


***TD 96/25 - Fringe benefits tax: for the purposes of Division 7 of the Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act 1986 (FBTAA), what amount represents a reasonable food component of a living-away-from-home allowance for expatriate employees for the fringe benefits tax year commencing 1 April 1996?***

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## Taxation Determination

**Fringe benefits tax: for the purposes of Division 7 of the *Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act 1986* (FBTAA), what amount represents a reasonable food component of a living-away-from-home allowance for expatriate employees for the fringe benefits tax year commencing 1 April 1996?**

1. The reasonable food component for the fringe benefits tax year commencing 1 April 1996, as shown below, is the result of indexation to reflect movements in the food sub-group of the Consumer Price Index:

|                                    | <b>per week</b> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| One adult                          | \$130           |
| Two adults                         | \$209           |
| Three adults                       | \$235           |
| Two adults and one or two children | \$235           |
| Two adults and three children      | \$274           |
| Three adults and one child         | \$274           |
| Three adults and two children      | \$313           |
| Four adults                        | \$313           |

('Adults' for this purpose are persons aged 12 years or more).

2. In relation to larger family groupings, we accept a food component based on the above figures plus \$78 for each additional adult and \$39 for each additional child.

3. This Determination is intended to be read in conjunction with Taxation Ruling MT 2040. MT 2040 sets out the amounts that represent a reasonable food component of living-away-from-home allowances received by expatriate employees during their term of employment in Australia for the FBT years ended 31 March 1987 and 1988. Indexed amounts for subsequent years are provided in MT 2043, MT 2045, MT 2047, MT 2051, TD 93/41, TD 94/23 and TD 95/55.

*Example:*

*Bill and his wife and four children are temporarily living in Australia while Bill is working on a project for his employer (an overseas company). Bill is in receipt of a living-away-from-home allowance. The amount that is considered to be a reasonable food component of the allowance for the year commencing 1 April 1996 is \$313 per week (i.e., \$274 plus \$39).*

**Commissioner of Taxation**

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