



TD 2008/4 - Fringe benefits tax: what are the rates to be applied on a cents per kilometre basis for calculating the taxable value of a fringe benefit arising from the private use of a motor vehicle other than a car for the fringe benefits tax year commencing on 1 April 2008?

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Taxation Determination

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Ruling

1. The rates to be applied where the cents per kilometre basis is used for the fringe benefits tax (FBT) year commencing on 1 April 2008 are:

| Engine capacity | Rate per kilometre |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| 0 – 2500cc | 42 cents |
| Over 2500cc | 51 cents |
| Motor cycles | 13 cents |

Date of effect

2. This Determination applies to the FBT year commencing on 1 April 2008.

Appendix 1 – Explanation

❶ *This Appendix is provided as information to help you understand how the Commissioner's view has been reached. It does not form part of the binding public ruling.*

Explanation

3. An employee's right to use a car for private purposes constitutes a car fringe benefit under the *Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act 1986* (FBTAA). Where an employee is entitled to use a motor vehicle **other than a car**, this gives rise to a residual benefit under that Act.

4. Taxation Ruling MT 2034 outlines a number of acceptable methods that may be used to value the benefit of the right to use an employer's motor vehicle **other than a car**. One method of valuing the benefit is to multiply the number of private kilometres travelled by employees in a vehicle during a year by a cents per kilometre rate. The effect of paragraphs 15 and 16 of MT 2034 is that this method can only be used where there is extensive business use of the vehicle.

5. The cents per kilometre rates set out in this Determination are those that applied for the year commencing on 1 April 2007, reviewed to reflect the movement in the Consumer Price Index. (The rates that applied for the year commencing on 1 April 2007 are set out in Taxation Determination TD 2007/8 Fringe benefits tax: what are the rates to be applied on a cents per kilometre basis for calculating the taxable value of a fringe benefit arising from the private use of a motor vehicle other than a car for the fringe benefits tax year commencing on 1 April 2007?).

References

Previous draft:

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Related Rulings/Determinations:

TD 2007/8; MT 2034

Previous Rulings/Determinations:

TD 93/59; TD 94/22; TD 95/19; TD 96/26;
TD 97/16; TD 98/10; TD 1999/5;
TD 2000/20; TD 2001/8; TD 2002/6;
TD 2003/6; TD 2004/9; TD 2005/9;
TD 2006/13; TD 2007/8

Subject references:

- FBT motor vehicle
- FBT motor vehicle definition
- FBT taxable value
- fringe benefits tax
- private use of motor vehicles other than cars
- residual

Legislative references:

- TAA 1953
- FBTAA 1986

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