



TD 2006/44 - Income tax: what is the car limit for the 2006-2007 financial year?

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Taxation Determination

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Ruling

1. The car limit for the 2006-2007 financial year is \$57,009.

Example

2. *On 6 July 2006 a taxpayer purchases a motor vehicle for \$65,000 wholly for use in carrying on their business. In working out the vehicle's decline in value they may deduct for the 2006-2007 income year, the first element of cost of the vehicle is reduced to \$57,009.*

Date of effect

3. This Determination applies for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2006.

Commissioner of Taxation

5 July 2006

Appendix 1 – Explanation

❶ *This Appendix is provided as information to help you understand how the Commissioner's view has been reached. It does not form part of the binding public ruling.*

Explanation

4. The car limit is used to work out decline in value deductions of certain cars under the income tax law.¹

5. The car limit is indexed annually in line with movements in the motor vehicle purchase sub-group of the Consumer Price Index.

6. For the 2004-2005 year the index was 404.2 and for the 2005-2006 year the index was 395.4, resulting in an indexation factor of 0.978: that is, less than 1. The law requires that where the indexation factor is less than 1, the car limit is not to be indexed.² As a result, the car limit for the 2006-2007 financial year remains at \$57,009 which applied for the 2005-2006 financial year.

¹ Section 40-230 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (ITAA 1997). The 'car limit' is also used to set the luxury car threshold and is used to determine if luxury car tax is payable – see *Luxury Car Tax Determination LCTD 2006/1*.

² Subsection 960-270(2) of the ITAA 1997.

References

Previous draft:

Not previously issued as a draft

Related Rulings/Determinations:

LCTD 2006/1

Previous Rulings/Determinations:

TD 2003/18; TD 2004/27; TD 2005/30

Subject references:

- car limit
- decline in value

Legislative references:

- TAA 1953
- ITAA 1997 40-230
- ITAA 1997 960-270(2)

ATO references

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