

Haven't received your tax bonus payment?

ARE YOU EXPECTING THE TAX BONUS PAYMENT BUT HAVEN'T RECEIVED IT?

If you lodged your 2007–08 tax return before the end of March 2009 we automatically calculated your eligibility and entitlements and sent your payment to you. You did not have to do anything to receive the payment.

We paid the money direct to your bank account, mailed a cheque to you or paid it to your tax agent or accountant. We directed the payment automatically according to the details provided in your 2007–08 tax return – unless you or your tax agent or accountant changed your details. If these details were incorrect you need to phone us on **1300 686 636**.

HAS YOUR TAX AGENT OR ACCOUNTANT RECEIVED YOUR PAYMENT?

If a tax agent or accountant completed your 2007–08 tax return, we may have sent your payment there. However, there may be other reasons why you have not received your payment.


ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for the tax bonus payment:

- you must have been an Australian resident for tax purposes in 2007–08
- you must lodge a 2007–08 tax return by **30 June 2009**, unless we granted you a deferral before 18 February 2009
- your 2007–08 taxable income must have been \$100,000 or less
- your 2007–08 adjusted tax liability must have been greater than zero (see 'Step 2' in the example below).

Check your eligibility using the example below. You will need to refer to your own notice of assessment – the document we send you after we process your tax return.

(or to address on envelope if barcoded)
GPO BOX 9990
Sydney NSW 2001

 **Australian Government**
Australian Taxation Office

Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 and Income Tax Assessment Act 1997
NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT
For the year ending 30 June 2008 (or substituted accounting period)

Your Taxable Income is \$46621	A 8586.30DR
Tax on Taxable Income	O 699.31DR
Medicare Levy	E 9524.11CR
PAYG Withholding Credits	G 423.16CR
Tax Offsets and Other Credits	L 661.66CR
Balance of this Assessment	
A refund cheque for this amount is below	

***** Additional Information *****

Label G includes an amount of \$85.16 for Low Income Tax Offset

Step 1: Is your taxable income equal to or less than \$100,000?

- Yes **Go to step 2.**
 No You are not eligible.

Step 2: Is the total of A + O minus G (if G is present) greater than \$0?

- Yes You are eligible provided you were an Australian resident for tax purposes during the 2007–08 financial year.
 No You are not eligible.

You can also check your eligibility using our online calculator at www.australia.gov.au/taxbonuspayment



HAVE YOU LODGED A TAX RETURN FOR 2007-08?

To be eligible for the tax bonus payment you must lodge your 2007-08 tax return by **30 June 2009**, unless we granted you a deferral prior to 18 February this year.

You can lodge your return by mail using *TaxPack* or through a tax agent or accountant. *E-tax 2008* is no longer available as our systems need to be prepared to process 2008-09 tax returns.

To obtain a copy of *TaxPack*:

- visit our website at www.gov.au/publications
- visit one of our shopfronts
- phone **1300 686 636** between 8.00am and 6.00pm Monday to Friday.

If you lodged your 2007-08 tax return **after the end of March 2009**, you'll receive your payment within **four weeks** of receiving a notice of assessment from us. This is the document we send you after we process your tax return.

If you lodge your return after **15 June 2009** you won't receive your notice of assessment until late July due to the usual system shutdown in preparation for tax time. This means you will not receive your tax bonus payment until early August 2009.

! If you or your tax agent or accountant have been affected by a natural disaster or significant injury or illness resulting in hospitalisation for more than two weeks, you have until **30 June 2010** to lodge your 2007-08 tax return.

Note: this only applies if the natural disaster or significant injury or illness occurred between 1 January 2008 and 30 June 2009 inclusive.

STILL NOT SURE WHY YOU HAVEN'T GOT YOUR PAYMENT?

You need to check:

- your eligibility
- if your payment is with your tax agent or accountant
- that you received your notice of assessment more than four weeks ago.

If you have checked all of the above and still don't have your payment, phone us on **1300 686 636** and we will help you.

For a faster service, have your tax return notice of assessment ready when you call.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the tax bonus payment:

- visit our website at www.ato.gov.au
- phone **1300 686 636** between 8.00am and 6.00pm Monday to Friday.

If you do not speak English well and want to talk to a tax officer, phone the Translating and Interpreting Service on **13 14 50** for help with your call.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

We are committed to providing you with guidance you can rely on. If you feel that this publication does not fully cover your circumstances, or you are unsure how it applies to you, you can seek further assistance from us. We regularly revise our publications to take account of any changes to the law, so make sure that you have the latest information. If you are unsure, you can check for a more recent version on our website at www.ato.gov.au or contact us.

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