# TR 92/12A - Addendum - Income tax: notional averaging of net capital gains or of abnormal income to calculate the rate of tax payable on taxable income 

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This Addendum forms part of the Ruling and, to the extent that it is capable of being a 'public ruling' in terms of Part IVAAA of the Taxation Administration Act 1953, it is a public ruling for the purposes of that Part. Taxation Ruling TR 92/1 explains when a Ruling is a public ruling and how it is binding on the Commissioner.

Taxation Ruling TR 92/12 is amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 7

Omit 'more than $\$ 416$ of '.

## 2. Paragraph 11

Omit from the definition of Eligible taxable income 'It is taxed at the top marginal rate of tax (currently 47\%).'; substitute:
'If the amount of ETI does not exceed $\$ 416$, it is treated as ordinary taxable income and would be liable to be taxed at ordinary rates.

If the amount of ETI exceeds $\$ 416$, but does not exceed $\$ 1,445$, it is taxed in accordance with subsection 13(1) of the ITRA as modified by subsection 13(2).

If the amount of the ETI exceeds $\$ 1,445$, then the top marginal rate (currently 47\%) will apply.'

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## 3. Paragraph 19

(a) after Example 4 insert:
'Example 4A (variation of Example 4)
The same facts as in Example 4 except that Frank's net capital gain is $\$ 1,000$ instead of $\$ 20,000$ resulting in a taxable income of $\$ 9,000$ consisting of:

Wages \$8,000
Eligible taxable income $\quad \$ 1,000$
The rate of tax Frank will pay on his taxable income under subsection 13(1) as modified by subsection 13(2) and Part I of Schedule 11 of the ITRA is calculated as follows:

## Step 1

Frank's SIC is the amount of his net capital gain, i.e., \$1,000

## Step 2

Frank's RTI is his taxable income minus SIC, i.e., $\$ 9,000-\$ 1,000=\$ 8,000$

## Step 3

Component A is the amount of tax Frank would pay on his RTI $(\$ 8,000)$. Because this is employment income it is taxed at ordinary rates. Therefore, Component $\mathbf{A}$ is $\$ 520$.

## Step 4

Frank will work out Component B like this:
(a) tax payable on $(\$ 8,000+$ zero $)$ at ordinary rates is $\$ 520$
(b) tax payable on RTI at ordinary rates is \$520
(c) Component B=5x(\$520-\$520), i.e., zero.

## Step 5

As the ETI of $\$ 1,000$ exceeds $\$ 416$ but does not exceed $\$ 1,445$, subsection 13(2) of the ITRA must be applied to calculate Component C. The amount of tax payable on the ETI must not exceed the

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greater of two calculations required under paragraphs $13(2)(a)$ and $13(2)(b)$ of the ITRA.
(i) paragraph 13(2)(a) calculation:

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(\text { ETI }-\$ 416) \times 0.66=(\$ 1,000-\$ 416) \mathrm{x}
$$

$$
0.66=\$ 584 \times 0.66=\$ 385.44
$$

(ii) paragraph 13(2)(b) calculation:
tax on the taxable income of $\$ 9,000$ at ordinary rates ( $\$ 720$ ) minus tax on the taxable income reduced by the ETI ( $\$ 9,000-\$ 1,000=\$ 8,000$ ), at ordinary rates $(\$ 520),=\$ 200$.

It follows that Component $\mathbf{C}$ as calculated under subsection 13(2) will be $\$ 385.44$.

## Step 6

The rate of tax Frank will pay on each dollar of his taxable income is:

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\frac{\$ 520+\text { zero }+\$ 385.44}{\$ 9,000}=10.06044 \text { cents' }
$$

(b) after Example 5 insert:

## 'Example 5A (variation of Example 5)

The same facts as in Example 5 except that Frances' net capital gain is $\$ 1,000$ instead of $\$ 2,000$.

## Step 1

Frances' SIC is the amount of her net capital gain, i.e., $\$ 1,000$.

## Step 2

Frances' RTI is her taxable income minus SIC, i.e., zero.

## Step 3

Component A is the amount of tax a minor would pay on Frances' RTI. Because Frances' RTI is zero, Component $\mathbf{A}$ is also zero.

## Step 4

Frances will work out Component B like this:
(a) tax payable on RTI (zero) $+20 \%$ of SIC which is not eligible taxable income (zero) is zero
(b) tax payable on RTI at ordinary rates is zero
(c) Component B $=5 \times$ (zero - zero), i.e., zero.

## Step 5

As the ETI of $\$ 1,000$ exceeds $\$ 416$ but does not exceed $\$ 1,445$, subsection 13(2) of the ITRA must be applied to calculate Component C. The amount of tax payable on the ETI must not exceed the greater of two calculations required under paragraphs $13(2)(a)$ and $13(2)(b)$ of the ITRA.
(i) paragraph 13(2)(a) calculation:
$($ ETI $-\$ 416) \times 0.66=(\$ 1,000-\$ 416) \mathrm{x}$
$0.66=\$ 584 \times 0.66=\$ 385.44$
(ii) paragraph 13(2)(b) calculation:
tax on taxable income of \$1,000 at ordinary rates (i.e., zero) minus tax on taxable income reduced by ETI ( $\$ 1,000$ minus $\$ 1,000$ ) at ordinary rates (i.e., also zero). The difference is therefore zero.

In accordance with subsection 13(2) the tax on the ETI is therefore \$385.44.

## Step 6

The rate of tax Frances will pay on each dollar of her taxable income is:

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\frac{\text { zero }+ \text { zero }+\$ 385.44}{\$ 1,000}=38.544 \text { cents' }^{\prime}
$$

4. Attachment B
(a) at Step 3 after 'Calculate Component A' insert '(subject to the note at the end of this Attachment)'.
(b) at Step 4 (a)(ii) omit '(explained in paragraph 18)'; substitute '(explained in paragraph 11)'.
(c) at Step 5
(i) after 'Calculate Component $\mathbf{C}$ ' insert '(subject to the note at the end of this Attachment)';
(ii) omit '(explained in paragraph 18)'; substitute '(explained in paragraph 11)'.
(d) at the end, insert:
'NOTE: The rate of $47 \%$ as specified in Steps 3 and 5 above, does not apply where the ETI exceeds $\$ 416$ but does not exceed $\$ 1,445$. In these cases, the tax attributable to the ETI is calculated under subsection 13(2) of the ITRA.'

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