



Singapore Personal Income Tax Guide

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Are You Tax Residents or Tax Non-residents

Different tax rates apply for tax residents and non-residents. You will be **treated as a tax resident** for a particular Year of Assessment (YA) **if you are a:**

- Singaporean; or
- Singapore Permanent Resident (SPR) if you have established your permanent home in Singapore; or
- Foreigner who stayed/worked in Singapore for 183 days or more in previous year (excludes director of a company).

Otherwise, you will be treated as a non-resident for a particular YA for Singapore tax purposes.

Tax Rates for Resident Individuals

“X” denotes the total income you receive.

1. If $X < \text{SGD } 20,000$, you pay NO income tax.
2. $20,000 < X < 30,000$, you pay $“(X-20,000)*3.5%”$
3. $30,000 < X < 40,000$, you pay $“350 + (X-30,000)*5.5%”$
4. $40,000 < X < 80,000$, you pay $“900 + (X-40,000)*8.5%”$
5. $80,000 < X < 160,000$, you pay $“4,300 + (X-80,000)*14%”$
6. $160,000 < X < 320,000$, you pay $“15,500 + (X-160,000)*17%”$
7. $320,000 < X$, you pay $“42,700 + (X-320,000)*20%”$

For example, if your total income is SGD 60,000, you apply it to formula (4), $“900 + (60,000 - 40,000)*8.5%”$, which is SGD 2,600.

Tax rates for Non-resident Individuals

Employment income

Your employment income is taxed at 15% or resident rate, whichever gives rise to a higher tax amount.

Director's fees, consultation fees & all other income

The director's fees, consultation fees and all other income that you received will be taxed at 20% from YA 2005 onwards.

Tax Exemption of Foreign - Sourced Income Received in Singapore

Tax exemption will be **granted to all foreign-sourced income earned/ accrued outside Singapore** on or before 21 Jan 2009 to resident non-individuals and resident partners of partnerships in Singapore and received in Singapore during the period from 22 Jan 2009 to 21 Jan 2010.

Tax deduction will be **increased for donations** made in 2009 to Institutions of a Public Character and other approved recipients (such as approved museums, prescribed schools etc.) from double to 2.5 times.

Working outside Singapore / Overseas Income Tax

- Generally, overseas income received in Singapore **on or after 1 Jan 2004 is not taxable**. This includes overseas income paid into a Singapore bank account.
- You do **not** need to declare overseas income that is not taxable.

Working outside Singapore / Overseas Income Tax

Overseas income **is taxable in Singapore if:**

- It is received in Singapore through partnerships in Singapore.
- Your overseas employment is incidental to your Singapore employment. That is, as part of your work here, you need to travel overseas.
- You are employed outside Singapore on behalf of Government of Singapore.

Working outside Singapore / Overseas Income Tax

- You need to declare the taxable overseas income and your Singapore income (if any) under 'employment income' and 'other income' (whichever applicable) in your tax form.
- If you do not have any income in the previous year, you still need to **declare zero income** in your tax form and submit it to us by 15 Apr.

Personal Income Tax Rebate for Resident Individuals For 2008 and 2009

- To help cushion the effects of the economic downturn on individuals, all **tax residents** will be **granted an income tax rebate of 20%, up to a maximum cap of \$2,000**, for Year of Assessment 2009.
- The 20% tax rebate is calculated based on the tax payable after double taxation relief (DTR) and other credits but before set-off of the Parenthood Tax Rebate.
- If you are a tax resident, IRAS will compute this rebate **automatically**. You do **not need to apply** for it.

Income Tax Return e-Filing

Please [click here to log in to myTax Portal](#) to e-File your tax return **by 15 Apr.**

If You Can't Submit Your Form by 15 Apr

All you have to do is select the type of tax matters (for this case, “individual income tax”) you are logging in for and click your preferred log-in method (SingPass/IRAS PIN) and e-File **by 15 April**. To apply, you need to [email IRAS](#) or fax to them on 6351 3636 the following:

- your full name and tax reference number
- reason for your request
- an estimate of your chargeable income

Penalties for Income Tax Filing Late or Not Filing

A Letter of **Composition** will be issued:

- If your Income Tax Return is not filed by the filing due date, 15 Apr.
- If your Income Tax Return is filed after the filing due date, 15 Apr.

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To settle the Letter of Composition, you can file the Income Tax Return and pay the composition fee by the due date as stated in the letter. For more, visit <http://www.sgcgo.com/>

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