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Taxation Determination

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1. An Australian resident who receives a New Zealand superannuation pension should include the total amount received as assessable income under subsection 25(1) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (ITAA). This amount should be included regardless of whether the pension is paid before or after 1 April 1990.
2. Under Article 13 of Schedule 4 of the *Income Tax (International Agreements) Act 1953*, the pension is taxable in Australia. The fact that a New Zealand superannuation fund is liable to tax in New Zealand on its income does not affect the application of Article 13.
3. The amount of pension received is not grossed-up to take into account the tax paid by the New Zealand superannuation fund on its income. This is because subsection 6AC(1) of the ITAA does not apply, as an Australian resident who receives a New Zealand superannuation pension is not required to pay any foreign tax in relation to the pension. An Australian recipient of a pension paid by a New Zealand superannuation fund is not deemed by subsection 6AB(3) of the ITAA to have been personally liable for, and to have paid, the tax paid by the superannuation fund.
4. Furthermore, the Australian recipient is not entitled under section 160AF of the ITAA to a foreign tax credit for tax paid by the New Zealand superannuation fund.

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