



## Tax rates if you're under 18 years old

Tax payable on income you receive, if you're under 18 years old and not an excepted person with excepted income.

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## How tax applies if you're under 18 years old

Special rules apply and you pay tax on certain income types at a higher rate on income you receive if you're under 18 years old. This rule was introduced to discourage adults from diverting income to their children.

If you aren't an [excepted person](#) or receiving [excepted income](#), you pay tax on that income as below depending on your residency.

You pay the same [individual income tax rates](#) as an adult if you're an excepted person or on excepted income.

## If you are a resident

**Table 1: Tax rates for residents who are under 18 for 2025–26**

Income for the year	Tax rates
\$0 – \$416	Nil

\$417 – \$1,307	Nil plus 66% of the excess over \$416 (see <a href="#">Note</a> )
Over \$1,307	45% of the total amount of the income that is not excepted income

**Table 2: Tax rates for residents who are under 18 for 2020–21 to 2024–25**

Income for the year	Tax rates
\$0 – \$416	Nil
\$417 – \$1,307	Nil plus 66% of the excess over \$416 (see <a href="#">Note</a> )
Over \$1,307	45% of the total amount of the income that is not excepted income

**Note:** This rate, or if it is greater, the rate payable on eligible taxable income if it were the top slice of total taxable income and the general rates applied.

## If you are a non-resident

**Table 3: Tax rates for non-residents who are under 18 for 2025–26**

Income for the year	Tax rates
\$0 – \$416	30% of the entire amount
\$417 – \$713	\$124.80 plus 66% of the excess over \$416 (see <a href="#">Note 1</a> )
Over \$713	45% of the entire amount

**Table 4: Tax rates for non-residents who are under 18 for 2024–25**

Income for the year	Tax rates
\$0 – \$416	30% of the entire amount
\$417 – \$713	\$124.80 plus 66% of the excess over \$416 (see <a href="#">Note 1</a> )
Over \$713	45% of the entire amount

**Table 5: Tax rates for non-residents who are under 18 for 2020–21 to 2023–24**

Income for the year	Tax rates
\$0 – \$416	32.5% of the entire amount
\$417 – \$663	\$135.20 plus 66% of the excess over \$416 (see <a href="#">Note 1</a> )
Over \$663	45% of the entire amount

**Note 1:** This rate, or if it is greater, the rate payable on eligible taxable income if it were the top slice of total taxable income and the general rates applied.

## How income is taxed if you are under 18

**Table 5: How income of a person under 18 years old is taxed**

If you...	Then...
Are an excepted person	your net income is taxed at the same individual income tax rates as an adult

Only have excepted income, such as part-time employment income	your excepted net income is taxed at the same individual income tax rates as an adult
Have some excepted income (such as part-time employment income) and some other income (such as a family trust distribution)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• your excepted net income is taxed at the same individual income tax rates as an adult</li> <li>• your other income (after taking away deductions claimed for that income) will be taxed at higher rates</li> </ul>
Only have other income (such as a family trust distribution)	your other income (after taking away deductions claimed for that income) will be taxed at higher rates

To check the individual tax rates of an adult, see:

- [Tax rates – Australian resident](#)
- [Tax rates – foreign resident](#)

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