# Income Tax Basics



Seminar 2017

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- Capital Gains Tax
- Business Income
- Deductions
- Foreign Income
- The Income Tests
- Rental Properties
- Tax Offsets and Medicare
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- Dealing with the Simplified Imputation System
- CGT for Small Business
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### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Two tax seminars run over two consecutive days for:

- ✓ Graduates;
- √ New employees;
- ✓ Accountants new to public practice;
- ✓ Practitioners wanting to 'brush up' on their basics; and
- ✓ Accountants returning to the workforce.



# **Income Tax Basics 2017**

An NTAA Back to Basics Seminar 'learn how to do tax from the ground up'

### LET US HELP YOU TRAIN YOUR (NEW?) STAFF

Mastering the all important client interview at tax time can be really tough! We all understand those first interview jitters. We've all been there!

Graduates, new staff and others entering (or re-entering) Public Practice need a lot of help to get up to speed.

We know what it really means to:

- sit opposite a client;
- extract the right information; and
- get the return correct without having to go back to the client.

This seminar will give your staff the confidence and knowledge to get the job done RIGHT THE FIRST TIME!

This is no pie in the sky, theoretical 'What is income' seminar.

This is a 'learn how to do tax and prepare the return' seminar.

Whether you need your graduates brought up to speed or maybe, someone needs a refresher – these are practical workshops centred on understanding the 'I' Return and the ins and outs of the Business Return.

That's right, we help train your graduates and new staff to become **profitable** and valuable members of your practice.

## DAY 1

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## NTAA Client Interview Kit

Everything you need to know when interviewing a client:

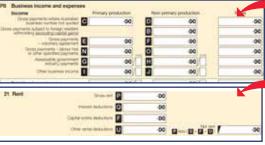
- Comprehensive client questionnaires
  - What are the essential questions that must be asked?
  - How do you get ALL the right information?
- How to conduct an interview
- Dealing with the common occupations (e.g., trades people, sales assistants, truck drivers and many more)



# Day 1: The Fundamentals of **Preparing the 2017 'I' Return**







#### TOTAL INCOME or LOSS

#### Including:

- Salary and wages
- Employer allowances
- Employment termination
  - Capital Gains

#### **DEDUCTIONS**

#### Including:

- Car expenses
- Overseas and domestic travel
- Clothing
- Claiming Self-education expenses
- Interest and dividend expenses

#### TAX OFFSETS

## Including: - SAPTO

- DICTO
- Zone or overseas forces Superannuation

#### **BUSINESS INCOME & EXPENSES**

#### Including:

- Trading stock
- Depreciation
- Motor vehicle expenses

#### **RENTAL PROPERTIES**

#### Including:

#### Rental income

- Interest deductions
- Repairs
- Capital allowances

#### WHO SHOULD COME, and WHY?

It's an intensive, hands-on workshop for:

- Graduates
- New employees
- Accountants/bookkeepers new to public practice
- Practitioners wanting to 'brush up' on their basics
- Accountants returning to the workforce

#### WHAT DO ATTENDEES RECEIVE?

- An electronic DESKTOP Reference Kit with:
  - Checklists of deductions by OCCUPATION
  - Precedent elections/declarations
  - Rates and tables
  - Handy tax calculator
- **Course Notes and Instructions** 
  - Comprehensive notes walk you through the return with explanations of each return label
  - How to conduct a client interview
  - How to gather the right information
  - Client questionnaires
  - Things to look out for
  - Getting the return RIGHT with supporting material

# Topics covered in this intensive hands-on workshop

#### Income

Most clients have several different sources of income - do you know the twists and turns for different types of income?

- Salary and wages
- ► **NEW** rules change how working holiday makers are taxed
- Allowances
- Reportable fringe benefits and superannuation contributions
- Employment Termination Payments
- Partnership and trust income
- ▶ Personal services income
- ▶ Superannuation pensions
- Reporting franked and unfranked dividends

#### Capital Gains Tax

We will explain all of the CGT basics necessary to complete the 'I' return.

- ► Calculating the net (taxable) capital gain
- ➤ A guide to the CGT method statement
- CGT, real estate and the main residence exemption
- Dealing with capital gains included in trust distributions
- Can overseas capital losses be offset against Australian gains?
- ▶ NEW reporting requirements for nonresidents selling Australian assets

#### **Business Income**

A practical perspective!

- How to determine if a taxpayer is carrying on a business
- ► How to complete the BPI schedule
- ► Non-commercial losses, including the rules affecting high income individuals
- Depreciation options for small businesses

### **Deductions**

We'll show you what can be claimed and we set out all of the substantiation requirements.

- ► How do individuals calculate their car expense claims?
- Overseas and domestic travel
- Protective and corporate clothing
- Who can claim self-education expenses?
- ► Understanding the low value pool
- ► Interest and dividend expenses
- Superannuation contribution deductions
- Changes to the SBE depreciation deductions
- ▶ Gifts and donations
- ▶ Home office expenses
- ▶ Overtime meal expenses
- Tax agent fees

Yes, we cover everything Item by Item on the individual return.

#### **Foreign Income**

How is foreign income treated on the 'I' return?

- ▶ Dealing with foreign losses
- Claiming an offset for foreign tax paid
- ▶ Dealing with foreign income/expenses
- ▶ Dealing with overseas employment income

#### The Income Tests

We provide a step-by-step guide to simplify the complex income tests.

- ▶ Understanding the income tests
- Find out which tax concessions and obligations are affected
- Salary packaged super included in the income tests
- Rental/share losses are added back
- NEW rules change the way fringe benefits are reported

## **Rental Properties**

It's crucial to get all rental income and deductions right on the 'I' return because this is a major ATO audit target!

- ► A practical guide to completing the rental property schedule
- Dangers with renting out holiday homes
- Claiming interest deductions
- Which assets are eligible for depreciation?
- What is a repair and when is it deductible? Claiming travel expenses in relation to a
- rental property
- When are body corporate fees deductible?
- Using the main residence exemption to avoid CGT on a rental property

#### Tax Offsets & Levies

A total rundown on tax offsets and levies, including:

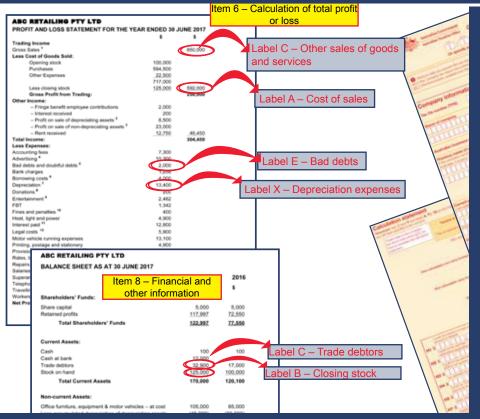
- ▶ Seniors and pensioners (including selffunded retirees) tax offset ('SAPTO')
- Dealing with the restrictions for the dependent (invalid and carer) tax offset ('DICTO')
- Understand the continued phase-out of the net medical expenses tax offset
- Eligibility for the zone tax offset
- When are individuals required to pay the Medicare Levy?
- Understand the 5% Small Business income tax offset ('SBITO')

Private health insurance or the medicare levy surcharge? A practical perspective!

- ▶ When is the surcharge payable?
- What labels must be prepared on the individual return?
- Understand the means testing on the private health insurance rebate

#### Comprehensive Case Study: Preparing the 'I' Return

# Day 2: From the Financials to the Business Return



#### From the Financials to the Business Return

This is not about how to prepare a set of accounts! This is vital information your staff need to know about completing the business return via the tax reconciliation, starting with the financial accounts.

From extensive worked examples and comprehensive case studies, attendees will:

- ✓ Learn how to complete a business tax return, starting with the Profit and Loss Statement;
- ✓ Learn to look beyond the Profit and Loss Statement for deductions;
- ✓ Learn the tax reconciliation process from the financial accounts to the tax return;
- ✓ Learn why you need to reconcile Balance Sheet adjustments; and
- ✓ Learn about the ins and outs of trust & partnership distributions.

#### ATTENDEES WILL RECEIVE

- Practical worked examples
- Extensive case studies
- ◆ Up-to-date rates & tables
- Enough information to get the return right, the FIRST time!!

# Topics covered in this comprehensive practical workshop

# The Small Business Entity (SBE) rules

We provide a plain english explanation of the SBE rules and address the following issues:

- Who qualifies as an SBE?
- How is the business return completed for an SBE taxpayer?
- Understand the changes to the SBE depreciation rules
- When can an SBE access the CGT small business concessions?
- A practical guide to all the concessions and benefits for SBEs
- Applying the prepayment rules for SBEs
- ► How do the trading stock concessions work for SBEs?
- Understand the reporting requirements for partners and beneficiaries for the small business 5% tax discount
- NEW company tax rates for small business! – manage your franking credits

#### Income

What's in? What's out? Getting assessable income right is the first step to defend against an ATO audit.

- A comprehensive guide identifies which business proceeds are taxable
- How to correctly gross-up franked dividends
   How to treat employee contributions for
- fringe benefitsHow to treat distributions received from partnerships and trusts
- Dealing with personal services income
- ► How to correctly disclose net capital gains

#### **Expenses**

We will work through the Profit & Loss to calculate business deductions and consider the tax treatment of important items, including:

- ▶ Bad debts when is being 'bad' good enough for a tax deduction?
- ► Depreciation understand the changes to the immediate write-off rules
- Making trading stock adjustments
- Dealing with adjustments for fines and penalties
- ▶ When is interest deductible?
- Motor vehicle expenses
- When can accrued salary and directors' bonuses be claimed as a tax deduction?
- Overseas and domestic travel
- ▶ Repairs and maintenance
- Meal entertainment expenditure
- Borrowing expenses
- Superannuation what must employers do to ensure super is deductible?
- How to claim a deduction for 'blackhole expenditure'

# The Tax Reconciliation Process

We walk through the process of reconciling accounting net profit to taxable income. We show you how to use the profit and loss statement to identify reconciliation items.

#### **Calculation Statement**

We work through the calculation statement for determining the total tax payable or refundable.

#### **CGT for Small Business**

We walk you through the rules applying for the small business CGT concessions and show you the mechanics of how to reduce a capital gain.

- ▶ Who can claim the CGT concessions?
- Which assets are eligible for the small business concessions?
- Claiming the concessions in a company or trust
- Using the concessions to pay no CGT!
- ▶ What are the procedures for claiming the concessions?
- ► How do taxpayers elect for the concessions to apply?
- What labels are prepared on the tax return?

#### Trusts and Partnerships

Unlike a company, trusts and partnerships generally distribute their income to others who pay tax on their share of income.

- ► How do you calculate trust income?
- ➤ Completing the distribution statement on a trust and partnership return
- ▶ What happens when a trust distributes to a non-resident beneficiary?
- When is a trustee assessable?
- ▶ When is a beneficiary assessable?
- How to calculate the net income of a partnership
- Can a partner's salary create a loss?
- ► How are capital gains treated in a partnership?
- Reporting on franked dividends and capital gains included in a trust distribution

#### Comprehensive Case Study: Preparing the Business Return

# Cost and Registration Income Tax Basics Seminars 2017

Registration: Between 8.00am and 9.00am

**Duration:** 9.00am to 5.00pm

Cost: Includes comprehensive notes, tea and coffee on

arrival, lunch, morning and afternoon tea

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#### **Presenters**

#### Rene Chan

Rene is a Chartered Accountant with a Bachelor of Commerce degree and is currently completing a Masters of Taxation and has previously worked within private practice and at PWC.

Rene has over 10 years tax experience and is a Taxation Specialist with the NTAA. You may be familiar with Rene on the NTAA Hotline. Rene has also presented a number of NTAA seminars.

#### **Ben Kilkenny**

Before joining the NTAA, Ben worked in public practice for eight years. Ben is a Chartered Accountant with a Bachelor of Commerce and Masters of Applied Taxation, and appears regularly on Tax on the Couch.

Ben has presented a number of the Back to Basics Seminar series and contributes to the writing of many other NTAA Seminars

#### **CPD/CPE Hours**

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