



BUSINESS OWNERS UPDATE



2024 YEAR

- **Equipment Depreciation** – Accelerated Depreciation - Business assets costing less than \$20,000 may be written off for SBE's using the Simplified Depreciation measures.
- Motor vehicles are subject to the **car cost limit**, \$68,108 for 2024. Vehicles above this amount – Depreciation and GST cannot be claimed.
- The Concessional Superannuation Contribution cap for the 2024 year is \$27,500.
- **Superannuation deduction** – If your total super balance is below \$500,000 you may be eligible for **Unused Concessional Cap Carry Forward**. If you have not reached the concessional contribution cap over the last 5 years, you can contribute the difference in 2024 to plus the 2024 cap of \$27,500 (Concessional Contributions include your Employer SGC and any salary sacrificed amounts).
- **Primary Producers** can immediately deduct the cost of fencing and water facilities (dams, tanks, bores, pumps etc). Fodder Storage assets (hay sheds, silo's grain storage sheds etc) are also eligible for immediate write off, if purchased during the financial year.
- The Company Tax Rate for 2024 remains at 25% (aggregated turnover threshold less than \$50m).
- **Small Business Energy Incentive** – An extra 20% deduction to the value of the cost of business assets that utilise less electricity or fossil fuels than another asset (a maximum deduction of \$20,000 exists). Applies to assets bought, installed and ready for use between July 1st, 2023 and June 30th, 2024. Documentation must be kept to support the claim (proof the asset is more efficient than another one on the market at the time of purchase—to enable the claim of this incentive, please provide this evidence to our office).

We will ensure to adopt legislation where eligible, to your business, to minimise your tax.



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ATO AUDIT TARGETS

- Payments to Contractors & Commission amounts paid - failure to withhold tax, pay Super, WorkCover and/or Payroll Tax or report any Fringe Benefits
- Motor Vehicle expense claims and reporting Fringe Benefits (even if NIL).
- Shadow Economy (Cash) - using industry benchmarks, lifestyle expense and asset data analysis (data obtained from insurers and other expanded reporting system requirements of business)
- Loans and payments to associates without the associate reporting this as income (Division 7A of ITAA 1936).

YOUR IMMEDIATE YEAR END ADMINISTRATION DEADLINES

- Make your *Finalisation Declaration* within your Payroll Software (STP) to generate the 2024 **PAYG Payment Summaries** for your employees before 14 July 2024.
- Business' in the Building & Construction, Cleaning, Courier, Road Freight, IT, Security, Investigation or Surveillance Services and Government Entities must report to the tax office, all payments made to Contractors during the 2024 financial year by 28 August 2024 – **Taxable Payments Annual Report**.
- Pay Apr-Jun 2024 quarter employee super before 30 June to enable the tax deduction in the 2024 financial year. The final legislative deadline for this quarters super is *28 July 2024*.
- The June 2024 Quarter BAS is due to be lodged and paid to the tax office on or before *28 July 2024* or *25 August 2024* if lodged through our office.

SUPER GUARANTEE INCREASE: From 1 July 2024 Superannuation Guarantee increases to **11.5%**.

Please Note: The advice given is general in nature and anyone intending to apply the information to practical circumstances should seek professional advice to independently verify their interpretation and the information's applicability to their particular circumstances.