

# ***TD 98/D11 - Income tax: are joining fees or annual fees paid for a 'consumer loyalty program' an allowable deduction?***

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## Draft Taxation Determination

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### **Income tax: are joining fees or annual fees paid for a 'consumer loyalty program' an allowable deduction?**

1. No, except when paid by an employer as a cost of employing a person, as there is no nexus between the expenditure and the derivation of assessable income.
2. A 'consumer loyalty program' is defined in Taxation Ruling TR 98/D9 'Income tax and fringe benefits tax: flight rewards received under frequent flyer and other similar consumer loyalty programs'.

#### **Your comments**

3. If you wish to comment on this draft Determination, please send your comments by 21 August 1998 to:

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