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## Individual Tax Return Checklist 2012

This checklist has been prepared by Rose Guerin Chartered Accountants to assist clients to prepare for their 2012 individual tax return.

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| Income   | <b>Salary, wages, allowances, earnings, tips, director's fees, etc.</b><br>Obtain and attach PAYG payment summary statements.  |                  |
|          | <b>Employer lump sum payments</b><br>These payments are in respect of unused annual and long service leave paid out on termination of employment.<br>Attach a copy of a statement of termination from your employer.                             |                  |
|          | <b>Employment termination payments (ETP's)</b><br>Obtain and attach any ETP payment summaries and employer termination Statements  |                  |
|          | <b>Australian Government allowances and payments like Newstart, Youth Allowance and Austudy payment</b><br>Provide details of all Youth Allowance, Newstart, Sickness Allowance or Special Benefit, or other educational or training allowances. |                  |
|          | <b>Australian Government pensions and other allowances and Other Australian annuities and superannuation income streams</b><br>Attach details of taxable and rebatable components of pension eg statements.                                      |                  |
|          | <b>Australian superannuation lump sum payments</b><br>Attach any statements or documents<br>Superannuation lump sums paid from a taxed source to a person aged 60 or over are tax free. Lump sums paid to persons under 60 are still taxable.    |                  |
|          | <b>Attributed personal services income (PSI)</b><br>Attach all Payment Summaries<br><b>See Rose if you believe you may have PSI</b>  |                  |
|          | <b>Gross interest</b><br>Interest that is received or credited in a year is taxable.<br>Please include year-end bank statement, showing interest earned for the year ended 30 June 2012.   |                  |



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|                                  | <p><b>Dividends</b><br/>Unfranked, partly franked and fully franked dividends are assessable for taxation purposes. Attach all dividend statements.</p>   |                  |
|                                  | <p><b>Employee Share Schemes</b><br/>Attach all information concerning employer scheme.</p>   |                  |
| <b>Supplement Income or Loss</b> | <p><b>Partnerships and trusts</b><br/>Attach Annual Taxation Statements that detail partnership, trust or a managed investment trust income received.<br/>Note: from 1 July 2010 trustees of closely held trusts are required to withhold amounts from distributions to individual beneficiaries who have not provided their TFN. Beneficiaries who have had amounts withheld from their trust distributions can claim a credit.</p>  |                  |
|                                  | <p><b>Personal Services Income (PSI)</b><br/>If you are a sole trader and you received income of 80% or more from one client- you may be subject to PSI rules.<br/>Note: There are special rules for the tax treatment of PSI earned by sole traders including contractors and consultants. Contact Rose for more information.<br/><br/>Also Note: if you derived income from business and you are a small business entity you may be eligible to claim the entrepreneurs tax offset if your business turnover is less than \$75,000.</p> |                  |
|                                  | <p><b>Net income or loss from business</b><br/>Provide all details if you received income from any business other than PSI.</p>   |                  |
|                                  | <p><b>Capital gains</b><br/>Provide:<br/>Description of the asset, the purchase date, the purchase cost (inclusive of stamp duty, if applicable), the date and amount of any expenditure incurred, including eligible incidental costs, the sale date, and the sale proceeds amount.</p>  |                  |
|                                  | <p><b>Rent</b><br/>Provide details of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rental income earned</li> <li>• Date the property became available for rent, if the date falls within the year ended 30 June 2012</li> <li>• Interest charged on money borrowed for the rental property</li> <li>• Details of other expenses relating to the rental property</li> <li>• Details of any capital works expenditure to the rental property.</li> </ul> <p>Note to clients: Borrowing costs are claimed over the life of the loan</p>     |                  |



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|                        | <p>or five years, whichever is the lesser.</p> <p>Also, you may be able to claim a tax deduction for the construction costs of the property or structural improvements. See Rose for further information.</p>   |                     |  |                     |                        |                      |  |              |             |          |                |               |          |             |             |          |  |
|                        | <p><b>Bonuses from life insurance companies and friendly societies</b></p> <p>Provide documentation regarding bonuses received on insurance bonds issued by life insurers and friendly societies. Bonuses are tax free if cashed in after 10 years. If not, the bonuses may be taxable and a rebate can be claimed.</p>   |                     |  |                     |                        |                      |  |              |             |          |                |               |          |             |             |          |  |
|                        | <p><b>Other income</b></p> <p>Have you received any other benefit / income during the year that has not been discussed above? Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A non-qualifying component of an ETP</li> <li>• Lump sum payments in arrears</li> <li>• Foreign exchange gains</li> <li>• Royalties</li> <li>• Scholarships, bursaries, grants</li> <li>• Any assessable balancing adjustments on depreciating assets</li> <li>• Jury service fees</li> </ul>  |                     |  |                     |                        |                      |  |              |             |          |                |               |          |             |             |          |  |
| <b>Deductions</b>      | <p><b>Work related car expenses</b></p> <p><b>1. Cents per kilometre method</b></p> <p>Claim is based on a set rate for each business kilometre travelled. Rates are based on the vehicle's engine capacity. You are able to claim costs by applying the set rate up to a maximum of 5,000 business kilometres. The rates for the 2012 year are as follows:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Engine Capacity</th> <th>Cents per kilometre</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Ordinary engine</b></td> <td><b>Rotary engine</b></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Up to 1600cc</td> <td>Up to 800cc</td> <td>63 cents</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1601 to 2600cc</td> <td>801 to 1300cc</td> <td>74 cents</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over 2600cc</td> <td>Over 1300cc</td> <td>75 cents</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Engine capacity (non-rotary) Rate per kilometre</b><br/>           Up to 1600cc 63 cents<br/>           1,601 to 2,600cc 74 cents<br/>           Over 2,600cc 75 cents</p> <p><b>Engine capacity (rotary) Rate per kilometre</b><br/>           Up to 800cc 63 cents<br/>           801 to 1,300cc 74 cents<br/>           Over 1,300cc 75 cents</p> | Engine Capacity     |  | Cents per kilometre | <b>Ordinary engine</b> | <b>Rotary engine</b> |  | Up to 1600cc | Up to 800cc | 63 cents | 1601 to 2600cc | 801 to 1300cc | 74 cents | Over 2600cc | Over 1300cc | 75 cents |  |
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| Up to 1600cc           | Up to 800cc   | 63 cents            |  |                     |                        |                      |  |              |             |          |                |               |          |             |             |          |  |
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|          | <p><b>2. 12% of original value method</b><br/>Claim is based on 12% of the original value of the car. Maximum car value that can be claimed is \$57,466.<br/>You must have travelled greater than 5,000 business kilometres.</p> <p><b>3. One-third of actual expenses method</b><br/>Claim is based on one third of car expenses. Examples of car expenses include fuel, repairs, maintenance, registration, lease costs, depreciation, interest on borrowings, car washing and parking. Your car must have travelled greater than 5,000 business kilometres.</p> <p><b>4. Logbook method</b><br/>Claim is based on the business use percentage of car expenses. Ensure logbook kept for 12 consecutive weeks and business use percentage did not vary more than 10%.<br/><b>IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CLIENTS USE THE LOGBOOK METHOD!</b><br/><b>Contact Rose if you need a logbook.</b></p> |                  |
|          | <p><b>Work related travel expenses</b></p> <p><b>Domestic Travel</b><br/>To make a claim you are generally required to sleep away from home. Expenses include meals, accommodation, car hire and incidentals, such as tolls, parking and hire of third party vehicles.</p> <p><b>Overseas Travel</b><br/>You must have <b>documentary evidence</b> as well as diary. Substantiation is not required if you have received a 'reasonable allowance' from your employer for accommodation (domestic only), food, drink and incidentals if allowance within ATO limits.<br/>See Rose for further information.</p>   |                  |
|          | <p><b>Work related uniform, occupation specific or protective clothing, laundry and dry cleaning expenses</b><br/>Protective clothing and safety footwear – clothing or footwear that is specifically designed to protect, or:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compulsory uniforms – non-conventional clothing that the employee is compelled to wear or</li> <li>• Occupational-specific – clothing that identifies a person as a member of a specific profession, trade, vocation, occupation, or calling.</li> </ul> <p>Substantiation not necessary for reasonable claims up to \$300 in respect of above mentioned clothing.<br/><b>Tax tip:</b> you can only claim laundry and dry cleaning expenses in</p>  |                  |



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|                            | respect of work-related uniforms and occupation specific clothing.   |                  |
|                            | <p><b>Work related self-education expenses</b><br/>Examples include student union fees, books, stationery, consumables, travel, and depreciation.<br/><b>Tax tip:</b> the ATO pays particular attention to these items, so ensure that you have receipts/evidence of payment. Please note that your self-education expense may be reduced by \$250 in some instances. Note also that \$250 of eligible self-education expenditure is not allowable</p>   |                  |
|                            | <p><b>Other work related expenses</b><br/>Examples include union fees, seminars, overtime meals, home office, telephone, subscriptions, briefcase, calculator, electronic organisers, and assets not exceeding \$300</p>   |                  |
|                            | <p><b>Gifts or donations</b><br/>Ensure that all donations you make are to endorsed deductible gift recipients. Please provide receipts.</p>   |                  |
|                            | <p><b>Cost of managing tax affairs</b><br/><b>Note:</b> This also includes travel to my office for your tax strategy meeting.<br/>Please attach documents/receipts</p>   |                  |
|                            |  |                  |
| <b>Offsets and Rebates</b> | <p><b>Superannuation contributions on behalf of your spouse</b><br/>You can claim a rebate on superannuation contributions made on behalf of a spouse where the total spouse's assessable income and reportable fringe benefits is less than \$13,800. The maximum rebate is \$540.</p>  |                  |
|                            | <p><b>Private health insurance</b><br/>Provide details of your health fund.</p>  |                  |
|                            | <p><b>20% tax offset on net medical expenses over the threshold amount</b><br/>Taxation summaries for the year ended from your private health insurer, Medicare and your usual chemist, <b>only if</b> your family's net medical expenses (medical expenses less benefits received) exceeded \$2060 (for 2012) for the financial year. Alternatively, instead of Medicare taxation statements, you can provide us with a photocopy of your Medicare card and we will be able to download the taxation statement for you and your family directly from the Tax Agent Portal.<br/>Provide details of <b>gross medical expenses</b> (provide all medicare and</p> |                  |



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|                       | private health company receipts).<br>The 20% rebate is available if your net medical expenses (and dependents) exceeds \$1,500.<br><b>Tax tip:</b> The rebate applies to most medical and related therapeutic treatment of a taxpayer and dependents but excludes certain cosmetic surgery. Provide all dental receipts.  |                  |
|                       | <b>Entrepreneurs tax offset</b><br>25% tax offset is available you have a small business and the aggregated turnover is less than \$50,000. If the aggregated turnover exceeds \$50,000, the offset is phased out until it reaches \$75,000.<br><b>Note:</b> Changes to the Entrepreneurs Tax Offset have been introduced since 1 July 2009 to restrict the eligibility of individuals whose income is over \$70,000 for singles and \$120,000 for those with a family. |                  |
| <b>Foreign income</b> | <b>Target foreign income</b><br>Disclose if you have received income from sources outside Australia that is neither part of your taxable income nor a fringe benefit.<br><b>Note:</b> Show all foreign income in Australian dollars.  |                  |

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