



Financial Spectrum

Tax Strategies



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Tax time is looming.

The end of the financial year is here. Many dread this time of year, but did you know that there are some great strategies that can help you to maximise your tax savings and grow your wealth?

To help prepare you for tax time, we've put together 12 strategies that may offer significant tax advantages. Some of these strategies are quite well-known, but some of these strategies may introduce you to some new ideas that you may not be aware of.

The financial advisers at Financial Spectrum are experts in taxation planning helping you to identify and implement strategies to maximise your tax savings.

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Strategy 1:

Government co-contributions

The strategy:	Make a personal after-tax contribution to your superannuation and receive a Government bonus
Suitable for:	People earning less than \$60,342 pa with at least 10% of this income from eligible employment or from carrying on a business
Possible benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ receive a Government co-contribution of up to \$1,500 ✓ boost your super balance for your retirement

Strategy 2:

Spouse contributions

The strategy:	Make a contribution to your spouse's superannuation
Suitable for:	People whose spouse earns an income of \$13,800 pa or less
Possible benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ boost your spouse's super balance for their retirement ✓ receive a tax offset of up to \$540

Strategy 3:

Contribute to superannuation

The strategy:	Boost your retirement super savings and save tax by making personal deductible super contributions
Suitable if:	You're self employed
Possible benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ boost your super balance✓ pay less income tax✓ make a larger after-tax investment

Strategy 4:

Delay

The strategy:	Delay withdrawing super benefits to save lump sum tax
Suitable if:	You're under the age of 60 and want to cash-out some of your super
Possible benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ save on lump sum tax✓ make a larger after-tax investment

Strategy 5:

Defer asset sales

The strategy:	Defer asset sales to manage capital gains tax until the next financial year
Suitable if:	You're thinking of selling a profitable asset this financial year
Possible benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ defer paying your capital gains tax ✓ reduce your capital gains tax liability

Strategy 6:

Pre-pay interest

The strategy:	Pre-pay 12 months interest on an investment loan
Suitable if:	You have, or are considering establishing, a geared investment portfolio or property portfolio
Possible benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ bring forward your tax deduction ✓ pay less income tax this financial year

Strategy 7:

Pre-pay insurance

The strategy:	Pre-pay 12 months income protection insurance premiums
Suitable if:	You're employed or self-employed
Possible benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ bring forward your tax deduction✓ pay less income tax this financial year

Strategy 8:

Make a donation

The strategy:	Do you have a favourite charity? Make a donation this financial year and claim a deduction.
Suitable for:	All taxpayers
Possible benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ earn a tax deduction✓ make a worthwhile contribution to a good cause

Strategy 9:

Salary sacrifice

The strategy:	Maximise your annual superannuation contributions through salary sacrificing (making contributions from your gross salary or bonus) to super
Suitable if:	You're eligible to contribute to super and you don't contribute the maximum allowable (From 1 July 2009: \$25,000 for people under 50, \$50,000 for people over 50)
Possible benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ pay less income tax this financial year ✓ increase your super balance

Strategy 10:

Claim deductions

The strategy:	Ensure you claim your allowable deductions by keeping thorough records of all eligible deductions including receipts, accounts, depreciation tables etc.
Suitable if:	You are a taxpayer entitled to deductions (see tip below)
Possible benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ pay less income tax this financial year by claiming eligible deductions

TIP

for suggested deductions for your occupation, visit the ATO website at www.ato.gov.au

Strategy 11:

Buy capital equipment

The strategy:	Receive a 50% tax deduction for purchasing capital equipment prior to the 30th June 2009.
Suitable if:	You're registered with an ABN
Possible benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ increase your tax deductions✓ pay less income tax this financial year

Strategy 12:

Repay your education loan

The strategy:	Pay off your HECS-HELP debt to receive a discount, and reduce your tax rates for the next financial year
Suitable if:	You have a HECS-HELP debt, have finished university, and are receiving an income
Possible benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ reduce your tax for the next financial year✓ increase your cash-flow

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