



# myTax 2018 Foreign employment income – on a payment summary

How to report foreign income, from an income statement when you lodge your return using myTax.

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Do not show at this section

Completing this section

Foreign employment income is income you earned working overseas as an employee, such as salary, wages, commissions, bonuses or allowances.

If you are an Australian Government agency employee (and not a member of a disciplined force), you now pay tax on income earned from delivering Australian official development assistance (ODA). Include your income here.

Members of a disciplined force delivering ODA are still eligible for exemption. For more information, see [Exempt foreign employment income](#).

Include income shown on a *PAYG payment summary - foreign employment* from any of the following:

- [salary or wages](#)
- [employer lump sum A payments](#)
- [lump sum D payments](#)
- [lump sum E payments in arrears](#).

If your payment summary also shows any of the following, include those details here:

- reportable fringe benefits amount (for more information, see **Total reportable fringe benefit amounts**)
- reportable employer superannuation contributions (for more information see **Reportable employer superannuation contributions**)
- workplace giving (for more information, see **Gifts or donations**)
- union or professional association fees (for more information, see **Other work-related expenses**).

## Do not show at this section

If you:

- received payments on termination of your employment in a foreign country, show these at **Employment termination payments** in the **Payment summaries** section.
- received employee share scheme interests at a discount and that relate to your foreign employment, show these at **Employee share schemes** in the **Other income** section. The amount of any foreign income tax offset may include amounts of foreign tax paid in respect of employee share scheme discounts.
- received a *PAYG payment summary - individual non business*, show these amounts at **Salary, wages, allowances, tips, bonuses etc** in the **Payment summaries** section.

If you can't see these sections, use the **Personalise return** screen to select those sections that apply to you. For further help with personalising your return, see [How to personalise your return](#).

## Completing this section

You will need your *PAYG payment summary – foreign employment* or a comparable statement such as a letter or signed statement from each employer or payer.

If you do not have all your payment summaries or comparable statements, contact your employer or payer for a copy or comparable statement. If you are unsuccessful in obtaining any of these, see [Lost or missing PAYG withholding payment summary](#).

If you received income for work or services performed in the Joint Petroleum Development Area (JPDA), you may need to read **Joint Petroleum Development Area instructions** to work out how to deal with your JPDA income at this section.

We have pre-filled your tax return with payment summary information provided to us. Check for foreign employment income on a payment summary you received that is not pre-filled and ensure you add it.

1. Enter the **Occupation where you earned most income**.  
If you cannot find your specific occupation, choose the most appropriate one that applies to you.
2. For each payment summary that has not been pre-filled in your tax return, select **Add** and enter information into the corresponding fields.  
If you do not know the Payer's Australian business number (ABN) leave this field blank
3. For each payment summary that has a **Foreign employment income type** of **Joint Petroleum Development Area (JPDA)**, select your **Residency status**.  
If you select **D - Changed residence during the year**, enter the required additional information (**Date from**, **Date to** and the **Country** you were a resident of). For each different residency period during the year select **Add** and provide additional details.
4. For each payment summary that has a **Lump sum A** greater than '0', select the **Lump sum A type**.
5. For each payment summary that has a **Lump sum E** greater than '0', enter the required additional information (year and amount earned) and select **Save**. If the payment relates to more than one year, select **Add** and provide the additional details.
6. For each payment summary that has a **Foreign employment income type** of:
  - **Foreign employment**, or
  - **Joint Petroleum Development Area (JPDA)** and you indicate that you were an Australian resident for the whole or part of 2017–18

enter the **Net foreign employment income**.

Your net foreign employment income is the total of your **Gross**

**payments** and **Lump sum A** and **Lump sum E** less your deductible work related expenses you incurred in earning your foreign income.

If your **Foreign employment income type** is **Joint Petroleum Development Area (JPDA)**, see Joint Petroleum Development Area instructions for more information.

7. For each payment summary that has a **Foreign employment income type** of **Joint Petroleum Development Area (JPDA)** where you indicate that you were not a resident of Australia or Timor-Leste at any stage of 2017–18, enter the **Other non-refundable tax offset**. For more information on how to work out your **Other non-refundable tax offset**, see Joint Petroleum Development Area instructions.

8. Select **Save**.

9. Select **Save and continue**.

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## Salary or wages

Refer this list on what is considered as income from salary or wages.

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Income from salary or wages includes:

- salary and wages
- commissions
- bonuses
- income from part-time or casual work
- parental leave pay
- dad-and-partner pay
- amounts for lost salary or wages paid under
  - an income protection policy

- a sickness or accident insurance policy
- a workers compensation scheme
- foreign employment. If you are an Australian Government agency employee (and not a member of a disciplined force), include here income earned from delivering Australian official development assistance. For more information, see **Exempt foreign employment income**.

If you received income for work or services performed in the Joint Petroleum Development Area (JPDA), you should have a *PAYG payment summary – foreign employment*. You may need to read the Joint Petroleum Development Area instructions to work out how to deal with your JPDA income at this section.

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## Lump sum payments

Details of the various lump sum payments.

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Lump sum E payments in arrears

### Employer lump sum A

These are any lump sum payments you received from your employer for unused annual leave or unused long service leave.

### Lump sum D payments

These are the tax-free components of a genuine redundancy payment or an early retirement. This tax-free income will not be included in your taxable income.

## Lump sum E payments in arrears

These payments relate to an earlier income year or years and should normally be shown at 'E' on your *PAYG payment summary - foreign employment*.

Include at this section any lump sum payments you received in relation to the following:

- back payments of salary or wages that accrued in a period more than 12 months before the date of payment
- salary or wages that accrued during a period of suspension and were paid to you on resuming duty
- back payments of non-superannuation annuities that accrued, in whole or in part, in an earlier year or years of income
- back payments of repatriation and social welfare pensions, allowances or payments, including those paid by foreign governments
- back payments of periodical workers and accident compensation payments but not payments made to the owner of the policy
- back payments of Commonwealth education or training payments.

You may get a tax offset if you received certain lump sum payments in 2017–18. We will calculate the tax offset for you based on the information you provide in your tax return.

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