

LCTD 2017/1 - Luxury car tax: what is the luxury car tax threshold and the fuel-efficient car limit for 2017-18 financial year?



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Luxury Car Tax Determination

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Preamble

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Ruling

1. The luxury car tax (LCT) threshold and the fuel-efficient car limit are determined in accordance with Division 25 of the *A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax) Act 1999* (LCT Act).
2. The luxury car tax threshold for the 2017-18 financial year is \$65,094.
3. The fuel-efficient car limit for the 2017-18 financial year is \$75,526.

Luxury car tax threshold

4. The LCT threshold is indexed annually according to a factor to be determined by Parliament or, if such a factor is not determined by Parliament, indexed annually in accordance with movements in the All Groups Consumer Price Index (All Groups CPI).¹
5. Parliament has not determined an indexation factor, so for the 2017-18 financial year the LCT threshold will be indexed in accordance with movements in the All Groups CPI unless the indexation factor is 1 or less.²
6. The indexation factor for the 2017-18 financial year is the sum of the index numbers for 2016-17, divided by the sum of the index numbers for 2015-16. Therefore, the

¹ Refer subsection 25-1(3A) of the LCT Act. This limit is indexed annually in accordance with the CPI indexation method provided by Subdivision 960-M of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (ITAA 1997).

² Subsection 960-270(2) of the ITAA 1997.

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All Group CPI indexation factor (rounded to three decimal places) for the 2017-18 financial year³ is:

$$(438.5 / 432.1) = 1.015$$

7. The All Group CPI indexation factor for 2017-18 financial year is greater than 1 and therefore the luxury car tax threshold will be indexed.

8. The luxury car tax threshold for the 2017-18 financial year is:

$$\$64,132 \times 1.015 = \$65,094$$

Fuel-efficient car limit

9. The fuel-efficient car limit is indexed annually in line with movements in the motor vehicle purchase sub-group of the CPI,⁴ unless the indexation factor is 1 or less.⁵

10. The indexation factor for the 2017-18 financial year is the sum of the index numbers for 2016-17, divided by the sum of the index numbers for 2015-16. Therefore, the motor vehicle CPI indexation factor (rounded to three decimal places) for the 2017-18 financial year⁶ is:

$$(376.7 / 382.7) = 0.984$$

11. As the motor vehicle CPI indexation factor for the 2017-18 financial year is less than 1 the fuel-efficient car limit will not be indexed.

12. The fuel-efficient car limit for the 2017-18 financial year remains at \$75,526.

Date of effect

13. The Determination applies to the financial year commencing 1 July 2017.

Commissioner of Taxation

31 May 2017

³ Motor vehicle purchase sub-group of the CPI (sourced from ABS Catalogue 6401.0 – Consumer Price Index, Australia, April 2017, Table 09)

⁴ Refer subsection 25-1(5) of the LCT Act. This limit is indexed annually in accordance with the CPI indexation method provided by Subdivision 960-M of the ITAA 1997.

⁵ Subsection 960-270(2) of the ITAA 1997.

⁶ Motor vehicle purchase sub-group of the CPI (sourced from ABS Catalogue 6401.0 – Consumer Price Index, Australia, April 2017, Table 09).

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