# 2011 INCOME TAX RETURN CHECKLIST – FOR INDIVIDUALS

### PLEASE PROVIDE ALL RELEVANT DETAILS TO OUR OFFICE

## **PERSONAL DETAILS**

• Contact Details Changed?

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- O Email Address?
- Occupation?
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- **O** Electronic Funds Transfer of Your Refund?
  - O Bank BSB No.....
  - O Bank Account No.....
  - O Account Name.....

# **INCOME**

- o PAYG Summary(s)
- **O** Termination Payment(s)
  - group certificates
  - statement of termination payment
- Centrelink Payment Summary(s) eg Newstart/Youth Allowance/Parenting Pay't
- **o** Centrelink/Veteran Affairs Pension Statement
- **O** Other Pension or Annuity Income
  - deductible amount/rebate?

### **O** Interest Income

- Tax File Number tax deducted?
- bank statements/passbooks
- bank fees/FID/debits tax

### **O** Dividend and Trust Income

- particularly dividend notices and year end tax statement for trusts, Tax Pd/withheld.

### **O** Personal Services Income

- information on all income and expenses, amounts paid to associated persons? Attributed PSI
- O Capital Gains Tax
  - disposal of assets acquired after 19/9/85, dates bought and sold, cost and sale price?

### **o** Foreign Income/Pensions and Foreign Tax Paid

### **O** Business Income and Expenses

- eg cash books, cheque butts, deposit books, bank statements, amounts payable, stock, income owing, assets bought or sold

- **O** Rental Property
  - income and expenses, date first rented, weeks rented, interest paid, repairs, insurance, rates, depreciation, borrowing costs, advertising, travel, improvements, bank fees, settlement statement, loan statements.

### **O** Other income (give details please)

### O Exempt Income

# **DEDUCTIONS**

### O Motor Vehicle Expenses set rate per km

- Business Kilometres Travelled
- Engine Capacity
- Registration Number

### O Motor Vehicle Expenses - log book/12%/1/3 method

- Vehicle Cost, Date Purchased/Trade In
- Lease/Finance/Purchase Contract
- Odometer Reading (Start & End of FY)
- Registration Number
- Fuel, Repairs, Registration, Insurance, Other Expenses

NOTE - A logbook kept for 12 weeks will maximise your claim

### **O** Other Travel Expenses

- Air Fares/Accommodation and Meals
- Taxis/Car Hire
- Expenses for other types of vehicle eg Utilities/Motor Cycles

### **O** Self-Education Expenses

- Books, Stationery, Course Fees, Union Fees
- Km travelled to Courses

### **O** Work Related Expenses include:

- Uniforms/Protective Clothing/Laundry
- Subscriptions/Union Fees
- Computers/Tools and Equipment
- Home Office/Number of Hours
- Local Telephone Calls Business
- Highlighted Mobile/STD calls
- Books/Journals/Magazines
- Stationery/Postage
- Parking
- Sun Protection Items
- Income Protection Insurance

### **O** Interest and Dividend Deductions

- Bank Fees/Interest Paid
- Investment Magazines
- Fees for Investment Advice
- Loan Statements

# **DEDUCTIONS** (continued)

### **O** Donations to Charities

exclude raffle tickets, items purchased

### O Pension/Annuity Deductible Amount

### O Tax Agent Fees

- Km travelled to agent, GIC Paid
- Superannuation Contributions Details of any contributions made by individuals Self-Employed may be able to claim a deduction

# **REBATES/OTHER MATTERS**

### O Spouse's Income and Dependants

- Names/DOB of Children (Sole Parent?)
- Tax File No. of Spouse
- Income Earned/Type of Income
- Centrelink Statement of Benefits Received
- Maximum No. of Dependent Children
- No. of Nights Care of Children Under 5 Yrs

### O Own or Spouse Super Contributions Paid

### O Children's Education Expenses

- Computers
- Stationery, Text Books etc

### • HELP/HECS/SFSS Debt Owing?

# O Private Health Insurance

- Health Fund Statement

### o Zone/Overseas Forces

- Days spent in specified Zone/Area

#### O Medical Expenses if over \$2,000

- Health Fund Medical Summary
- Medicare Summary

#### **o** Parent, Spouse's Parent or Invalid Relative?

- Dependant's Names/Dates of Birth
- Dependant's Income

### **O** Medicare Exemption/Reduction?

- Sickness Beneficiaries/Blind Pensioners
- Defence Force Members
- Non Residents

### • Ceased Full Time Study?

- When? / Income earned before this date

#### **O** Residency

- Date Commenced/Ceased
- Income earnt

### **O** Ownership of Foreign Assets

- Do you have an interest in a CFC?
- Have you ever directly or indirectly transferred property to a non-resident trust?
- Did you have an interest in a Foreign Investment Fund or Life Assurance Policy?
- Do you have an interest in Assets outside Aust which exceed AUD \$50,000 in total?

# **CHECK AGAIN!**

# Have you provided information for all relevant items above?

# PLEASE NOTE

### No Receipt - No Claim

- Receipts **must** be kept if claims exceed \$300, although small claims of under \$10 each, up to \$200 total, may be recorded in a **diary**. For Laundry expenses under \$150 the ATO allows 50c/wash if washed with other clothes or \$1 per wash if washed separately.
- Travel Diaries are required for all overseas travel and local travel of 6 nights or more.
- A Log Book will maximise your claim if your vehicle is used mainly for business. NOTE: If your log book is 5 years old it is <u>essential</u> that you keep a new one for at least 12 continuous weeks to prove your claim. HTAA will not check log book calculations unless specifically instructed.

# **OTHER MATTERS**

If you are contemplating any of the following then please call your team accountant prior to making any decisions:

- Computers and/or Accounting Software
- Purchase/Sale of a Business
- Purchase/Sale of a Motor Vehicle
- Purchase/Sale of Investment Property
- Salary Packaging

### - Other.....

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