

Business Tax Break

To help Australian businesses, a temporary tax break is available on plant and equipment you need to buy to keep your business running.

The tax break is not a refund, rebate or tax offset. It's a tax deduction to reduce the assessable income of your business. Deadlines apply.

50% tax break for businesses with turnover less than \$2 million.

If you own a small business that turns over less than \$2 million a year, you can claim an extra 50% tax deduction on the cost of eligible assets which cost \$1,000 or more.

To qualify, the asset must be bought between 13 December 2008 and 31 December 2009 and be installed by 31 December 2010.

30% or 10% tax break for businesses with turnover of \$2 million or more.

Larger businesses may qualify for an extra tax deduction on eligible assets which cost \$10,000 or more.

To qualify for the 30% tax deduction, the asset had to have been bought between 13 December 2008 and 30 June 2009. It will need to be installed by 30 June 2010. The 10% tax deduction is available depending on when the asset was bought. It needs to be installed by 31 December 2010.

What can I buy?

The tax break covers new, tangible, depreciating assets such as:

- cars, vans, trucks and other business vehicles
- computer hardware (but not software)
- tools
- furniture.

It also covers capital improvements to existing machinery and equipment.

Where do I find out more?

Contact your tax adviser, visit the website www.australia.gov.au/businessstaxbreak or phone the business tax break info line on 1300 337 921.



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