

## 2026–27 Federal Budget At-a-Glance Summary

Every key measure. One page. Plain English.

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| WHEN                     | WHAT  | WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU  |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| <b>PERSONAL TAX</b>      |   |  |
| 1 Jul 2026               | <b>\$1,000 Instant Tax Deduction</b>        | Claim a flat \$1,000 work deduction — no receipts needed. Optional. Only if you earn income from work.                             |
| 1 Jul 2025               | <b>Medicare Levy Thresholds Up</b>          | Low-income thresholds increased 2.9%. Singles threshold now \$28,011. Family threshold now \$47,238.                               |
| 2027–28                  | <b>\$250 Working Australians Tax Offset</b> | Permanent \$250 annual tax offset for wages, salary, and sole trader income. Not a cash payment — reduces tax owed.                |
| <b>CAPITAL GAINS TAX</b> |   |  |
| 1 Jul 2027               | <b>50% CGT Discount Replaced</b>            | For gains from 1 July 2027: cost base indexation replaces the 50% discount. Gains before 1 July 2027 still get the full discount.  |
| 1 Jul 2027               | <b>30% Minimum Tax on Net Gains</b>         | Even if your tax rate is lower, you pay at least 30% on net capital gains arising from 1 July 2027. Age Pension recipients exempt. |

## PROPERTY & NEGATIVE GEARING

|                   |                                       |   |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>1 Jul 2027</b> | <b>Negative Gearing Restricted</b>    | Existing investment properties: fully protected. New established properties bought after Budget night: losses can only offset rental income from 1 July 2027. |
| <b>1 Jul 2027</b> | <b>New Builds Remain Fully Exempt</b> | Negative gearing deductions remain fully available for newly constructed properties.  |
| <b>Now</b>        | <b>Foreign Buyer Ban Extended</b>     | Ban on foreign purchases of established residential dwellings extended to 30 June 2029.   |

## SUPERANNUATION

|                   |                                      |   |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>1 Jul 2026</b> | <b>30% Tax on Balances Over \$3M</b> | Earnings on super above \$3M taxed at 30% (was 15%). Applies to adjusted taxable income of the fund. Already law. |
| <b>1 Jul 2026</b> | <b>Transfer Balance Cap Rises</b>    | Maximum tax-free retirement phase balance increases from \$2.0M to \$2.1M.  |
| <b>1 Jul 2026</b> | <b>Payday Super Begins</b>           | Employers must pay super at the same time as wages — not quarterly. Must reach the fund within 7 business days.   |



# PENDERS

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### BUSINESS

|            |   |  |
|------------|---|--|
| 1 Jul 2026 | <b>\$20,000 Instant Asset Write-Off — Permanent</b> | Now a permanent feature for small businesses (turnover under \$10M). No more annual uncertainty.                           |
| 1 Jul 2026 | <b>Company Loss Carry-Back</b>                      | Companies (global turnover under \$1B) can offset a loss against tax paid in the prior 2 years — generating a cash refund. |
| 1 Jul 2028 | <b>Start-Up Loss Refundability</b>                  | Start-up companies (under \$10M turnover, first 2 years) can convert a tax loss into a cash refund from the ATO.           |
| 1 Jul 2028 | <b>R&amp;D Tax Incentive Reformed</b>               | Higher offset rates for core R&D. Supporting R&D expenditure no longer eligible. Min threshold rises to \$50,000.          |

### TRUSTS

|            |   |  |
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| 1 Jul 2028 | <b>30% Minimum Tax on Trusts</b>        | Trustees of discretionary trusts must pay 30% minimum tax on trust income. Legislation not yet released. Watch this space. |
| 1 Jul 2027 | <b>Rollover Relief for Restructures</b> | Three-year window to restructure out of discretionary trusts (into company or fixed trust) without triggering CGT.         |

### OTHER

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| 30 Jun 2026 | <b>Fuel Excise Cut Ends</b>              | 32 cents per litre reduction expires. Full excise rates return from 1 July 2026.                                 |
| 1 Apr 2027  | <b>EV FBT Exemption Wind-Back Begins</b> | Full FBT exemption retained to 31 March 2027. From 1 April 2027 only EVs under \$75,000 keep the full exemption. |
| 1 Apr 2029  | <b>EV FBT — 25% Discount Only</b>        | From 1 April 2029, all EVs below the LCT threshold receive a 25% FBT discount only (not full exemption).         |

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