TAX TIME 2016 CHECKLIST

FAJ Top Tax Tips.

- MAXIMISE YOUR WORK RELATED DEDUCTIONS
- TURN WORK AT HOME INTO TAX DEDUCTIONS
- TAX IMPLICATIONS FOR UBER DRIVERS AND AIRBNB HOSTS

These are just three points from the following detailed Checklist Francis A Jones has developed to help you get exactly what you're entitled to in your tax refund.

Because when you make all the claims you're entitled to, it all adds up. And our job is to make sure you get every cent you can.

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1 MAXIMISE YOUR WORK RELATED DEDUCTIONS As a general rule, if an item of expenditure is directly related to your work you may be able to claim it as an expense. For example protective clothing, laundering uniforms, income protection insurance, union fees, tools, subscriptions and journals are all deductible.

2 TURN WORK AT HOME INTO TAX DEDUCTIONS Internet, telephone and power may be tax deductible expenses if you do any work from home. Keep a diary of the hours spent and work related phone calls made over a one-month period and we can use this to calculate your claim for the year. You can also depreciate office equipment like computers, printers, electronic equipment.

3 TAX IMPLICATIONS FOR UBER DRIVERS AND AIRBNB HOSTS The ATO treats Uber drivers in a similar way to taxi drivers – in that they are self employed contractors carrying on a business. As such, Uber drivers are required to be registered for GST (the threshold does not apply). Uber drivers will be assessed on the full fare (includes Uber's 20% commission). We can help you with your GST and income tax obligations. There are various deductible expenses to watch out for, like parking, initial police checks, sunglasses, vehicle costs, passenger comforts and phone.

Airbnb is similar to Uber in that it is also a technology based business. Any income received by the host (inclusive of the 3% Airbnb service fee) is assessable income. All commissions, fees and costs incurred in operating the Airbnb are deductible. A portion of the property expenses like rates and interest are also deductible. Be warned that this can trigger capital gains when you sell the property.

4 USE SALARY SACRIFICE TO ELIMINATE THE TEMPORARY BUDGET LEVY If you earn more than $180,000 you will have to pay an additional 2% in tax. We can help you utilise salary sacrifice and other methods to reduce this additional tax.

5 CLAIM ON WORK-RELATED EDUCATION AND TRAINING Costs incurred in attending seminars, conferences, workshops, training, TAFE and university studies are tax deductible as long as it relates to your work. Work related costs include course fees (some exclusions apply), books, stationery, equipment and travel.

6 IT'S NOT JUST OUR FEES THAT ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE Did you know that as well as being able to claim the fees paid to FAJ for preparing your tax return you can also claim the cost of travelling to FAJ and parking fees?

7 USE PRIVATE HOSPITAL COVER TO REDUCE YOUR TAX SURCHARGE If you earn more than 90k per year as a single person (more for couples & families) you will be liable to pay a medicare surcharge. We can help you understand your tax saving from taking up private health insurance.

8 MAXIMISE YOUR TRAVEL-RELATED DEDUCTIONS Travelling between two jobs is tax deductible and there might be other deductible travel you don't know about. Keep track of all work travel and expenses to allow us to claim the most for your car. Ask us for a complimentary FAJ log book or use our app.

9 ENSURE YOU GET THE MAXIMUM FAMILY TAX BENEFIT Not claiming Family Tax Benefit fortnightly? The good news is you may be eligible for a lump sum - but don't miss the deadline for claiming. See us for any information relating to your Family Tax Benefit claim.

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10 GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR PROPERTY INVESTMENTS For tips on what you can claim and what it means to negatively gear a property, please download our checklist 'FAJ Tax Tips for Property Investors'.

11 CHOOSE THE MOST GENEROUS PARENTAL LEAVE OPTION Expecting a baby? Most families are better off receiving Parental Leave Pay rather than the Newborn Upfront Payment. If you are eligible we can help you choose the payment which is best for you.

12 GROW YOUR SUPER, SHRINK YOUR TAX BILL The year ended 30th June 2017 marks the end of some of the current rules relating to transition to retirement pensions and tax savings individually and within super funds. Ask us how to structure this to benefit you the most.

13 TURN CHARITY DONATIONS INTO TAX DEDUCTONS You can claim a deduction for voluntary donations of $2 or more made to approved organisations. Approved organisations include funds, charities or organisations registered in Australia and school building funds.

14 WHEN MIGHT DEDUCTIBLE EXPENDITURE NOT BE BENEFICIAL TO YOU Did you know only a percentage of an expense is recovered? The lower your tax threshold the lesser the tax benefit. If you are below the $18,200 tax free threshold there are no tax benefits. It is not advisable to spend money on tax deductible items just to get the tax deduction.

15 SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE Did you know that if you qualify as a small business enterprise you can claim an immediate deduction for assets up to $20,000? Speak to us about how you can utilise this tax break.

16 TAX PLANNING Your income can vary from year to year along with changes to tax and superannuation laws. The timing of tax deductions and deductible super contributions can have an impact on your overall wealth. We can assist with tax planning issues.

17 DOES YOUR TAXABLE INCOME JUSTIFY YOUR WEALTH AND LIFESTYLE? The ATO are looking at high wealth taxpayers who have expensive lifestyles which are not supported by their income. They will be investigating asset values from external sources such as insurance companies and will concentrate on boats, expensive motor vehicles, horses, artwork and aircraft.

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