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Taxation Determination

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1. Payments derived by pharmaceutical companies under the Factor (f) program are assessable under either subsection 25(1) or paragraph 26(g) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*. For the reasons set out in Taxation Ruling IT 2669, recipients of Factor (f) payments should account for them by the method that is most appropriate to their business operations. However, subject to section 19, they would generally be regarded as being derived when received by the taxpayer. It is at this time that the recipient has to account for the payments for tax purposes.
2. Prices for pharmaceutical products listed under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme are negotiated by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority and pharmaceutical companies. One of the eight factors to be considered when negotiating prices is the level of Australian activity pricing guideline known as Factor (f) which allows for higher notional prices to be paid to a company in return for approved programs of development and a significant commitment to local production, research and development.

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