

Tax help

Tax Help is available during the period of July to October for people who need help filling out their tax return and are on a low income. A trained Tax Help volunteers may be able to help you. This is a free service. Tax Help is for people on low incomes including, but not restricted to, those who are also seniors, students, and people from non-English speaking backgrounds, people with a disability, Aboriginal people or Torres Strait Islander people. Since tax can be complex, volunteers are only able to help with fairly straightforward tax returns.

They can help identify and record income received through:

- pensions
- Australian government benefits and allowances, such as unemployment and sickness benefits
- salary and wages
- dividends
- managed funds,
- and interest.

Am I eligible for Tax Help?

The following table will help you determine if you are eligible for Tax Help.

If you are	and your taxable income is
a single person	\$50,000 or less.
married or de facto	\$50,000 or less plus \$2,500 for each child.
a single parent	\$50,000 or less plus \$2,500 for each child.

Then, you are eligible for Tax Help if **none** of the following situations applied to you in the previous income year:

- you were employed as a contractor (for example a contract cleaner or taxi driver)
- you were in business, including being a sole trader
- you sold shares
- you sold an investment property
- you owned a rental property
- you received royalties
- you received distributions from a trust other than a managed fund
- you received foreign income other than a foreign pension or annuity.