item	For this case	See:
1.	A company does not maintain continuity of ownership and control during the income year and does not satisfy the same business test	Subdivision 165-B
1A.	(Repealed by No 80 of 2007)	

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Item	For this case	See:
1B.	An entity is a *member of a *consolidated group at any time in the income year	Part 3-90
2.	A company becomes a PDF (pooled development fund) during the income year, and the PDF component for the income year is a nil amount	section 124ZTA of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936
3.	A shipowner or charterer: • has its principal place of business outside Australia; and	section 129 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936
	• carries passengers, freight or mail shipped in Australia	
4.	An insurer who is a foreign resident enters into insurance contracts connected with Australia	sections 142 and 143 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936
5.	The Commissioner makes a default or special assessment of taxable income	sections 167 and 168 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936
6.	The Commissioner makes a determination of the amount of taxable income to prevent double taxation in certain treaty cases	section 24 of the International Tax Agreements Act 1953

Note: A life insurance company can have a taxable income of the complying superannuation class and/or a taxable income of the ordinary class for the purposes of working out its income tax for an income year: see Subdivision 320-D.

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Division 5 — How to work out when to pay your income tax Guide to Division 5

SECTION 5-1 What this Division is about

If your assessed income tax liability exceeds the credits available to you under the PAYG system, this Division explains *when* you must pay the excess to the Commissioner.

If your assessment is amended so that you must pay income tax, or pay more income tax than under the previous assessment, this Division explains:

- (a) when you must pay the additional tax; and
- (b) when any associated interest charges must be paid.

Note: For provisions about the collection and recovery of income tax and other tax-related liabilities, see Part 4-15 in Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953*.

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Subdivision 5-A — How to work out when to pay your income tax

SECTION 5-5 When income tax is payable

Scope

5-5(1) This section tells you when income tax you must pay for a *financial year is due and payable.

Note: The Commissioner may defer the time at which the income tax is due and payable: see section 255-10 in Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953*.

5-5(2) The income tax is only due and payable if the Commissioner makes an *assessment of your income tax for the year.

5-5(3) However, if the Commissioner does make an *assessment of your income tax for the year, the tax may be taken to have been due and payable at a time before your assessment was made.

Note: This is to ensure that general interest charge begins to accrue from the same date for all like entities. General interest charge on unpaid income tax is calculated from when the tax is due and payable, not from when the assessment is made: see section 5-15.

Original assessments — self-assessment entities

5-5(4) If you are a *self-assessment entity, the income tax is due and payable on the first day of the sixth month after the end of the income year.

Example:

If your income year is the same as the financial year, your income tax would be due and payable on 1 December.

Original assessments — *other entities*

5-5(5) If you are *not* a *self-assessment entity, the income tax is due and payable 21 days after the day (the *return day*) on or before which you are required to lodge your *income tax return with the Commissioner.

Note: For rules about income tax returns and when they are due, see Part IV of the *Income Tax* Assessment Act 1936.

5-5(6) However, if you lodge your return *on or before* the return day and the Commissioner gives you a notice of *assessment (other than an amended assessment) *after* the return day, the income tax is due and payable 21 days after the Commissioner gives you the notice.

Amended assessments

5-5(7) If the Commissioner amends your *assessment, any extra income tax resulting from the amendment is due and payable 21 days after the day on which the Commissioner gives you notice of the amended assessment.

Note: Shortfall interest charge may be payable, on any amount of extra income tax payable as a result of the amended assessment, for each day in the period that:

- (a) starts at the time income tax was due and payable on your original assessment; and
- (b) ends the day before the day on which the Commissioner gives you notice of the amended assessment.

SECTION 5-10 When shortfall interest charge is payable

5-10 An amount of *shortfall interest charge that you are liable to pay is due and payable 21 days after the day on which the Commissioner gives you notice of the charge.

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Note: Shortfall interest charge is imposed if the Commissioner amends an assessment and the amended assessment results in an increase in some tax payable. For provisions about liability for shortfall interest charge, see Division 280 in Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953*.

SECTION 5-15 General interest charge payable on unpaid income tax or shortfall interest charge

5-15 If an amount of income tax or *shortfall interest charge that you are liable to pay remains unpaid after the time by which it is due to be paid, you are liable to pay the *general interest charge on the unpaid amount for each day in the period that:

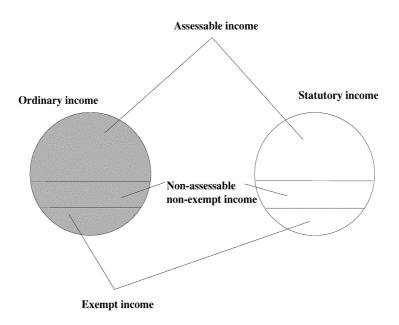
- (a) starts at the beginning of the day on which the amount was due to be paid; and
- (b) finishes at the end of the last day on which, at the end of the day, any of the following remains unpaid:
 - (i) the income tax or shortfall interest charge;
 - (ii) general interest charge on any of the income tax or shortfall interest charge.
- Note 1: The general interest charge is worked out under Part IIA of the *Taxation Administration* Act 1953.

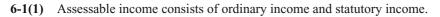
Note 2: Shortfall interest charge is worked out under Division 280 in Schedule 1 to that Act.

Division 6 — Assessable income and exempt income

Guide to Division 6

SECTION 6-1 Diagram showing relationships among concepts in this Division





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Div 6 — Assessable income and exempt income

6-1(2) Some ordinary income, and some statutory income, is exempt income.

6-1(3) Exempt income is not assessable income.

6-1(4) Some ordinary income, and some statutory income, is neither assessable income nor exempt income.

For the effect of the GST in working out assessable income, see Division 17.

6-1(5) An amount of ordinary income or statutory income can have only one status (that is, assessable income, exempt income or non-assessable non-exempt income) in the hands of a particular entity.

Operative provisions

SECTION 6-5 Income according to ordinary concepts (*ordinary income*)

6-5(1) Your *assessable income* includes income according to ordinary concepts, which is called *ordinary income*.

Note: Some of the provisions about assessable income listed in section 10-5 may affect the treatment of ordinary income.

6-5(2) If you are an Australian resident, your assessable income includes the ^{*}ordinary income you ^{*}derived directly or indirectly from all sources, whether in or out of Australia, during the income year.

6-5(3) If you are a foreign resident, your assessable income includes:

- (a) the *ordinary income you *derived directly or indirectly from all *Australian sources during the income year; and
- (b) other *ordinary income that a provision includes in your assessable income for the income year on some basis other than having an *Australian source.

6-5(4) In working out whether you have *derived* an amount of *ordinary income, and (if so) when you *derived* it, you are taken to have received the amount as soon as it is applied or dealt with in any way on your behalf or as you direct.

SECTION 6-10 Other assessable income (*statutory income*)

6-10(1) Your *assessable income* also includes some amounts that are *not* *ordinary income.

Note: These are included by provisions about assessable income. For a summary list of these provisions, see section 10-5.

6-10(2) Amounts that are *not* *ordinary income, but are included in your assessable income by provisions about assessable income, are called *statutory income*.

- Note 1: Although an amount is statutory income because it has been included in assessable income under a provision of this Act, it may be made exempt income or non-assessable non-exempt income under another provision: see sections 6-20 and 6-23.
- Note 2: Many provisions in the summary list in section 10-5 contain rules about ordinary income. These rules do not change its character as ordinary income.

6-10(3) If an amount would be "statutory income apart from the fact that you have not received it, it becomes statutory income as soon as it is applied or dealt with in any way on your behalf or as you direct.

6-10(4) If you are an Australian resident, your assessable income includes your ^{*}statutory income from all sources, whether in or out of Australia.

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6-10(5) If you are a foreign resident, your assessable income includes:

- (a) your *statutory income from all *Australian sources; and
- (b) other *statutory income that a provision includes in your assessable income on some basis other than having an *Australian source.

SECTION 6-15 What is *not* assessable income

6-15(1) If an amount is *not* *ordinary income, and is *not* *statutory income, it is not *assessable income* (so you do not have to pay income tax on it).

6-15(2) If an amount is *exempt income, it is not *assessable income*.

- Note: If an amount is exempt income, there are other consequences besides it being exempt from income tax. For example:
 - the amount may be taken into account in working out the amount of a tax loss (see section 36-10);
 - you cannot deduct as a general deduction a loss or outgoing incurred in deriving the amount (see Division 8);
 - capital gains and losses on assets used solely to produce exempt income are disregarded (see section 118-12).

6-15(3) If an amount is *non-assessable non-exempt income, it is not *assessable income*.

- Note 1: You cannot deduct as a general deduction a loss or outgoing incurred in deriving an amount of non-assessable non-exempt income (see Division 8).
- Note 2: Capital gains and losses on assets used to produce *some* types of non-assessable non-exempt income are disregarded (see section 118-12).

SECTION 6-20 Exempt income

6-20(1) An amount of *ordinary income or *statutory income is *exempt income* if it is made exempt from income tax by a provision of this Act or another *Commonwealth law.

For summary lists of provisions about exempt income, see sections 11-5 and 11-15.

6-20(2) ^{*}Ordinary income is also *exempt income* to the extent that this Act excludes it (expressly or by implication) from being assessable income.

6-20(3) By contrast, an amount of *statutory income is *exempt income* only if it is made exempt from income tax by a provision of this Act outside this Division or another *Commonwealth law.

6-20(4) If an amount of *ordinary income or *statutory income is *non-assessable non-exempt income, it is not *exempt income*.

Note: An amount of non-assessable non-exempt income is not taken into account in working out the amount of a tax loss.

SECTION 6-23 Non-assessable non-exempt income

6-23 An amount of *ordinary income or *statutory income is *non-assessable non-exempt income* if a provision of this Act or of another *Commonwealth law states that it is not assessable income and is not *exempt income.

Note: Capital gains and losses on assets used to produce *some* types of non-assessable non-exempt income are disregarded (see section 118-12).

For a summary list of provisions about non-assessable non-exempt income, see Subdivision 11-B.

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SECTION 6-25 Relationships among various rules about ordinary income

6-25(1) Sometimes more than one rule includes an amount in your assessable income:

- the same amount may be *ordinary income and may also be included in your assessable income by one or more provisions about assessable income; or
- the same amount may be included in your assessable income by more than one provision about assessable income.

For a summary list of the provisions about assessable income, see section 10-5.

However, the amount is included only once in your assessable income for an income year, and is then not included in your assessable income for any other income year.

6-25(2) Unless the contrary intention appears, the provisions of this Act (outside this Part) prevail over the rules about ^{*}ordinary income.

Note: This Act contains some specific provisions about how far the rules about ordinary income prevail over the other provisions of this Act.

Division 8— **Deductions**

SECTION 8-1 General deductions

8-1(1) You can *deduct* from your assessable income any loss or outgoing to the extent that:

- (a) it is incurred in gaining or producing your assessable income; or
- (b) it is necessarily incurred in carrying on a *business for the purpose of gaining or producing your assessable income.
- Note: Division 35 prevents losses from non-commercial business activities that may contribute to a tax loss being offset against other assessable income.

8-1(2) However, you cannot deduct a loss or outgoing under this section to the extent that:

- (a) it is a loss or outgoing of capital, or of a capital nature; or
- (b) it is a loss or outgoing of a private or domestic nature; or
- (c) it is incurred in relation to gaining or producing your ^{*}exempt income or your ^{*}non-assessable non-exempt income; or
- (d) a provision of this Act prevents you from deducting it.

For a summary list of provisions about deductions, see section 12-5.

8-1(3) A loss or outgoing that you can deduct under this section is called a *general deduction*.

For the effect of the GST in working out deductions, see Division 27.

Note: If you receive an amount as insurance, indemnity or other recoupment of a loss or outgoing that you can deduct under this section, the amount may be included in your assessable income: see Subdivision 20-A.

SECTION 8-5 Specific deductions

8-5(1) You can also *deduct* from your assessable income an amount that a provision of this Act (outside this Division) allows you to deduct.

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8-5(2) Some provisions of this Act prevent you from deducting an amount that you could otherwise deduct, or limit the amount you can deduct.

8-5(3) An amount that you can deduct under a provision of this Act (outside this Division) is called a *specific deduction*.

Note: If you receive an amount as insurance, indemnity or other recoupment of a deductible expense, the amount may be included in your assessable income: see Subdivision 20-A.

For a summary list of provisions about deductions, see section 12-5.

SECTION 8-10 No double deductions

8-10 If 2 or more provisions of this Act allow you deductions in respect of the same amount (whether for the same income year or different income years), you can deduct only under the provision that is most appropriate.

PART 1-4 — CHECKLISTS OF WHAT IS COVERED BY CONCEPTS USED IN THE CORE PROVISIONS

Division 9 — Entities that must pay income tax

SECTION 9-1A Effect of this Division

9-1A This Division is a *Guide.

SECTION 9-1 List of entities

9-1 Income tax is payable by the entities listed in the table.

Provisions of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* are identified in normal text. The other provisions, **in bold**, are provisions of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*.

Income tax is payable by this kind of entity:	because of this provision:
An individual	section 4-1
A company, that is: • a body corporate; or	section 4-1
• an unincorporated body (except a partnership)	
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SECTION 10-5 List of provisions about assessable income

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- include in your assessable income amounts that are *not* *ordinary income; and
- vary or replace the rules that would otherwise apply for certain kinds of *ordinary income.

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SECTION 11-1A Effect of this Subdivision

11-1A This Subdivision is a ^{*}Guide.

SECTION 11-1 Overview

11-1 Ordinary income or statutory income which is exempt from income tax can be divided into 2 main classes:

- (a) ordinary or statutory income of entities that are exempt, no matter what kind of ordinary or statutory income they have (see table in section 11-5);
- (b) ordinary or statutory income of a kind that is exempt (see table in section 11-15).
- (c) (Repealed by No 12 of 2012)

SECTION 11-5 Entities that are exempt, no matter what kind of ordinary or statutory income they have

11-5 Provisions of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* are identified in normal text. The other provisions, **in bold**, are provisions of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*.

Note: Special rules apply to entities that cease to be exempt. See Schedule 2D to the *Income Tax* Assessment Act 1936.

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[CCH Note: Cyclone Larry and Cyclone Monica

No 80 of 2006, s 3 and Sch 2, contained the following provisions.

"Schedule 2 — Non-assessable, non-exempt income relating to Cyclone Larry

1 Certain Commonwealth payments relating to Cyclone Larry are non-assessable, non-exempt income

(1) Each of the following payments that you receive from the Commonwealth in your 2005-06 or 2006-07 income year is not assessable income and is not exempt income:

(a) a payment associated with what is known as the Cyclone Larry Business Assistance Fund and made because your business was adversely affected by Cyclone Larry;

(b) a payment known as fuel excise relief and connected with your use of fuel to generate electricity for your business while supply of electricity through the grid to your business was disrupted as a result of Cyclone Larry.

(c) a payment associated with what is known as the Cyclone Larry Business Assistance Fund, or with what is known as the Cyclones Monica and Larry Business Assistance Fund, and made because your business was adversely affected by flooding due to the combined impacts of Cyclones Monica and Larry.

Note: This item does not deal with payments of income support to farmers and small business owners affected by Cyclone Larry or Cyclone Monica that are rebatable benefits under section 160AAA of the *Income Tax Assessment Act* 1936.

(2) A term used in this item and in the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* has the same meaning in this item as it has in that Act."]

Division 12 — Particular kinds of deductions

SECTION 12-1 Effect of this Division

12-1 This Division is a ^{*}Guide.

SECTION 12-5 List of provisions about deductions

12-5 The provisions set out in the table contain rules about specific types of deduction.

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