



# ***TD 2008/17 - Income tax: what is the car limit for the 2008-2009 financial year?***

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## Taxation Determination

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### Income tax: what is the car limit for the 2008-2009 financial year?

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#### **Ruling**

1. The car limit for the 2008-2009 financial year is **\$57,180**.

#### **Example**

2. *In July 2008 a taxpayer purchases a motor vehicle for \$60,000 wholly for use in carrying on their business. In working out the vehicle's decline in value they may deduct for the 2008-2009 income year, the first element of cost of the vehicle is reduced to \$57,180.*

#### **Date of effect**

3. This Determination applies for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2008.

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**Commissioner of Taxation**

30 June 2008

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## Appendix 1 – Explanation

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**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.<sup>1</sup>

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 2006-2007 year the index was 396.3 and for the 2007-2008 year the index was 396.7, resulting in an indexation factor of 1.001 rounded to 3 decimal places. As a result the car limit for the 2008-2009 financial year increases to \$57,180.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 40-230 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 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 2008/1*.

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## References

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*Previous draft:*

Not previously issued as a draft

*Related Rulings/Determinations:*

LCTD 2008/1

*Previous Rulings/Determinations:*

TD 2003/18; TD 2004/27;  
TD 2005/30; TD 2006/44; TD 2007/22

*Subject references:*

- car limit
- decline in value
- luxury car depreciation limit
- motor vehicle depreciation
- motor vehicle depreciation limit

*Legislative references:*

- ITAA 1997 40-230
  - TAA 1953
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## ATO references

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