



ACCG8124

Taxation Law

Session 2, Special circumstances 2021

Department of Accounting & Corporate Governance

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Session 2 Learning and Teaching Update

The decision has been made to conduct study online for the remainder of Session 2 for all units WITHOUT mandatory on-campus learning activities. Exams for Session 2 will also be online where possible to do so.

This is due to the extension of the lockdown orders and to provide certainty around arrangements for the remainder of Session 2. We hope to return to campus beyond Session 2 as soon as it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Some classes/teaching activities cannot be moved online and must be taught on campus. You should already know if you are in one of these classes/teaching activities and your unit convenor will provide you with more information via iLearn. If you want to confirm, see the list of [units with mandatory on-campus classes/teaching activities](#).

Visit the [MQ COVID-19 information page](#) for more detail.

General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

(ACCG614 or ACCG6014) and admission to MAccg or MAccLead or MAccg(Adv) or MProfAcc or MProfAccgLead

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit examines the laws relating to income tax (including the taxation of capital gains), fringe benefits tax and the goods and services tax in Australia and their application to determine a particular entity's tax liability. In completing this unit, students will be able to identify, explain, analyse and apply relevant tax legislation, case law and rulings to a variety of fact situations, making conclusions and recommendations. In addition, the tax issues specific to individuals, partnerships, trusts and companies are considered and compared. Specifically, students can identify, analyse and apply the law relating to income tax and determine a particular taxpayer's final income tax liability; identify, analyse and apply the law relating to GST and FBT and determine a particular taxpayer's GST and FBT liability; explain the relevant tax laws and related legal precedents and apply them to a problem or fact situation; present verbally and in writing conclusions as to the tax implications arising from a particular set of facts.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Identify, analyse and apply the law relating to income tax and determine a particular taxpayer's final income tax liability.

ULO2: Identify, analyse and apply the law relating to GST and FBT and determine a particular taxpayer's GST and FBT liability.

ULO3: Explain the relevant tax laws and related legal precedents and apply them to a problem or fact situation.

ULO4: Present verbally and in writing conclusions as to the tax implications arising from a particular set of facts.

General Assessment Information

Late submissions of assignments

Sometimes unavoidable circumstances occur that might prevent you from submitting an assignment on time and, in that case, you may be eligible to lodge a [Special Consideration request](#).

Unless a [Special Consideration request](#) has been submitted and approved, please note that no extensions to assignment deadlines will be granted. Assignments that are submitted late will attract a late penalty:

1. There will be a deduction of 10% of the total available marks made from the total awarded mark for each 24 hour period or part thereof that the submission is late.
2. No assignment will be accepted more than 72 hours after the due date and time (incl. weekends) after the original due date.
3. No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments (e.g., quizzes, online tests) or for tasks with a weighting of 10% or less of the total unit assessment.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Class Participation	5%	No	Throughout the Session
Online Quiz	15%	No	Week 5
Case study	30%	No	Week 9
Online Final Exam	50%	No	Examination period

Class Participation

Assessment Type ¹: Presentation

Indicative Time on Task ²: 2 hours

Due: **Throughout the Session**

Weighting: **5%**

Requires students to make an oral and written presentation. Each student will be allocated a question and will be required to give one oral presentation analysing and answering the issues in the question. Presentations will be marked on the basis of the level of preparation, understanding, accuracy and ability to explain the key issues.

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- Explain the relevant tax laws and related legal precedents and apply them to a problem or fact situation.
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Online Quiz

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 6 hours

Due: **Week 5**

Weighting: **15%**

This diagnostic quiz 1 will cover topics 1 to 3 and related tutorial questions. The quiz is designed to provide feedback as to the student's understanding of key topics and to identify any particular learning challenges or areas of difficulty prior to the later assessment tasks.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Identify, analyse and apply the law relating to income tax and determine a particular taxpayer's final income tax liability.

Case study

Assessment Type ¹: Report

Indicative Time on Task ²: 31 hours

Due: **Week 9**

Weighting: **30%**

(1) Group component (5%) The group component will assess students' skills in using Xero computerised accounting software while working in a group.

(2) Individual component (25%) - Business report (20%) Students are required to write a 2,000 word business report that analyses a set of facts concerning a taxpayer's circumstances and apply the Australian tax law to arrive a conclusion in form of a piece of advice. - Reflection report on Forage internship case study (5%) In addition to submitting a screenshot of the completion certificate from the selected Forage virtual experience program, students are required to submit a reflection report (500 words) about their experience with participating in the virtual experience program.

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Online Final Exam

Assessment Type ¹: Examination

Indicative Time on Task ²: 21 hours

Due: **Examination period**

Weighting: **50%**

A two-hour online examination will be held during the University's examination period

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- Identify, analyse and apply the law relating to GST and FBT and determine a particular taxpayer's GST and FBT liability.
- Explain the relevant tax laws and related legal precedents and apply them to a problem

or fact situation.

- Present verbally and in writing conclusions as to the tax implications arising from a particular set of facts.

¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

Classes

- The thirteen three-hour seminars will consist of a 2 hour lecture and 1 hour seminar component each week as detailed later in this unit guide.
- The timetable for classes can be found on the University web site at: <http://www.timetables.mq.edu.au/>
- Class attendance for this unit is compulsory.

Staff teaching in the unit will be available for individual consultation with students. A timetable of when staff will be available will be posted on the unit's iLearn site.

Students experiencing significant difficulties with any topic in the unit must seek assistance immediately. You are encouraged to seek help at a time that is convenient to you from a staff member teaching on this unit during their regular consultation hours. In special circumstances, an appointment may be made outside regular consultation hours.

Lecturer consultation sessions will be run online via Zoom.

Required and Recommended Texts and/or Materials

Prescribed textbooks:

- Woellner, Barkoczy, Murphy, Evans and Pinto *Australian Taxation Law 2021* OUP 31st Edition
- Barkoczy, S. *Core Tax Legislation and Study Guide 2021* OUP.

All students must purchase the prescribed texts.

Recommended textbooks:

The following is not specifically required but may be used for additional reading.

- Australian Master Tax Guide 2021 68th Edition CCH
- Nethercott LJ and others *Australian Tax Study Manual: Questions and Suggested Solutions 2020* 30th Edition OUP
- Barkoczy S *Australian Tax Casebook 2020* 15th Edition OUP

Additional Resources:

The University library has numerous resources relating to taxation law however you may find particularly useful the on-line resources 'Tax' resources available through the library databases, specifically CCH-Online.

Additional resources will be made available on the iLearn unit website for you to download and read.

Unit Web Page

You can directly access the Unit Guide, and the Assessment Guide, the current lecture outlines, Zoom recordings, announcements related to the unit, library and other useful websites via the ACCG8124's iLearn site.

Learning and Teaching Activities

Each week, lecture notes will be placed on iLearn before the class. These notes are only the core notes and they are NOT intended to stand alone nor in place of lecture attendance. They are provided for your convenience. You must also properly construct your own notes based on your own readings and any additional comments, supplements and corrections to these notes which may occur during lectures and which you MUST attend. The Lectures will be recorded on a weekly basis.

*You are **not** entitled to rely on lecturer provided notes for full study purposes nor as the final indicator of exam content. You are required to and expected to read all text and legislative references and also to take into account comments, additional materials and illustrations and examples which may also be given in lectures.*

It is expected that ALL students have prepared answers to each week's presentation questions PRIOR to the seminar.

Unit Schedule

Week	Lecture	Presentation	Assessment Due
01	Lecture 1 Introduction to taxation law Tax formula, tax rates and tax offsets Administrative aspects of taxation	No presentations	

02	<p>Lecture 2</p> <p>International aspects of taxation</p> <p>General principles of income</p> <p>Income from personal exertion</p>	Questions relating to Lecture One	
03	<p>Lecture 3</p> <p>Income from property</p> <p>Income from business</p>	Questions relating to Lecture Two	
04	<p>Lecture 4</p> <p>Tax Accounting</p> <p>General deductions</p>	Questions relating to Lecture Three	
05	<p>Lecture 5</p> <p>Specific deductions</p> <p>Trading stock</p>	Questions relating to Lecture Four	Online quiz
06	<p>Lecture 6</p> <p>Capital allowances and capital works</p> <p>Blackhole expenses</p> <p>Small business concessions</p> <p>Introduction to Capital Gains Tax</p>	Questions relating to Lecture Five	
07	<p>Lecture 7</p> <p>Capital Gain tax</p>	Questions relating to Lecture Six	
<p>Mid-Session Break - 13th to 24th September, 2021</p>			
08	<p>Lecture 8</p> <p>Goods and Services Tax</p>	Questions relating to Lecture Seven	
09	<p>Lecture 9</p> <p>Trusts</p> <p>Taxation of minors</p>	Questions relating to Lecture Eight	Case study

10	Lecture 10 Partnerships Superannuation	Questions relating to Lecture Nine	
11	Lecture 11 Companies	Questions relating to Lecture Ten	
12	Lecture 12 Fringe benefits tax	Questions relating to Lecture Eleven	
13	Lecture 13 Revision	Questions relating to Lecture Twelve	
14	EXAMINATION PERIOD		

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](#) or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at [ask.mq.edu.au](#)

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.