



TD 92/181 - Income tax: do mutual receipts form part of 'exempt income' in the context of general domestic current year losses and undeducted prior year losses?

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Taxation Determination

Income tax: do mutual receipts form part of 'exempt income' in the context of general domestic current year losses and undeducted prior year losses?

1. No.
2. Subsection 6(1) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* defines 'exempt income' as income which is exempt from income tax and includes income which is not assessable income.
3. The principle of mutuality recognises that one cannot make a profit out of oneself and that income can only be derived from sources outside of oneself. A mutual receipt cannot be treated as income.

Example:

Taxpayer X has allowable business deductions in a current year of income of \$50,000, business receipts of \$45,000, net mutual receipts of \$5,000 and net exempt income of \$2,000. The loss to be carried forward in terms of subsection 79E(1) is \$3,000, calculated as follows:

<i>Business Receipts</i>	<i>\$ 45,000</i>
<i>Net Exempt Income</i>	<i><u>2,000</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>47,000</i>
<i>Less: business deductions</i>	<i><u>50,000</u></i>
<i>Carried Forward Loss</i>	<i><u><u>\$ 3,000</u></u></i>

Note: Net mutual receipts of \$5,000 are ignored.

Commissioner of Taxation
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