


***TD 2015/13 - Income tax: capital gains: what is the improvement threshold for the 2015-16 income year under section 108-85 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997?***

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# Taxation Determination

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## Ruling

1. For the 2015-16 income year, the improvement threshold is \$143,392.

## Date of effect

2. This Taxation Determination applies for the 2015-16 income year.

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**Commissioner of Taxation**

1 July 2015

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## Appendix 1 – Explanation

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**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.*

3. For the 2015-16 income year, the improvement threshold is \$143,392.
4. The improvement threshold is determined for the purposes of section 108-70 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (ITAA 1997) (about when a capital improvement to a pre-CGT asset is a separate asset). It is also determined for the purposes of section 108-75 of the ITAA 1997 (about capital improvements to CGT assets for which a rollover may be available).
5. The improvement threshold is indexed annually – see subsection 108-85(2) of the ITAA 1997.
6. Subdivision 960-M of the ITAA 1997 (about indexation) provides guidance on how to index the improvement threshold amount and how to calculate the indexation factor – see sections 960-270 and 960-275 of the ITAA 1997.
7. This Taxation Determination must be published before the start of the 2015-16 financial year as required by subsection 108-85(3) of the ITAA 1997.

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## References

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*Previous draft:*

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- indexation
- improvement threshold
- separate CGT asset

*Related Rulings/Determinations:*

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- ITAA 1997 108-85
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