# Unit Outline ACCG857 TAXATION LAW

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You will be marked present in classes only if you attend your correct lecture group.  
You must use BLACKBOARD in this unit [http://learn.mq.edu.au](http://learn.mq.edu.au) to log on NOW.

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Lecture detail & reading follows – this outline is also on BLACKBOARD  
Please take study, **UNDERSTANDING** and exams seriously to pass this unit!
Pre-requisite. You must have passed the units ACCG851 Business Law and ACCG854 Company & Associations Law before you are permitted to study ACCG857

Aims and Objectives. ACCG 857 Taxation Law provides you with the opportunity to acquire skills in learning and analysing taxation and knowledge of aspects of current taxation law. Relevant learning skills and knowledge are important for all accounting practitioners; for many accountants they are crucial for their entire careers. Having completed this unit satisfactorily you will have proved your knowledge, and your ability to communicate professionally your skills and knowledge, in a variety of taxation areas including:

- The concepts of income and capital
- The nature and operation of deductions
- The operation of Capital Gains Tax
- The tax treatment of individual, partnerships and other entities including trusts and some aspects of corporate taxation
- Some key aspects of the operation of Goods and Services Tax
- The nature of tax avoidance and aspects of anti tax avoidance legislation
- The legislative structure of Australia’s tax laws and the role of Courts in making legislation work

Assessment. Assessment in this unit is rigorous and if you are to succeed you MUST work consistently through the entire trimester. Please note that all lecturers in this unit will apply the same consistent assessment approaches and marks for all components will only be provided on BLACKBOARD at the end of the trimester. Any ‘advice’ marks you may seek and/or which are given before the formal BLACKBOARD advice to all students in the unit will be subject to normalisation across all classes so that average marks shown below apply to all classes.

You MUST read each week and prepare your own carefully prepared notes – that you are permitted to take into both examinations (see examination conditions for more details on this).

Exams are thorough and rigorous and are written anew for each exam in each trimester. We will not use exams or questions that have been used in class or in previous exams – although old exams and in-class problems will be indicative of the types of questions you may expect to encounter. Please note that where a question asks you to explain an answer you will NOT pass the question if you merely provide an answer (right or wrong) that does not give the required explanation. **YOU NEED TO SHOW KNOWLEDGE BASED THINKING not just simple facts!**

Please note that while hard work is rewarded, this Unit provides a valuable postgraduate professional entry qualification and skill set and you are assessed in this Unit accordingly. If you do not work and/or fail to gain sufficient understanding you will not attain a pass mark in this Unit.

**IMPORTANT: YOU MUST ACHIEVE AT LEAST 40% OF AVAILABLE MARKS IN THE FINAL EXAM TO PASS THIS UNIT.** Students regularly fail for not achieving this requirement alone. You will also FAIL if you do not perform adequately in ALL assessment components including recorded attendance at CORRECT classes and also your performance in Student Presentations.

Marks you can score are as follows:

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Attendance Marks. ABSENCE POLICY IS CHANGED FROM PREVIOUS TRIMESTERS. You will gain full marks if you attend and participate diligently at all classes. You are expected to arrive at classes on time and to depart at the conclusion of classes in order to attain this mark. If you miss classes or regularly depart classes early or you sleep in classes you can expect these marks to fall. EACH MISSED CLASS [OR ‘DEMERIT ACTIVITY’ SUCH AS LEAVING EARLY OR ARRIVING LATE WITHOUT GOOD REASON] WILL RESULT IN A ONE MARK REDUCTION, MEANING FOR EXAMPLE, THAT MISSING 5 CLASSES WOULD RESULT IN A MARK OF ZERO FOR CLASS ATTENDANCE. Disruption in class or obvious lack of preparation will result in reduction of class marks – good pre-reading and quiet but FULL attendance should result in full marks. Please note that if you do not attend your correctly allocated class you will not be marked present except where you provide a doctor’s certificate. Casual attendance at other classes is OK at any time for you to catch up but we will not interrupt classes for the administrative purpose of marking students present who are not formally on a class roll. SO GO TO THE CORRECT CLASS PLEASE!

Student Presentation. Each week there will be a Lecture on topics listed in this Unit Outline. Lectures will last about 2¼ hours. Additionally, you will participate actively, as in each Lecture, 3 to 6 students (working in pairs if large class numbers demand this and sharing the mark awarded) will be allocated topics to prepare for an in-class presentation at the start of the following week’s class. By the end of the trimester you will have presented an in-class student presentation at least once and possibly twice if you think you may have performed poorly [if you do give two presentations the marks for each will be added and then be divided by two to give an average across the two – you will not gain ‘bonus’ marks for two presentations although your average mark may improve]. Up to 12 minutes (MAXIMUM) will be allowed for each such presentation. Marks will be provided to all students using student numbers only, on BLACKBOARD, before the end of trimester exam (if all administration by all lecturers is complete). Please note that the normal or average mark for this component will be a high credit grade or slightly better (ie about 70% to 80%) so if you want to score comparatively highly you will need to perform appropriately better than the average. If necessary, to overcome group variations, the lecturer in charge will scale results in all groups so that all averages for all groups fall within this credit average range.

You will be marked on the basis of quality of presentation including your level of preparation, your understanding, your accuracy, your comprehensiveness, your ability to explain the key issues to your fellow students, your GOOD use of learning aids such as overhead transparencies etc. [YOU MUST USE AT LEAST 24 POINT FONTS FOR OVERHEADS]. Generally, you are expected to display your knowledge and the communication skills expected of a postgraduate student.

STUDENT PRESENTATION FEEDBACK SHEET (see end of this outline). This sheet will be provided to you to give you an indication of presentation quality including indicative marks (subject to standardisation across all groups) – usually you would receive the feedback sheet the week after your presentation has taken place. The sheet that will be used for this purpose is at the end of this Unit outline. NOTE that the mark you will be given on this sheet is INDICATIVE ONLY it is DEFINITELY subject to variation (including variation downwards) before final marks are given for all students in all classes on BLACKBOARD.

Exams. The two exams are your opportunity to display and EXPLAIN your learning in full – and comprise 90% of your assessment. You will receive advice about exams in-class in writing two weeks before each exam and on BLACKBOARD. The mid-trimester exam will cover topics up to and including Lecture 5. The final exam advice will be on BLACKBOARD.
Exam Aids. You will be permitted to take into exams the following aids:

- Your own handwritten class notes and study notes.
- A calculator.
- Tax legislation in book published form – which may be hand written on and hand marked up as you see fit. Please note that, we allow book published legislation including *2008 Core Tax Legislation and Study Guide*.
- **You are NOT permitted to take into either exam any other items. No photocopies of any items are permitted nor are any computer downloads or printed output of any type.**

Written advice about both the mid-trimester and final exam coverage and content will be provided in class and on BLACKBOARD. No ‘informal’ advice about exams will be given in-class.

Textbooks and Legislation

**Text**: “Woellner” – referred to as “W” throughout this outline. You **must** have a copy of this – bring it to class each week:

Woellner RH  Barkoczy S  Murphy S  Evans C  *2008 Australian Taxation Law*  CCH Australia Ltd.

*[We are pleased to let you know that ‘Murphy S’ in the title is the regular ACCG857 lecturer Shirley Murphy.]*

**Legislation** – you need a copy of this – and should bring it to class each week

Barkoczy S  *2008 Core Tax Legislation and Study Guide*  CCH Australia Ltd

**Worked problems and solutions** – this will be very useful for your study and revision activities and you should organise access to this even if you do not buy your own – sharing a copy would be fine.

Nethercott LJ and others  *Australian Taxation Study Manual: Questions and Suggested Solutions*  CCH Australia Ltd  *most recent edition available*

**Casebook** (summaries of almost all important tax cases) – this will be useful and you should consider organising at least shared access to help your study. An older edition will still be useful. The purpose of this book is to allow you to read revision and study summaries of important cases that are mentioned in the text and emphasised in lectures.

Barkoczy S  *Australian Tax Casebook*  CCH Australia Ltd  *most recent edition available*

**Recommended** – a guide about how to study tax law

Obst W  Smith   Hanegbi  *Successful Tax Study*  Thomson/ATP. This book will help you discover how to understand analysis of legal principles. Once again, sharing a copy with somebody should be satisfactory.

Support Services For Overseas Students. The University Counselling and Health Services has appointed a counsellor specifically to assist students from overseas countries and those who speak English as their second language. This person is particularly expert in assisting with difficulties that involve adjustment to University life or to Australian custom, personal difficulties or the skills of studying, of reading, learning and remembering, or organising and motivating study, or of facing the examinations. Much of the work with students is conducted on an individual basis in a confidential setting. However, each trimester groups are conducted to assist students in study skills, stress management and preparation for returning to the home country.
BLACKBOARD and Lecture Guidance Notes. Each week, lecture notes will be placed on BLACKBOARD before the class. These notes are no more nor less than core lecture notes presented in lectures by Shirley, Victoria and Patrick. They are NOT intended to, nor do they, stand alone nor in place of lecture attendance. They are provided for your convenience. You must also properly construct your own notes based on your own readings and any additional comments, supplements and corrections to these notes which WILL occur during lectures – and which you MUST attend.

CRITICAL COMMENT. You are not entitled to rely on lecturer provided notes for full study purposes nor as the final indicator of exam content. You are required to and expected to read all text and legislative references and also to take into account comments, additional materials and illustrations and examples which may also be given in lectures.

The Lecture Notes have been constructed almost entirely by following the textbook for this Unit according to the Unit outline.

BLACKBOARD “Discussions” is intended as a noticeboard and discussion forum for all students. It is here that you should post questions – students and lecturers will regularly provide feedback and/or answers to your queries. This discussion forum is open right up to your final exam (please note that, if by chance students sit an exam ‘early’ for any reason – and this is very rare – the discussion forum will definitely continue until the date of the exam relevant to the normal exam time.)

Comments on Tax as a discipline and a study area. TAX IS INTRIGUING – it can also be both a FUN area of study that can be FRUSTRATING and which requires A LOT OF WORK BY YOU… but it is always interesting…. Some important issues to consider while studying this Unit:

1. ALWAYS READ ALL OF THE LISTED MATERIALS CAREFULLY EACH WEEK
2. It often helps to place yourself in the position of taxpayer or tax collector
3. Be prepared to follow things through further where you find them challenging or especially intriguing
4. It is in many ways the most complex area of law and …
5. Once you master it you have a ticket to an excellent income and a rewarding career that is the core of most accountants’ professional income stream
6. This is true for all countries – study of Australia’s tax system will assist your tax understanding no matter where you will practice.

Your Compulsory Reading for Lectures and Topics for Lectures
Additional notes will be available on BLACKBOARD on the weekend before classes. These may also be handed out in classes depending on your lecturer preferences. These notes are to save you some writing in lectures – YOU MUST STILL MAKE YOUR OWN NOTES TOO!

Please note, where information in textbooks is corrected by teaching staff [on Blackboard and/or in class] you will be marked wrong AND YOU WILL LOSE MARKS in any exam or assessment if you use the information that is wrong and ignore the correct information provided by teaching staff.
MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY RULES AND REGULATIONS

All assessment is subject to the University's rules and information to students set out in the 2005 Handbook of Postgraduate Studies. You are particularly referred to rules of the various postgraduate awards and with the student Information regarding plagiarism and on grading (see below).

PLAGIARISM  The University defines plagiarism in its rules: "Plagiarism involves using the work of another person and presenting it as one's own." Plagiarism is a serious breach of the University's rules and carries significant penalties. You must read the University's practices and procedures on plagiarism. These can be found in the Handbook of Undergraduate Studies or on the web at: http://www.student.mq.edu.au/plagiarism/

The policies and procedures explain what plagiarism is, how to avoid it, the procedures that will be taken in cases of suspected plagiarism, and the penalties if you are found guilty. Penalties may include a deduction of marks, failure in the unit, and/or referral to the University Discipline Committee.

GRADING  Academic Senate has a set of guidelines on the distribution of grades across the range from fail to high distinction. Your final result will include one of these grades plus a standardised numerical grade (SNG).

On occasion your raw mark for a unit (i.e., the total of your marks for each assessment item) may not be the same as the SNG which you receive. Under the Senate guidelines, results may be scaled to ensure that there is a degree of comparability across the university, so that units with the same past performances of their students should achieve similar results.

It is important that you realise that the policy does not require that a minimum number of students are to be failed in any unit. In fact it does something like the opposite, in requiring examiners to explain their actions if more than 20% of students fail in a unit. The process of scaling does not change the order of marks among students. A student who receives a higher raw mark than another also receives a higher final scaled mark.

For an explanation of the policy see the MQ University website.
Lecture 1  INTRODUCTION to Australian Taxation

Note that Lecture 1 and Lecture 2 content might be covered across the first two weeks of classes as some Lecture 1 class time will be used with the valuable NCELTR presentations on ‘business skills’.

In all classes 60 minutes of Lecture 1 will comprise a presentation by NCELTR which will guide you on how to make business presentations effective and successful.

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Introduction to this Unit
Explanation of Assessment methods
Role of In-Class Presentations – significance of NCELTR next week

In-class Informal Overview Discussion of Taxation Principles  NE [NE means non-examinable BUT still important for professional competency]
W1-130  A conventional view of the taxation system
W1-140  Social and merit goods
W1-160  Free market corrections
W1-165  Tax Expenditures
W1-170  Problems with social engineering
W1-185  Fairness or Equity
W1-190  Simplicity
W1-193  Compliance costs
W1-195  Certainty
W1-200  Efficiency/Neutrality
W1.235 to W1.250  Tax Reform

Overview of Constitutional Aspects of Taxation  NE
W1-530 to W1-600  Constitutional Aspects of Taxation
W1-550  Concept of a Tax
W1-560  No discrimination between States
W1-570  Other Constitutional provisions
W1-580  Wide reach of C/W tax power
W1-590 to W1-610  C/W & State Tax Relations

Sources of Income Tax Law … rest of L1 content IS examinable
W1-310 & W1-320  Overview
W1-330  Legislation – ITAA1936 and ITAA 1937 and other tax legislation
W1-340 - 410 Case Law and interpretation – revision from earlier units – YOU need to know it!
W1-420  Variation over time in interpretative approaches
W1-430 & 440 Statutory support for purposive approach and use of extrinsic aids
W1-450  The role of precedent
W1-460  Court Hierarchy
W1-470  Ratio decidendi compared with obiter dictum
W1-480  Flexibility and precedent
W1.490  ATO practice as a source of “Law”
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**Self-assessment and Tax Rulings – a Key Aspect of Australian Taxation**

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**SELF-ASSESSMENT REGIME – RETURNS and AMENDMENT**

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<td>General Interest Charge (not a penalty …)</td>
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**Brief Discussion of Some Compliance Issues Under Self-Assessment Regime**

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<td>Rate can be 46.5% of gross amount (ie including tax) – see W32-340 [NOTE textbook incorrectly shows 48.5%]</td>
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**Concessions for Small Business Entities**

Information to be provided in class – from ATO website: [http://www.ato.gov.au/businesses/content.asp?doc=/content/00106797.htm&pc=001/003/084/001/001&mnu=38549&mfp=001/003&st=&cy=1](http://www.ato.gov.au/businesses/content.asp?doc=/content/00106797.htm&pc=001/003/084/001/001&mnu=38549&mfp=001/003&st=&cy=1)
Lecture 2  SOME BASICS: INCOME, EXEMPT INCOME, TAX LIABILITY, TAX FORMULAE AND RATES

Note that some Lecture 1 content may be covered in Lecture 2. YOU NEED TO START READING FULLY

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“NE” indicates not examinable – topic is included for completeness of material coverage.

Income
W3-060  Assessable Income – Introduction
W3-070  Income under ITAA36
W3-080  Income under ITAA97
W3-090  What type of Income?
Legislation Division 6 ITAA97: s6-1, s6-5, s6-10, s6-15, s6-20, s6-25
W3-100  Income that is NOT Assessable Income
  Exempt Income
  Non-Assessable Non-Exempt Income – this was new in year 2003!
W3-120  Effect of GST on assessable income – a little more on this when we look at GST
W3-150  Ordinary Income – Introduction
W3-180  “ordinary income” comes in
W3-190  “ordinary income” derived by a person as such
W3-195  “ordinary income” characterised at moment of derivation
W3-210  “ordinary income” has nexus with earnings activity
W3-230  “ordinary income” is money or money’s worth
W3-250  “ordinary income” can be an amount of compensation
W3-260  “ordinary income” may be periodic, recurrent and regular
W3-270  “ordinary income” can be illegal, ultra vires or immoral activity receipts
W3-280  “ordinary income” cannot be capital gains (often the biggest question is capital or not)
W3-290  “ordinary income” usually must provide some real gain to be income
W3-300  “ordinary income” will not be amount of a mixed undissected sum – see McLaurin Case etc – discussed at W6-880

Some Aspects of Exempt Income
Legislation ITAA97 s6-1(3); s6-15; s6-20
W9-020  Overview
W9-030  – W9-040 and W9-085 some Exempt entities
W9-070  Non-profit associations etc – and income apportionment
W9-080  Judgment debts for personal injury compensation
W9-100  – W9-140 Some types of exempt payments

Mutuality Principle and Mutual Receipts
W9-250  Mutual Receipts
W9-255  Limitations to the mutuality principle – including distributions on winding up – including reference to Colleambally decision in the High Court & statutory response on this case

Tax Formulae and Tax Rates
IMPORTANT – unless good reasons exist you are required to use 2007/2008 Tax year rates
  whenever you are dealing with rate calculations within this Unit in 2008
W2-000  Overview
W2-020  Tax Formula
W2-100  Overview of rates – NOTE rates changes taking place this year and in recent years.
W2-110  Current individual rates of tax and important calculation examples
W2-120 to W2-250  various rates and Family Assistance – note resident versus non-resident
W2-300-W2-350  Medicare levy and levy surcharge
W2-400  HELP and HELP debts
W2-500 to W2-540  Overview of Tax Offsets (they were once called ‘rebates’ but are no longer).
W2-640 Low Income Earners Tax Offset (“LITO”) – now is up to $750 with 4% cutout rate
W2-650  Medical Expenses Rebate – much broader than is often advised!
Legislation  Division 4, Division 6, Division 8, Division 11 ITAA97

Individual Tax Rates are shown in the Lecture Guidance Notes

L2 Student Presentation Topics (due L3)

NB  If any questions do not make full sense to you then make assumptions required for the
problem(s) to make sense and state these assumptions fully in class.  You may like to read a little
ahead into next week’s materials as you prepare answers – your presentations are effectively part
of the overall learning experience for ALL students!

L2SP1.  Stella  Stella is a student in Revenue Law at the Gordon’s Bay University.  She has just
completed an assignment in which she has explained carefully the concept of income.  Throughout
her assignment she has referred to “s25(1)” because many old cases have involved discussion of
this section.  She also emphasised the fact that Tax Rulings are not an important factor in stating
taxation law unless they actually result in a taxpayer paying less tax.  She scored low marks and
much criticism from the person marking her work.  Stella has asked you to assist her in working out
why she would have scored low marks and whether she should challenge the examiner.  In your
answer consider the role of rulings and the fact that in many cases on income the judges did not
talk about any other section than s25(1).

L2SP2  Jing Jing  Jing Jing received a cash payment of $100,000 on 30 November 2004 as a
result of winning a television quiz show.  She also won goods to the value of $20,000.  As a result
of her success she was invited back in 2005, 2006 and 2007 for the annual “Champion of
Champions Annual Quiz” held in May/June each year.  In May 2005, May 2006 and May 2007 she
was paid in advance $20,000 as a fee for participating.  In 2005 she did not win a major prize.  In
2006 she won a major prize (the actual date that she won was 6 June) but had not received the
$50,000 in cash by 30 June 2006.  In May 2007 she won the major prize of $50,000 and she was
paid this in July 2007.  Discuss the tax implications that arise and show Jing Jing’s tax liability (if
any), including Medicare, for each of the relevant tax years ending 30 June.  You may assume Jing
Jing had no other receipts in any of the years and that she was an Australian resident at all times.
She recognises her income based on cash timing.  In calculating the answer please use the
relevant tax and Medicare rates for each tax year in answer.  Remember that each tax year is
always looked at on its own.

L2SP3  Tom  Tom has a full life.  In the daytime he works as a garbage collector.  At Christmas
each year, next to the garbage bins he often finds cartons of beer left by residents in gratitude for
the terrific job he does each year.  He also receives a small payment each weekend throughout
winter for playing football and at the end of the 2007 season he was voted by spectators as the
most popular player for which he received from a local newspaper a Toyota Yaris car worth
$17,000 and a cash prize of $500.  Tom is astounded to find that all of these gifts might be subject
to tax according to a mate at the club.  Advise Tom (hint – you would do well also to look at
“voluntary payments” covered in L3 when preparing your answer including the case of Kelly v FCT
– and as an alternative approach to your answer Stone’s case in the High Court might help.
Lecture 3  INDIVIDUALS & INCOME and a look at some other issues including Capital/Income including assignment

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Class will commence with approximately 45 minutes student presentations of L2 Problems.

Aspects of Income from Personal Exertion
W4-000 Overview
W4-020 Principles and characterisation
W4-040 Voluntary payments – introduction
W4-043 Voluntary payments – by a party to a service relationship – after service relationship ends – periodic payments – first payment
W4-046 Voluntary payments by a third party – sportspersons Stone’s Case in the High Court – ex gratia by government
W4-050 Services or sale of asset
W4-060 Giving up rights – before entering service – during service – termination – restrictions
W4-070 Salary sacrifice and in-class reference to basic FBT principle
W4-080 Alienation of Personal Services Income (we look a little further at PSI rules late in the Unit)

Statutory Income (one type – s 26(e) ITAA36 – relates to personal)
W4-110 Background to allowances and s26(e)
W4-140 Benefit and s15-2 (similar to old s26(e))  **THIS WAS NEW ONLY IN 2007!**
W4-145 Benefit to the taxpayer
W4-150 Employment nexus
W4-160 Valuation rule – is this why s26(e) fails?
W4-190 Reimbursement of car expenses
W4-170 Reconciliation rules – you MUST understand these – especially FBT reconciliation
In-class discussion – why FBT supplants much of s15-2 in practical terms

W4-400; W4-460 to W4-510  Employee Share Schemes  [NE]
Will not be covered in lectures. You should read for professional completeness of knowledge – important detailed practical knowledge.

W23-500 to W23-680  Eligible Termination Payments  [NE]
Will not be covered in lectures. You should read for professional completeness of knowledge – important detailed practical knowledge.

W23.950 to W23.975  Unused Leave Payments  [NE]
Will not be covered in lectures. In your practical work as accountants you must be aware that you may need to apply the details for unused leave pre-dating 1993.

INCOME FROM PROPERTY
W5.000  Overview – VERY IMPORTANT – read and think carefully about this overview!
W5-200 to W5-210  Interest
W5-215 Discounts and premiums – what are these – income or capital???

W22-570 to 22-660  Statutory rules on interest and Debt Securities – [NE] – practically important and complex but this very complex area is not examinable in this unit.

W5-400 Introduction to Leases and Rental Income
W5-410 Identifying rent payments
W5-420 Lease Premiums – normally capital
W5-420 Lease surrender receipts
W5-460 Promises by tenants to make repairs – non-compliance payments

W5-500 Royalties – what are these – income or capital??? (the Income/Capital borderline explored again
W5-510 Royalties in ordinary usage
W5-515 Royalties that are not ordinary income
W5-520 Making statutory royalties ordinary income
W5-525 Amounts that are not ordinary royalty payments

W5-600 Assignment of the right to receive property income – (the Income/Capital borderline explored for the third time) and the FCT v Myer Emporium case (1987) 163 CLR 199; 87 ATC 4363

L3 Student Presentation Topics (due L4)
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L3SP1 Duran. Duran was an amateur golfer who was paid sums amounting to as much as $30,000 per year by a sponsor to assist his travel expenses. Until he turned professional, his main income came from his job as a security officer – and he generally earned about $50,000 per year in this job (he was lucky that his boss allowed him time off to attend amateur golfing events). He sometimes won small tournaments and in 2004 he won $18,000 and in 2005 $14,000 in small tournaments. His actual travel costs amounted to about $40,000 each year.

In May 2006 Duran entered a major international ProAm tournament held in Australia. He won this ProAm and accepted the amateur’s prize of a car. The winning professional golfer received AUD$1 million. Almost immediately, Duran was offered AUD$500,000 to become a professional golfer by a major golfing equipment manufacturer. He accepted this money and in the following 12 months made AUD$400,000 and then won another ProAm event in November 2007 – winning AUD$1.2 million. Immediately afterwards, his success was so popular a magazine arranged for him to sit down with one of their writers and he was paid $300,000 as a lump sum for giving the magazine the copyright in the story. In January 2008, shortly after writing the story Duran was struck by a fellow competitor’s golf ball and he was badly injured. He received $100,000 compensation for lost income and $50,000 for personal pain and suffering. Advise Duran on the general nature of his tax situation – give full reasons including cases and legislation.

L3SP2 Jane. Jane was employed by Rushcutter Private Hospital. On 1 January 2006 Jane took leave from the hospital and became a nurse with the Red Cross. Jane worked with the Red Cross in East Timor for 18 months. She was paid by the Red Cross, into a bank account she had opened in East Timor. While in East Timor, the Rushcutter Private Hospital paid Jane an extra $6000 for each completed year of service in East Timor. Whilst there, Jane leased her Sydney home unit for $500 per week. She entered the lease on 1 January 2006 and, because of the tight Sydney property market, demanded and received a lease premium payment of $5,000 at the start of the lease period. Jane was under no obligation to return to work for Rushcutter Private Hospital. In fact, she did not return there to work – she stayed in East Timor where she now lives having just left the Red Cross. She now works for the East Timorese Government Nursing Service. Advise Jane on the general nature of her tax situation – give full reasons including cases and legislation. (Hint – for part of the answer read ahead to see whether Jane will be taxed as a resident or not…)
## Lecture 4  TAX ACCOUNTING & INTERNATIONAL

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### Class will commence with approximately 45 minutes student presentations of L3 Problems.

### Tax Accounting – Cash (receipts) or Accrual recognition…
- **W13-000** to **W13-040** – your introductory reading – especially **W13-025** the Income Year
- **W13-100** Cash basis and Accruals basis accounting systems
- **W13-110** Which is most appropriate?
- **W13-120** The borderline
- **W13-130** Professional practices – the central problem area
- **W13-140** Examples
- **W13-150** Changing systems
- **W13-160** Changing accounting practice
- **W13-200** s21 and Cash derivation
- **W13-210** Cheque derivation
- **W13-220** Constructive receipt
- **W13-230** Taxpayer delays payment
- **W13-300** Accruals derivation
- **W13-320** When is income “earned”
- **W13-325** Income subject to a discount
- **W13-330** Income subject to a refund
- **W13-335** Deposits and warranties
- **W13-340** Income related to future goods and services
- **W13-345** Income and unresolved dispute
- **W13-360** Income for which no invoice has been issued
- **W13-370** Income with “amount uncertainty”
- **W13-380** Work in progress
- **W13-400** Wages and salaries

Cash Accounting options as a Concession for Small Business Entities

Information to be provided in class – from ATO website:


### Some International Issues
- **W24-010** Introduction and international norms
- **W24-020** Basic jurisdictional rules
- **W24-040** to **W24-058** Residence of Individuals
- **W24-060** to **W24-078** Residence of Companies and trusts
- **W24-080** & **W24-090** Dual Residence
- **W24-100** Source of Income Overview
- **W24-110** Sale of Goods – trading stock
- **W24-130** Services
- **W24-140** Interest
- **W24-150** Dividends
- **W24-170** Rule Summary
- **W24-200** Background to taxation of foreign source income of non-residents
- **W24-550** Overview of taxation of foreign source income of non-residents
- **W24-600** Withholding tax overview

NOTE there is far more to international tax than we have covered – you will need more depth and breadth of knowledge in your professional life.
L4 Student Presentation Topics (due L5)

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problem(s) to make sense and state these assumptions fully in class.

L4SP1 Schultz

Schultz is a German-born national who lived in Australia for 10 years from 1996
to 2006 as a permanent resident (immigration status). During that time Schultz worked in Australia
as a musician. In December 2006 Schultz travelled to Berlin and performed two concerts there.
Schultz was thrilled with his reception in Germany and did not return to Australia. In March 2007
Schultz decided to stay in Germany. At that time in fact he abandoned his wife and two children
who remained in the family home in Melbourne. In March 2007 Schultz claims he set up house
“permanently” in Germany.

Schultz received AUD$16,000 for his December 2006 concerts in Berlin. He received half the
money prior to departing Australia for Germany and the remainder immediately after the concerts
were performed in Germany. Schultz earned a further AUD$30,000 from work he was offered in
Germany between January and March 2007 and $40,000 between March and June 2007. He also
received AUD$80,000 from Australian royalties in July 2007.

Advise Schultz fully on his tax position with full reasons.

L4SP2 Webster Nicholls

Webster Nicholls & Co is a public accounting partnership with eight
partners, 15 employed salaried accountants and 20 support and secretarial staff. The partnership
has offices in Brisbane, Townsville and Toowoomba. Although it is involved in some long-term
projects, approximately 75% of turnover is represented by work taking less than three months to
complete. Up to and including the year ended 30 June 2007, the partnership submitted its income
tax returns on a cash received basis and the Commissioner assessed them on this basis.
However, due to the increasingly complex nature of their activities the partnership has decided to
submit its return for the year ended 30 June 2008 on the earnings basis of income recognition.

The Commissioner of Taxation seeks your full advice, with all reasons, on the following:

a. Is the change in method justified?
b. How should work in progress be treated?
c. Are there any effects on overall tax liability across the years – explain fully?
d. Can the Commissioner reject the change?
e. Are there any other relevant issues?

L4SP3 Tax Accounting Services

Tax Accounting Services has a series of clients and you have
been asked to identify tax accounting issues and to provide explanatory solutions for each of the
following clients:

a. Ferdinand Hardenwerker, is an employee who is due to receive a payment in respect
of wages not properly paid relating to the tax years ending 30 June 2005, 2006 and 2007. He has
asked that the amount ($90,000 in total) not be paid until July 6 2007. His normal pay for 2008 is
expected to be $94,000.

b. Can Jump Gymnasium received payments of $40,000 for 400 hundred lessons to be
taken over 4 years ($100 per lesson) on 30 July 2007. CJG allows customers who have good
reasons to obtain refunds in the case of cancellation, less 20% administration charge but this is a
matter of goodwill as there is no contractual requirement to pay any refunds whatsoever.
Lecture 5  INCOME FROM BUSINESS

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This topic is CRUCIAL and must be understood. If you do not understand this area well you cannot pass this unit. Read it and read it again and again – ensure you read and understand the relevant legislation identified in the text.

Class will commence with approximately 45 minutes student presentations of L4 Problems.

BUSINESS INCOME – AND OTHER THAN BUSINESS INCOME...

W6-000  Overview
W6-010 to W6-150  Identifying a business
W6-250 to W6-260  Commencement of a business
W6-400 to W6-420  What activities within a business entity lead to tax income from business
W5-420 – yes back to Ch 5 to back up discussion of the ‘business’ of lease premium sales (note that the textbook does not mention that TR94/24 is replaced by TR2002/14 which totally reverses the approach of TR94/24 as from April 2000 when TR94/24 was withdrawn).
W6-430 to W6-435  “One-off” transactions and calculating one-off assessable amounts
W6-440 to W6-445  Extraordinary transactions, including Whitfords Beach and the Myer Emporium Case (1987) – YOU MUST KNOW THE TWO strands of the Myer decision! Also be familiar with the understandings given by the Court in Statham and McCorkell in W6-430
W6-448  Lease incentives and a series of important cases...
W6-455  Myer’s second strand – conversion of income streams
W6-480 & W6-490  s15-15 – VERY limited operation [replaced s25A(1)]
W6-560  an example of business income issues – sale of know-how and related items – see cases discussed in this area ...

W CHAPTER 14  TRADING STOCK  [NE]  NOTE that accountants must understand the rules and the regime – including the Tax System trading stock rules for Small Business Entities (see http://www.ato.gov.au/businesses/content.asp?doc=/content/00106797.htm&pc=001/003/084/001/001&mnu=38549&mfp=001/003&st=&cy=1.  Generally, trading stock tax rules coincide with those required by AASB public reporting requirements – although the tax “language” is at times differently stated. While you can learn these mostly quite straight-forward rules yourself you should be aware the rules will be examined in CPA and ICAA tax units.

L5 Student Presentation Topics (due L6)

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L5SP1  Chitrappruin Charuchinda.  Chitrappruin Charuchinda (Chitty, to her friends) is an Australian citizen and tax resident.  She is an experienced horticulturist.  She is employed in a retail plant nursery close to Sydney.  Also, she has acquired a farm near Oberon in New South Wales where she has begun some planting of purely experimental Thai herbs as well as very small-scale lamb farming.  Because her job is in Sydney she has employed a local farmer to manage the farm from Monday to Friday and she spends each weekend working on the farm.  She thinks it is unlikely that she will make a profit in the first three years of her new activity.  She keeps good records of her activities on the farm and wants to know if she can claim tax deductions for her expenditure on buying and running the farm.  In your advice, do not deal with deductions in any detail (nor with depreciation).  All you need to know about deductions for the purpose of this question is that outgoings can be deducted insofar as they relate to a person gaining assessable income or carrying on a business and are not capital items.  You should advise her clearly on the relevant general law giving both cases and statutes and also on any special rules that may have been relatively recently introduced and which may have a bearing on her situation.  [Research Hint – on this latter point you might like to jump ahead a little and look at W11-550]
L5SP2 Fairweather Fishing. Fairweather Fishing Pty Ltd was a small company owned by a group of fishermen. It was formed in 1962 as the entity to buy a farm on the Thredbo River, which was to be used by a group of keen trout anglers. Over time, the land increased in value substantially due to growth in snow tourism. In 1996, Fairweather was offered $4 million to sell the farm. Fairweather rejected the offer, and as most of the original owners were by then rather too old to fish (some had died, leaving their shares to their children) they instead decided to develop the farm as a tourist village involving building villas and recreation facilities across the entire farm. Because of the general poor health of the fishermen all development work was undertaken by a contractor and not by the fishermen. The tourist village undertaking cost $8 million and, once the developer had been paid and all villas had been sold and the residual land and common amenities were sold to the Strata Plan, the total amount realised was $21 million. You are required to advise on whether the sale is taxable under s6-5. If so, why, if not why not. You should not consider Capital Gains Tax. You should be aware that if CGT applies then s15-15 does not apply. However, you should discuss whether (as you are not discussing CGT you can assume it does not apply) whether s15-15 could apply.

L5SP3 PMCE Accountants. PMCE is a firm of accountants. PMCE has decided to move into a new building partly because of problems with its existing building and partly because a developer has offered favourable terms to move into his new, and vacant, central Melbourne building. They have been offered a lease on the top six floors of the building – with rentals at the same rate as ground floor accommodation. Because the developer says their name is valuable and deserves recognition they have naming rights on the building – a factor that will help to attract other tenants. In return for agreeing to take a lease on the building PMCE is free to choose to take any one of:

A. a lump sum of $2,000,000 to be shared between the partners
B. a rent-free period of 24 months, or
C. a free fit-out of all workstations, wiring, furniture and partitions

Using relevant case law, and referring to the cases, discuss the potential tax implications of choosing amongst these alternatives for PMCE. [Hint – for C consider whether Montgomery has in fact overruled Selleck…]

NOTE – materials to this point are potentially examinable in the mid-trimester exam. This does NOT exclude them from also being examinable in the final exam. Issues and topics following this point will not be in the mid-trimester exam.
Lecture 6  DEDUCTIONS first lecture

You will need to do a lot of reading for this class. All of the materials in the outline are to be read and all are examinable – in the final exam. Only the content included up to Lecture 5 (including L5 SPs) is in the mid-trimester exam.

Class will commence with approximately 45 minutes student presentations of L5 Problems.

W10-000 Deductions overview – and the role of objective ‘PURPOSE’

W10-040 s8-1 Positive deduction limbs
W10-050 Nexus 9 (this means ‘connection’) between income and expenditures – what does the word “loss” mean in the context of the legislation?
W10-160 “Necessarily incurred in carrying on a business”…
W10-170 Gaining or producing your assessable income…
W10-180 Connection with income earning activity required … but income in future ok…
W10-200 Apportionment and Ronpibon Tin 1949
W10-210 to W10-240 The shift from “legal rights” literal approach to a “purposive” or substance of transaction approach. The cases in this area of text discussion are particularly important – for example, what was new in Ure’s Case?.

W10-250 s8-1 Negative limbs
W10-260 Capital nature – same issues as in capital/income distinction. English tests…
W10-270 Sun Newspapers Case (1938) and Justice Dixon’s “business entity” test
W10-280 Leading Australian Decisions – support for “business entity test”? OR do the Australian test more cleverly replace the outmoded English tests (almost completely)?
W10-310 “Private or domestic nature”
W10-320 “exempt and non-exempt non-assessable income” deduction exemption
W10-330 specific outgoings denied deduction by the Act

Some Deductions (of a far larger number) of individual expenses we might have considered…
W10-420 Introduction
W10-430 Home Office
W10-440 Self-Education Expenses under s8-1 – related role of s82A
W10-450 Insurance
W10-460 Interest
W10-470 Legal Expenses
W10-475 Travel expenses (including car expenses) – note that the tax form for individuals separates ‘car expenses’ and ‘travel expenses’. Ensure you refer to s25-100 which is also discussed at W11-635
W10.600 Entertainment Expenses

W10-680 to W10-705 Substantiating expenses for tax purposes

L6 Student Presentation Topics (due L7)
NB If any questions do not make full sense to you then make assumptions required for the problem(s) to make sense and state these assumptions fully in class.

L6SP1. Tuffy FM Ltd. Tuffy FM has a viable business as an FM radio station in the small country town of RumTumba. Three times in the past three years Tuffy has taken potential rivals before the FM Radio Broadcasting Tribunal to stop their ambition to become licensees in RumTumba. Tuffy has been claiming these expenses as tax deductions and is amazed to find that, after a tax audit, their claims have been declared invalid by the ATO. Tuffy has been charged penalties as well as General Interest Charge (please explain the GIC and the current GIC rate – but itself a deduction if paid) on all moneys outstanding. They have come to you for detailed tax advice. They believe
they will be bankrupted by the ATO if the ATO is right. In your first interview you discovered that if any of the rivals had obtained a licence Tuffy's commercial viability would have been jeopardised. As you are not a lawyer, you advise that your “legal advice” cannot be relied upon, and you would be guilty of breach of the Legal Practitioners Act unless you advised Tuffy of this fact. Accepting this (and you can ignore this point as long as you understand it), Tuffy wants your opinion on how the law applies so they can approach a solicitor you may recommend.

**L6SP2 Marissa.** Marissa has approached you as a tax agent and wants you to complete her tax return for her. You discover that she is an assistant in a large delicatessen chain with prospects of promotion. Marissa is studying food technology at MacMine University. She has some specific questions for you – she wants to know whether she can claim deductions for:

A. Bus fares for travelling from home to work in the morning. Bus fares from work to university for evening classes. Bus fares from university to home.

B. The cost of her evening meal eaten between classes at the MacMine.

C. Fees and textbook expenses for study at MacMine. She also wants to know if there are any other things that are relevant in respect of deductions for education expenses.

D. Child care costs she incurs in order to study and in order to work.

E. Further, she wants to know what records she needs in order to claim expenses.

**L6SP3 Petra.** Petra works as a scriptwriter for the Six Television Network. She is provided with an office by Six where she is also provided with all necessary equipment. For creative reasons and to maximise productive output, rather than work at her Six office, Petra often works at home in an office she has set up specifically for this purpose. Six are quite happy about this but they do not provide any facilities for Petra to use at home.

Petra wishes to claim a deduction for expenses related to the home office (interest on mortgage, rates, electricity, insurance). Advise her carefully on deductibility under the law and on the records that she will need to keep for any available deductions. What would the role of ‘purpose’ of expenditure be if she were to install a SECOND phone line at home?
Lecture 7 DEDUCTIONS (second lecture on deductions)

Class will commence with approximately 45 minutes student presentations of L6 Problems.

W11-000 Overview of specific deduction provisions
W11-012 Preventing double deductions – interaction of provisions
W11.020 to W11.130 Repairs, Initial repairs and Improvements – looking at the cases too…
W11.440 to W11.470 Bad Debts
W11.500 to W11.540 Tax Losses of earlier years as deductions
W11.550 Tax Related Expenses
W11.560 Non-commercial loss anti-avoidance rules – since 2001 – why introduced?
W11.562 to W11.575 Others including “Borrowing Expenses” & Miscellaneous Expenses
W11-580 to W11-630 Other items

NOTE THAT AS ACCOUNTING STUDENTS YOU ARE EXPECTED TO READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING AREA EASILY – WHILE IT IS EXAMINABLE, LITTLE TIME WILL BE SPENT IN CLASS ON THIS RELATIVELY EASY (for accounting students) TOPIC.

W12.000 to W12.270 Capital Allowance deductions (depreciation rules)
W12-230 Car Depreciation Limit
W12-300 Blackhole Capital Expenditure
W12-400 to W12-440 Capital Works Deductions
Capital Allowance Concessions for Small Business Entities
Information to be provided in class – from ATO website:
http://www.ato.gov.au/businesses/content.asp?doc=/content/00106797.htm&pc=001/003/084/001/001&mnu=38549&mfp=001/003&st=&cy=1

L7 Student Presentation Topics (due L8)

NB If any questions do not make full sense to you then make assumptions required for the problem(s) to make sense and state these assumptions fully in class.

L7SP1 ICN Dance Today Pty Ltd. ICN Dance Today Pty Ltd (ICN) bought an old cinema on 28 July 2007 for use as its new dance studio. ICN borrowed $2 million to buy the building and is paying 6% interest. Borrowing expenses were $14,000 and Stamp Duty was $130,000.

On 8 August 2007 a storm struck the building causing what turned out to be poorly fixed roofing iron (it was in very poor condition at the time of purchase) to be dislodged. Water penetrated and damaged the ceiling. ICN decided to fix the whole roof to the same general standard as it had been before the storm – a difficult task as this involved repairing it so that it was still a ‘bad’ roof! ICN also decided to undertake work on the whole of the ceiling. Half the ceiling, in the lobby, retail areas and in the bathrooms was replaced to the same standard as it had previously been – this job was separately quoted and invoiced for $30,000. The other half of the ceiling area, which was over the main dance floor, was replaced with better materials that both enhanced the appearance of the hall and improved the acoustics. The total cost of fixing the roof was $28,000. The total cost of fixing the ceiling was $74,000 – this included the separately priced work that cost $30,000 and which was invoiced for this amount and $44,000 for the remainder of the ceiling work.

ICN wants to know what deductions are available in respect of the above items. Explain each item VERY carefully and consider all possible variations.

L7SP2 Chan Sen. Chan Sen is an employee of Chan Sen Books Pty Ltd a company in which Chan Sen owns 100% of the shares and which purchased a small retail bookstore on 1 August 2007. In September 2007 Chan Sen approached you to prepare his and his company’s tax returns when due for the 2008 tax year and also to gain tax advice. You discovered the following two
issues which concern you and you need to prepare advice for Chan Sen on all issues relevant to
deduction of these items:

A. The purchase price of the bookstore included an amount of $14,000 for debts outstanding. By 30 June 2008, Chan Sen Pty Ltd will have collected $9,000 of the debts and it will write off the remaining $5,000 as a bad debt.

B. In July 2007, Chan Sen took a trip to the US where he visited various publishers and authors in order to enhance his learning about the book publishing industry. While he had not arranged before the trip to call on particular businessmen or to inspect specific businesses he was most successful in achieving a profitable trip and learnt a great amount. He was so happy with the outcomes that he added on a 6 week holiday while he was in the USA. He says the real purpose of his trip was entirely for the work activity and that the holiday was just ‘tacked on’. He wants advice about his personal deductions for this trip.

L7SP3 MarlyAnn. MarlyAnn is a wealthy investor who needs you to provide good and thorough tax advice on the following issues:

A. In December 2007, in respect of earlier work by Gilligan Tax Services, MarlyAnn had made the following cash payments to them:

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<td>Financial advice to MarlyAnn on investment in shares</td>
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<td>Advice to MarlyAnn on tax planning</td>
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You are aware of Gilligan and you think it is likely that while the firm has qualified Accountants who have studied tax working within it, you believe that nobody in the firm is registered as a Tax Agent.

B. MarlyAnn recently borrowed $10,000 from Westpac in order to assist her husband to buy a rental property. MarlyAnn is paying 6.5% interest and her husband has indicated that he expects to be able to afford to pay her 3% as he does not want to negative gear because he has little income on which to take advantage of reducing his tax bill.

L7SP4 Explaining Capital Allowances. Present an original example to the class on capital allowances which explains the diminishing value method, the prime cost method and how and why balancing adjustments occur. Might a small business be interested in the STS for depreciation?
LECTURE 8  CAPITAL GAINS TAX

Class will commence with approximately 45 minutes student presentations of L7 Problems.

YOU WILL NEED TO READ AND STUDY THE RELEVANT TEXTBOOK PARAGRAPHS AND THE UNIT PROBLEM QUESTIONS CAREFULLY IN THIS AREA OF CGT. THE CLASS WILL COVER BASIC ISSUES ONLY

ITAA97 Part 3.1 – General rules for ascertaining liability to CGT – we will look at the following [examinable – read and study for full knowledge]:

ENSURE YOU LOOK CAREFULLY AT relevant legislative provisions – CGT is greatly legislation driven.

Lecture discussion – why CGT was introduced – “equity” or “revenue”? or both…

W7-000  Important overview
W7-030  Key Design Features of CGT
W7-050  Basic Structure of the CGT Regime
W7-100 and W7-110  CGT Events and their order of application
W7-120  CGT Event A1  Disposal of CGT Asset
W7-145 to W7-165  CGT Event C1  Loss/destruction of CGT Asset;  CGT Event C2
Cancellation, Surrender etc;  CGT Event D1  Creating Contractual or Other Rights
W7-300 to W7-315  CGT Events G1, G2 & G3  Shares
W7-375  CGT Event I1  Australian Residency Ends
W7-500 to W7-540  CGT Assets – Definition & Classification
W7-525  Collectables
W7-530  Personal Use Assets
W7-540  Separate CGT Assets – rules for land and improvements where some pre-date 19 Sept 1985
W7-550  Acquisition and timing rules
W7-655  Apportioned cost base where assets are dealt with partially
W7-700 to W7-720  Exemptions generally

W8-050 to W8-060  Main residence exemption
W7-600  Overview of capital gain/loss calculation
W7-605 to W7-615  Capital proceeds
W7-620 to W7-655  Cost base etc
W7-655 especially - **Apportioned cost base** where assets are dealt with partially
W7-690 to W7-698  Indexation – still applies for companies BUT frozen since 21 Sept 1999
W7-915  Discount Method (Div 115) for certain gains of certain taxpayers (since 21 Sept 1999)
W7-900 to W7-950  Determining capital gain/loss
W7-960  Record-keeping

ITAA97 Part 3.3 – Capital Gains and Losses – Special Topics – be aware of the existence of the special rules as discussed in W8-000. Aside from W8-050 to W8-060 [already covered above] the rest of Chapter 11 is not examinable in this unit

Problems you may choose to work through – THESE ARE NOT STUDENT PRESENTATION PROBLEMS (problem AND solutions to problems from CCH “Taxation Study Manual” by Nethercott, Richardson & Devos – Latest Edition references will be provided in class)
Problem 41 – Henry – share purchase
Problem 47 – Brian Lester – gift shop and home
Problem 50 – Mr Edwards – main residence
L8 Student Presentation Topics (due L9)

NB If any questions do not make full sense to you then make assumptions required for the
problem(s) to make sense and state these assumptions fully in class.

L8SP1 Narita. Narita has been very careless with her tax obligations under CGT (although she
has kept all records) and has come to you for advice as she is considering selling a building at Port
Macquarie that she is currently renting as a restaurant. You find that contracts for her original
purchase ($200,000 paid) were exchanged 29 September 1996 and settlement took place 6
January 1997. Extensions and modifications were made to the restaurant at a cost of $70,000
over the period 31 March 1999 to 20 June 1999 under a contract dated and paid 31 March 1999.
She made capital improvements in September 2000 at a cost of $90,000. You further discover that
a side annexe to the shop was sold on 29 September, 2001, for $50,000. You establish that the
market value for the remainder of the shop at that date was $400,000.

Narita wants to know what will happen to her tax liability if she accepts an offer to exchange
contracts to sell the restaurant on 30 June 2008 with full payment of $800,000 to take place 31
December 2008. She also wants to know her CGT position (with full explanation of what and why
and when) relating to any relevant tax years if there are any outstanding tax issues. Refer to W7-
655 for the rules to help with calculating the cost base for both CGT sales that she made –
calculate her tax obligations using the correct tax rates if you can find them yourself.

L8SP2 Ingrid’s House

In January 1995 Ingrid purchased a house in Strathfield for $184,500. Ingrid lived in the Strathfield
house until July 1999 when she accepted a job and moved to Cairns. Ingrid rented the house from
July 1 1999 to August 1 2007 and at no stage did she own another house as she herself rented in
Cairns. On August 1 2007 she returned to Sydney and moved back into the house on that date
and made it ready for sale. She lived in the house until 1 November 2007 when it was sold for
$835,300 under a contract dated 1 October 2007.

Required: Advise Ingrid on the income tax issues she faces due to CGT – giving full reasons as
well as calculations.

L8SP3 Ingrid’s Shares and Collectables

a. Ingrid also had stock market transactions as follows:
   i. 500 Lendlease shares acquired on 5 August 1996 at a cost of $12,000 were sold 20 July 2007
      for $10,000. Brokerage costs of $140 were incurred at the acquisition of this parcel of shares and
      a further $100 at their sale.
   ii. 2000 CSR shares were acquired on 1 May 1985 for $16,000. These were sold on 3 October
      2007 for $24,000. Brokerage was $100 at purchase and $450 at sale.
   iii. 3000 Pacific Dunlop shares (received from her father’s estate) were sold on 29 January, 2008
        for $4,000. (Her father had purchased these shares on 2 June 1980 for $1.10 each and they
        had a market value of $4.00 per share at the time of her father’s death on 2 August 1991). Brokerage
        fees of $100 were incurred by Ingrid at the sale of these shares.

b. Ingrid also sold two works of art from her private art collection in January 2008 (both were post
   85 acquisitions) and she provides you with the following details:
   i. The first was an ancient Ming Vase she acquired ten months earlier whilst holidaying in Hong
      Kong at a cost of $8,000. This was sold for $10,000.
   ii. The second was a painting which was sold for $2,000 and had a reduced cost base of $5,200.

Required: Advise Ingrid on the income tax issues she faces due to CGT – giving full reasons as
well as calculations.
LECTURE 9  GST

Class will commence with approximately 45 minutes student presentations of L8 Problems.

W27-045  Overview – we will talk at some length about the underlying concepts
W27-055  What is caught by GST – the Base
W27-065  Registration and turnover  IMPORTANT unfortunately 2008 the textbook
INCORRECTLY shows turnover thresholds (it still shows the thresholds that were replaced
in July 2007) – the correct thresholds will be examined and will be provided in class. If you
give the incorrect figures in the exam you will be marked WRONG and you WILL LOSE
MARKS
W27-075  Charging GST
W27-085  Creditable acquisitions and ITCs
W27-095  Adjustments and changes in creditable purpose
W27-115  Remitting GST
W27-125  Accounting for GST
W27-135  GST-free supplies
W27-145  Input Taxed Supplies
W27-187  GST Returns and Assessment
W27-190  Rulings
W27-196  Anti-avoidance

Read the relevant legislation relating to the core issues... Ensure you download and read this
week’s BLACKBOARD materials which encompass much more of the introduction to this topic than
do most of these BLACKBOARD materials.

L9 Student Presentation Topics (due L10)

NB  If any questions do not make full sense to you then make assumptions required for the
problem(s) to make sense and state these assumptions fully in class.

L9SP1  Registration

Are the following people required to register for GST purposes? Briefly explain why they need to
register and how they go about registering.

i. a hairdresser whose annual turnover is expected to be $30,000 pa.
ii. a video repair operator whose turnover is expected to be $97,000 comprising parts
   $50,000 and labour $47,000.
iii. a taxicab operator whose turnover is expected to be $60,000 pa.
iv. a greengrocer who sells $70,000 worth of fresh fruit each year
v. a residential landlord who rents 25 units for total rentals of $2 million per year
vi. a commercial landlord who rents commercial units only for rent of $1 million per year

Ensure you explain your answers fully – with both legal and commercial reasons explained

L9SP2  Pamela and Brian  Brian Foster and Pamela, his wife sold their gift shop for
$770,000 (but did not identify the sale as sale of a going concern to the buyer) and their family
home in Eastwood (for $900,000) in January 2008, and moved to Queensland on 20 March 2008.
Before moving, they decided to sell many of their household effects, and some things from their
business (that the new owners did not want) at a garage sale at their Eastwood home on 15 March
2008. They sold $7,150 worth of second hand goods to people attending the sale. Items sold
included a clothes dryer, old bicycles, an old refrigerator (from the business), old books and a
typewriter (from the business).

Advise Brian and Pamela on the GST consequences of these transactions.
L9SP3 Malcolm

Malcolm owns and operates a garden maintenance and lawn mowing business. He employs 2 casual staff, and is registered for GST.

For the 2007/08 income year Malcolm has recorded the following transactions:

**Receipts (GST inclusive)**
- Fees from clients: $28,000
- Sale of second hand ride on mower: $2,300

**Expenses**
- Fuel for vehicles and equipment (eg lawn mowers he kept receipts for all purchases over $75 excl GST): $1,600
- Equipment repairs (no ABN provided on tax invoice): $1,080
- Rubbish-tip fees ($10 per visit – receipt only): $210
- Wages: $3,000
- Telephone: $1,480
- New equipment (no tax invoice provided): $11,400
- Stump-grinder hire (see note 2): $500
- Landscape supplies: $15,800
- Repayments of business loan (interest $1,000, capital $500): $1,500

**Additional Information**
1. In February 2006, Malcolm made a gift for no consideration, of an old lawn mower to his son. (The market value of the lawn mower at the time of the gift was $250)
2. On 28 June 2006, he hired a tree stump-grinder and paid $200 and a $300 deposit. The deposit was refundable on the return provided the equipment was not damaged and it was returned by the agreed date.
3. Assume that all supplies are taxable (where appropriate), and that a valid tax invoice has been provided unless stated otherwise.

Advise Malcolm of the correct GST treatment and financial outcomes. (Calculations must be shown where relevant). What is the significance of the deposit in this case compared with say a ‘deposit’ paid to purchase a car for business purposes.

L9SP4 Alfredo and Elect Ltd

Identify and EXPLAIN FULLY what would be the better accounting system (cash or accruals) and whether the taxpayer should use monthly or quarterly returns in the following circumstances:

i. **Alfredo**, a retailer of fresh fruit and vegetables each month spends (on account) $12,100 paying for rent on premises, for vehicles, electricity and cleaning. He spends a further $22,000 (in cash, at the markets) for trading stock of fresh fruit and vegetables. Total monthly sales amount to $50,000 paid through the cash register. (3 marks) Note that you will be marked for the reasons you give.

ii. **Elect Ltd** is a manufacturer of electrical goods which has monthly sales of $77,000 including GST. These sales are normally paid by customers after 45 days. Elect Ltd has acquisitions (excluding payroll) of $44,000 per month including GST and Elect normally pays its suppliers after 7 days. Elect Ltd is a Small Business Entity and uses cash for its income tax obligations. (3 marks) Note that you will be marked for the reasons you give. L9SP4 is a VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION – as it really explores whether you understand GST!
LECTURE 10  PARTNERSHIPS AND TRUSTS

Class will commence with approximately 45 minutes student presentations of L9 Problems. We will deal with either of Trusts rather than partnerships in detail for exam purposes. Nonetheless, these LGNs provide a non-examinable overview of partnership taxation which is provided for your knowledge but will not be examined.

PARTNERSHIP
W16-025  Partnerships at general law
W16-030  Partnerships for tax purposes
W16-080  Creation of partnership
W16-090  Tax consequences – creation
W16-200  Outline of taxing partnership income
W16-210  Calculations
W16-250  Allocations
W16-260  Internal transactions
W16-420  Change in composition
W16-460 to W16-490  Assignment and ATO views
W16-800  Liability to lodge partnership returns
Other partnership issues – not examinable but you should read these for professional purposes.

TRUSTS
W17-010  What is a trust?
W17-020  Creation of a trust
W17-030  Some relevant trust law principles
W17-040  Types of trust
W17-050  Trustee or Trust – taxation???
W17-060  Introduction to trust taxation
W17-070  “Legal Disability”
W17-080  “Present Entitlement”
W17-100  Deemed “Present Entitlement”
W17-110  Net income of trust estate
W17-130  Trust losses
W17-140  Transfer of losses – read 18 lines only
W17-160  Source and residence etc – do not read – in class, we will discuss diagram at W17-160 time permitting – which in turn is explained by pars W17-170, W17-180 and W17-190
W17-230  Deceased Estates – not examinable but you should read these for professional purposes

TAXATION OF MINORS
DIVISION 6AA
W21-010  Overview
W21-020  Prescribed persons and excepted persons and excepted income
W21-030  Trust income of minors
W21-050  Calculations

Read all relevant legislation identified in the text – especially s97 s98 s99 and s99A

L10 Student Presentation Topics (due L11)
NB  If any questions do not make full sense to you then make assumptions required for the problem(s) to make sense and state these assumptions fully in class.

L10SPs - Generally
In both of the following problems you are required to identify the key issues and explain how relevant trusts taxation and other taxation laws (discussing relevant statutes) will apply to each person in the following situation.
Eileen is trustee of a discretionary trust. Income of the trust for the tax year ending 30 June 2008 is expected to be $100,000. Note that the two problems are intended to be cumulative. Eileen will have made the following distributions of trust income by June 30 2008:

L10SP1. **Tom Robert and Eileen.** Tom (aged 40) is mentally unstable and is in a nursing home. Eileen will have paid $40,000 being his nursing home fees from trust income. Further, Robert is aged 16. Eileen will have exercised her discretion before June 30 and as a result will pay $5,000 to him from trust income. Robert also works at McDonalds one day a week and will have earned $7,000 in the year ending 30 June 2008.

L10SP2. **Elsa, Eileen and the 3 other children.** Elsa is aged 26. She received $25,000 in trust income as a result of Eileen exercising her discretion. Elsa also wanted to buy a house so Eileen advanced a further $40,000 of trust capital to Elsa. Further, Eileen did not exercise her discretion to pay income to three other children aged less than 18 years of age. **Then calculate Elsa’s (from above) specific current taxation liabilities** using the correct tax and Medicare rates. Include Elsa's trust income from above and ALSO note that Elsa received other income for the year from other sources than the trust which comprised $10,000 of unfranked dividends and $35,000 of fully franked dividends (she was advised there were $15,000 of imputation credits). In your answer ensure you briefly discuss why and how an imputation credit comes into being.
Lecture 11  ASPECTS of ENTITY TAXATION AND DIVIDEND IMPUTATION

REVISION of ASPECTS of TAX ADMINISTRATION (includes some further EXAMINABLE discussion of topics “rush-covered” in L1) and TAX AVOIDANCE including Part IVA – General Tax Avoidance

Class will commence with approximately 45 minutes student presentations of L10 Problems.

Imputation
For examination purposes you are required to know how the dividend imputation system operates and how it affects taxpayers. Otherwise, this taxation topic belongs in an advanced taxation course and, aside from dividend imputation as it affects shareholders, the topic will not be examined.

W18-100 to W18-130 provide the core explanation you need.

It is likely that trusts and partnerships will not have been finished in L10 so also be prepared to finish these topics in this lecture.

Additionally, you may read Chapter 18 of Woellner generally. There will be an overview lecture on this topic and an explanation of how the dividend imputation system operates compared with the classical system of taxing company distributions.

L1 KEY TOPIC REVIEW – COMMISSIONER DISCRETION
W1.490   ATO practice as a source of “Law”
W1-500   Commissioner’s discretion
W1-510   Review of discretion

L1 KEY TOPIC REVIEW – TAX RULINGS
W30-470   Self-assessment implications
W30-472   ATO Rulings
W30-474   Public Rulings – various types Tax Determinations, Tax Rulings, Miscellaneous Tax Rulings etc – also Product and Class Rulings
W30-475   Public Rulings binding on Commissioner
W30-480   Private Rulings and problems

SELF-ASSESSMENT REGIME
W30-000 to W30-360   Lodging Tax Returns
W30-495   Elections & Notifications
W30-410 to W30-420   Assessments
W30.425 to W30.457   Types of assessment
W30-488   Self-Amendment ie by request of taxpayer
W30-600   Amending by Commissioner
W30-620 & W30-640   Time Limits

L1 KEY TOPIC REVIEW – Brief Discussion of Some Compliance Issues Under Self-Assessment Regime
W32-405 and W32-420   Pay As You Go (PAYG) System Overview
W32-375   Australian Business Number
W32-300   Tax File Number overview
W32-220   Financial Transactions Reports Act
L1 KEY TOPIC REVIEW – Overview of Tax Concessions for Small Business Entities
Information to be provided in class – from ATO website:
http://www.ato.gov.au/businesses/content.asp?doc=/content/00106797.htm&pc=001/003/084/001/001&mnu=38549&mfp=001/003&st=&cy=1

VARIOUS ISSUES AND CHALLENGING THE ASSESSMENT [NE]
WCh 29 and WCh 30 – generally raise a series of important matters that are not examinable in this unit – but which you will need to read and understand as tax professionals. See for example topics such as Commissioners powers under s263 and s264 and the issue of Legal Professional Privilege.

W Chapter 25 TAX EVASION AVOIDANCE AND PLANNING [NE]
This is an important area that we will discuss briefly in class. It is an area that must never be forgotten or misunderstood by tax advisers. You will encounter this area in detail in future study and in your professional careers as accountants.

FINAL EXAMS START Monday 28 July
Exam content and other advice will be shown on BLACKBOARD
Check MAcc website for dates times locations and seating plan
STUDY WELL and GOOD LUCK
Please do your best – and remember you, the student really matter to us!
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Student Presentation Feedback and Indicative Marks

This sheet will be used to give you your feedback for your presentations. You should prepare carefully recognising the things we will be looking for in your preparation and presentations. Remember, you are helping build study notes for yourself and your fellow students so careful thought, communication and understanding are vital for good marks!

Family Name ___________________ First Name ___________ Called ___________________

Student Number ____________________

Student Presentation # __________________________________________

Presentation Day & Time __________________________________________

Lecturer __________________________________________

Your indicative mark as a percentage __________

Note that your indicative mark will be subject to adjustment (upwards or downwards) as all students’ marks are standardised across all groups to lead to an overall average of between 70% and 80%.

You will receive this sheet within a few weeks of the in-class presentation and your lecturer may also keep a copy – but you should keep the original safe.

THE STANDARD AT WHICH YOU PERFORMED (rating will be circled)

6 = Outstandingly High (High Distinction plus level – a rare mark!)    5 = Distinction level
4 = Above Average (Credit level)    3 = Average (High Pass level)    2 = below average (needed more work to achieve good Pass)    1 = well below average (equates to a fail for poor or no performance)

| Quality of presentation MATERIALS | 6 5 4 3 2 1 |
| COMMUNICATION with audience | 6 5 4 3 2 1 |
| EXPLANATION to meet class needs | 6 5 4 3 2 1 |
| Extent of thorough UNDERSTANDING | 6 5 4 3 2 1 |
| Identification of TOPIC DIFFICULTIES | 6 5 4 3 2 1 |
| Apparent PREPARATION and Reading | 6 5 4 3 2 1 |
| Prepare to and comply with TIME LIMITS | 6 5 4 3 2 1 |

Other Comment: ____________________________________________________________