



TD 93/177 - Income tax: motor vehicle substantiation: does the 5000 kilometre limit in section 82KX of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 relate to the distance travelled by the car or by the taxpayer?

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Taxation Determination

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1. It is the distance travelled by the taxpayer's (owner or lessee) car in producing the taxpayer's assessable income that is relevant to the deduction being claimed. Where two or more taxpayers own or lease a car, and each uses that car separately for income producing purposes, each is entitled to claim a deduction using the set rate per kilometre method up to 5000 kilometres. On the other hand, where two or more taxpayers own or lease a car, and the car is used jointly (one drives and one is a passenger) for income producing purposes, each is entitled to claim a deduction using the set rate per kilometre method such that the total deduction claimed by all does not exceed the set rate multiplied by 5000.

Example 1

Brett and Jane own a car and contribute to the running costs of it in line with their business usage. Brett is a real estate salesman and uses the car during the day for work. Jane uses the car in the evenings to sell beauty products. As each uses the car separately for income producing purposes, each taxpayer is entitled to claim a deduction using the set rate per kilometre method up to 5000 kilometres provided their individual use does not exceed 5000km.

Example 2

Jack and Jill lease a car. They contribute to the running costs of it in line with their business usage. Both sell encyclopedias. They travel together in the car to a central point where they separate and make their house-calls individually. Where the car travels no more than 5000 kilometres for income producing purposes, each may claim a deduction using the set rate per kilometre method based on 50 percent of the distance travelled.

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