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Claiming the loss carry back tax offset

When you are eligible for the loss carry back tax offset

If you are an eligible corporate entity, loss carry back gives you a refundable tax offset when you choose to carry back losses to specific earlier income years where you had income tax liabilities.

As it is a refundable tax offset, you may get a:

- cash refund
- reduced tax liability
- reduction of a debt you owe us.

If you're eligible, you can claim the tax offset in the 2021, 2022 or 2023 income years (the claim income year). For most entities you will do so by completing additional loss carry back labels in your Company tax return 2021, Company tax return 2022 or Company tax return 2023.

Claiming the tax offset is optional. If you choose not to carry back losses, you may be able to carry them forward to a future income year.

This fact sheet helps you to work out whether you are eligible to claim the loss carry back tax offset. If you are eligible, the amount of your tax offset may be affected by:

- the surplus balance in your franking account at the end of the claim income year
- the amount of tax liability in the income year that you are carrying a loss back to
- the amount of net exempt income in the income year that you are carrying a loss back to.

If you're not sure if you are eligible, seek professional advice from your tax agent.

Loss carry back tax offset tool

If you're looking to claim the loss carry back tax offset in your company tax return, the loss carry back tax offset tool can help. This tool can help prevent errors and ensure the loss carry back labels in your company tax return are completed correctly.

The tool can be used to:

- work out your eligibility to claim the tax offset
- calculate the maximum tax offset amount you can choose to claim
- display which labels you need to fill out when completing your company tax return to make your loss carry back claim.

Visit: ato.gov.au/lcbtool

Your eligibility

