

Luxury Car Tax Refunds

Refunds for Tourism Operators

What is the Luxury Car Tax?

Luxury car tax applies where the GST-inclusive price of a motor vehicle exceeds a certain threshold. The threshold for the 2023/24 income year is currently \$89,332 for fuel-efficient cars and \$76,950 for all other vehicles. From 1 July 2024 these will be \$91,387 and \$80,567 respectively.

Generally, the tax is calculated at a rate of 33% for the amount over the threshold.

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Tourism Operators are eligible for a partial refund of the luxury car tax they pay on the purchase of a suitable four-wheel and all-wheel drive cars. This refund is up to a maximum of \$10,000.

Eligibility Criteria

- Carrying on a tourism business, with the principle purpose of business to carry tourists for tourist activities;
- The car must be used for the purpose of carrying on business;
- Registered for GST; and
- The car purchased must be a four-wheel drive or all-wheel drive, AND either
 - a passenger car (having up to 9 seating positions) and has a ground clearance of not less than 175mm, or
 - an off-road passenger vehicle (having up to 9 seating positions and being designed with special features for off-road operation).

Tourism operators can claim a refund for all eligible cars. Therefore, multiple claims can be made each year.

Note: the refund applies even if the car is purchased through a financing arrangement.

Refund Calculation

The refund is calculated as the lessor of:

- 8/33 of the Luxury Car Tax Charged for the vehicle, and
- \$10,000

How can Brentnalls SA help?

If you have any questions, please contact Brentnalls SA and ask to speak to one of our advisors. Helping businesses achieve their goals is our passion and our strength is in our dedicated professional team.

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