

# ***TD 2004/18 - Income tax: what are the thresholds and limits for superannuation amounts in 2004-2005?***

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## Taxation Determination

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#### **Preamble**

*The number, subject heading, date of effect and paragraphs 1 to paragraphs 7 of this document are a 'public ruling' for the purposes of Part IVAAA of the **Taxation Administration Act 1953** and are legally binding on the Commissioner.*

1. In accordance with the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (ITAA 1936), there are a number of thresholds and limits that require indexation each year by movements in full-time adult average weekly ordinary time earnings (AWOTE).
2. The AWOTE amount is an estimate by the Australian Statistician of the full-time adult average weekly ordinary time earnings for persons in Australia. The estimate for February 2004 was \$947.80 and the estimate for February 2003 was \$900.40. This produces an indexation factor of 1.053.
3. This factor is applied against the 2003-2004 thresholds and limits. The new thresholds and limits that apply from 1 July 2004 are set out in the following paragraphs.
4. For the purposes of subsection 27A(20) of the ITAA 1936, the **tax free amounts** of a bona fide redundancy payment or of an approved early retirement scheme payment are:
  - **\$6,194** (formerly \$5,882); and
  - **\$3,097** (formerly \$2,941).
5. For the purposes of subsections 82AAC(2B) and 82AAT(2B) of the ITAA 1936, the **age based deduction limits** for superannuation contributions by employers and eligible persons are:
  - **\$13,934** (formerly \$13,233);
  - **\$38,702** (formerly \$36,754); and
  - **\$95,980** (formerly \$91,149).
6. For the purposes of subsection 140ZD(3) of the ITAA 1936, the **RBL limits** are:
  - Lump Sum RBL **\$619,223** (formerly \$588,056); and
  - Pension RBL **\$1,238,440** (formerly \$1,176,106).

7. The **upper limit for determining the residual amount** for the purposes of section 159SG of the ITAA 1936, that is the threshold on the post-June 1983 component of an eligible termination payment is:

- **\$123,808** (formerly \$117,576).

### **Date of effect**

8. This Determination applies to the 2004-2005 income year.

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*Related Rulings/Determinations:*

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*Previous Rulings/Determinations:*

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*Subject references:*

- age based deduction limits
- approved early retirement scheme
- bona fide redundancy
- elective deduction limit
- lump sum reasonable benefit limit
- pension reasonable benefit limit

*Legislative references:*

- TAA 1953 Pt IVAAA
- ITAA 1936 27A(20)
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