

INFORMATION SHEET

Tax Rates

As from 1 July 2007 These rates are used for your 2008 Tax Return		As from 1 July 2008 (proposed rates) These rates are used for your 2009 Tax Return	
0 - 6,000	Nil	1 - 6,000	Nil
6,001 - 30,000	15% for each \$1 over \$6,000	6,001 - 34,000	15% for each \$1 over \$6,000
30,001 - 75,000	\$3,600 plus 30% for each \$1 over \$30,000	34,001 - 80,000	\$4,200 plus 30% for each \$1 over \$34,000
75,001 - 150,000	\$17,100 plus 40% for each \$1 over \$75,000	80,001 - 180,000	\$18,000 plus 40% for each \$1 over \$80,000
Over \$150,000	\$47,100 plus 45% for each \$1 over \$150,000	Over 180,001	\$58,000 plus 45% for each \$1 over \$180,000

Low Income Tax Offset – for the financial year ending 30 June 2008 the low income tax offset will be \$750. The income threshold at which the offset begins to reduce is \$30,000.

Superannuation - Government Co-Contribution – If you contribute up to \$1,000 to your superannuation fund before 30 June 2008 you may be eligible for the Government Co-Contribution. You will qualify for the full payment if your assessable income is less than \$28,980. If your assessable income is between \$28,980 and \$58,980 you will qualify for a part payment. NOTE: Assessable income is gross income from all sources before deductions are claimed.

Superannuation – if your assessable income has less than 10% income from salary and wages, you are able to claim a tax deduction for a personal contribution to your super fund subject to super deduction threshold limits. If you are aged under 50 years, the contribution limit is \$50,000 and if you are aged over 50 years the contribution limit is \$100,000. For example, if you have a large capital gain from the sale of a property or shares in a financial year and you salary sacrifice most of your income, you could claim a contribution to your super fund and so offset the capital gain. Before doing this we suggest you seek our advice.

MBF Merger – In May 2008 members of MBF approved a merger with BUPA Australia. Members were defined as being any person holding a current health insurance policy as at 8 November 2007. Under the merger proposal members are entitled to receive a cash payment in respect of their policy to be paid in late June 2008. This payment will have capital gains tax consequences and will need to be declared in your 2008 tax return. If you receive the merger payment, please bring your allocation form and payment details to your interview.

2008 / 09 Year – New Education Tax Refund – the Government will introduce a 50% Education tax refund on eligible educational expenses from 1 July 2008. Eligible families can claim up to \$750 for each child undertaking primary school studies and \$1,500 for each child undertaking secondary school studies. **You will need to keep receipts to claim these amounts in your 2009 tax return.**