



# ***LCTD 2011/1 - Luxury car tax: what is the luxury car tax threshold and the fuel-efficient car limit for the 2011-12 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 threshold for the 2011-12 financial year is \$57,466 which is equal to the car limit and is used to determine if luxury car tax is payable.<sup>1</sup> The fuel-efficient car limit for the 2011-12 financial year is \$75,375.
2. The car limit for the 2010-11 financial year was \$57,466. This limit is indexed annually in line with movements in the motor vehicle purchase sub-group of the Consumer Price Index, unless the indexation factor is 1 or less.<sup>2</sup>
3. For the 2009-10 financial year this index was 390 and for the 2010-11 year the index was 385.6 resulting in an indexation factor of 0.989. As the indexation factor is less than 1, the car limit for 2011-12 is not to be indexed. Therefore, the car limit for the 2011-12 financial year is \$57,466.
4. The fuel-efficient car limit for the 2010-11 year was \$75,375. This limit is also indexed annually in line with movements in the motor vehicle purchase sub-group of the Consumer Price Index.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Subsection 25-1(3) of the *A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax) Act 1999*. The car limit is also used to calculate depreciation deductions under the income tax law – see Taxation Determination TD 2011/18

<sup>2</sup> Subsection 960-270(2) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

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5. As outlined in paragraph 3 of this Determination, as the indexation factor is less than 1, the fuel-efficient car limit is not to be indexed. The fuel-efficient car limit for the 2011-12 financial year is therefore \$75,375.

## **Example 1**

6. On 2 July 2011 a dealer supplies a car with a GST inclusive value of \$66,000.

7. As the GST inclusive value exceeds the luxury car tax threshold of \$57,466, luxury car tax may be payable.<sup>4</sup>

## **Example 2**

8. On 3 July 2011 a dealer supplies a fuel efficient vehicle with a GST inclusive value of \$77,000.

9. As the GST inclusive value exceeds the fuel-efficient car limit of \$75,375, luxury car tax may be payable.<sup>5</sup>

## **Date of effect**

10. This Determination applies to the financial year commencing 1 July 2011.

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## **Commissioner of Taxation**

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<sup>3</sup> Subsection 25-1(5) of *A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax) Act 1999*.

<sup>4</sup> Luxury car tax is not payable in certain circumstances, even when the GST inclusive value exceeds the luxury car tax threshold. This includes when a GST registered recipient quotes their ABN in the prescribed format at or before the time of the purchase or importation of the luxury car (because the recipient intends to hold the car for trading stock other than holding it for hire or lease, or carry out research and development for the manufacturer of the car, or export the car where the export is GST-free under GST law), the car is more than two years old, or the car is exported GST-free.

<sup>5</sup> Luxury car tax is not payable in certain circumstances, even when the GST inclusive value exceeds the fuel efficient car limit. This includes when a GST registered recipient quotes their ABN in the prescribed format at or before the time of the purchase or importation of the luxury car (because the recipient intends to hold the car for trading stock other than holding it for hire or lease, or carry out research and development for the manufacturer of the car, or export the car where the export is GST free under GST law), the car is more than two years old, or the car is exported GST-free.

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