



Overview of Taxation of Income in Australia

The below overview should be used to assist with the preparation of your income tax return in Australia. As it is an overview, we strongly recommend you contact your tax advisor regarding the taxation treatment of your income to ensure the appropriate amounts are included in your personal tax return.

Income from activities as a special professional

As a sportsperson, you will generally be regarded as a special professional. Accordingly, your income tax return will need to show all the assessable income you derived during the year on your income tax return. These amounts include:

- Allowance;
- Bonuses;
- Contract payments;
- Grants;
- Non cash benefits;
- Private sponsorship or endorsement contracts;
- Prizes and awards;
- Public appearances and product promotions;
- Representative player payments (eg. income from Athletics Australia);
- Financial support payments from Athletics Australia;
- Salary or wages;
- Sign on fees; and
- Sponsorship payments.

In addition to the above, consideration should also be given to the following when completing your income tax return:

- Residency status – Do you live outside Australia for long periods of time in a year training and competing? Are you an Australian resident for taxation purposes? If you are an Australia resident, you will be required to include all income from Australia and overseas in your income tax return. You may also be entitled to claim a foreign tax offset where you were required to pay tax in a foreign country. If you believe you do not reside in Australia for income tax purposes, we recommend you receive specific advice from a tax professional supporting this position which takes into account your personal circumstances.
- Tax deductions – You may be entitled to claim expenses that directly relate to you earning your income. These may include:
 - Travel costs;
 - Athlete management fees;
 - Association fees.
- Income averaging – Do the income averaging rules apply to your personal circumstances. This may result in you being able to better manage the timing of when tax is due on your income to the Australian Taxation Office.

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You are required to disclose your income and deductions in your income tax return for the period 1 July to 30 June each year. Generally, your income tax return must be lodged with the Australian Taxation Office prior to 31 October following 30 June each year unless you lodge through a tax agent.

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