



myTax 2017 Spouse details

How to complete the spouse details section of your return using myTax.

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We have pre-filled your tax return with spouse details from your 2015–16 tax return (if you had a spouse on 30 June 2016). Check spouse details and update, if necessary.

You must complete this section if you had a spouse during 2016–17.

For more information, see [Spouse details - married or de facto](#).

Completing this section

You will need details of your spouse's income. These can be obtained from:

- your spouse
- your spouse's tax return, if your spouse needed to complete it
- your spouse's *PAYG payment summary – individual non-business*
- if your spouse had child support obligations, the details of the amount of child support they paid (your spouse can get this information from the Department of Human Services).

Including your spouse's income is important as it is used to work out whether:

- you are entitled to a rebate for your private health insurance
- you are entitled to the seniors and pensioners tax offset
- you are entitled to a Medicare levy reduction
- you must pay Medicare levy surcharge.

Seek the information required at this item from your spouse, whether they need to lodge or not. If you cannot find out any of the amounts required, you can make a reasonable estimate.

You will not be penalised for an incorrect estimate if you acted reasonably and in good faith.

If you had more than one spouse during 2016–17, complete this section with the details for your last spouse in 2016–17.

1. Enter your spouse's personal details into the corresponding fields.
2. Enter your spouse's income details into the corresponding fields. If the amount is zero, enter **0**. If you were unable to obtain the information about your spouse's income, provide the best estimate possible.

For **Your spouse's reportable superannuation contributions**, this is the sum of amounts shown on their tax return at **Reportable employer superannuation contributions** (in the **Income tests** section) and **Personal super contributions** (in the **Deductions** section).

For **Your spouse's net losses from financial investments and rental property**, this is the sum of amounts shown on their tax return at **Net financial investment loss** and **Net rental property loss**, in the **Income tests** section.

3. Select **Save and continue**.

Spouse's exempt pension income



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Other specified exempt payments your spouse received



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At **Your spouse's exempt pension income** enter the amount of any of the following exempt pension income that your spouse received in 2016–17.

- disability support pension paid under Part 2.3 of the *Social Security Act 1991*
- wife pension paid under Part 2.4 of the *Social Security Act 1991*
- carer payment paid under Part 2.5 of the *Social Security Act 1991*
- invalidity service pension paid under Division 4 of Part III of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*; and
- partner service pension paid under Division 5 of Part III of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

Make sure you include only your spouse's exempt pension income.

Do **not** include at this field any of the exempt payments listed at **Other specified exempt payments your spouse received**.

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Other specified exempt payments your spouse received

What to enter in the Other specified exempt payments your spouse received field.

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At **Other specified exempt payments your spouse received** enter the amount of the following tax-free government pensions your spouse

received for the income year:

- a special rate disability pension paid under Part 6 of Chapter 4 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*
- a payment of compensation made under section 68, 71 or 75 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*
- a payment of the weekly amount mentioned in paragraph 234(1)(b) of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*
- a pension for defence, peacekeeping or war-caused death or incapacity or any other pension granted under Part II or Part IV of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*
- income support supplement paid under Part IIIA of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*
- Defence Force income support allowance paid under Part VIIAB of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

Do **not** include these amounts at **Your spouse's exempt pension income**.

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