

(FAQs)

# 2015/2016 Private Health Insurance Tax Statements – Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. I've received my Private Health Insurance Tax Statement. Why do I need this?

A Private Health Insurance Tax Statement is sent to all eligible GU Health members each financial year.

### You'll need the statement when completing your tax return to:

- claim the Australian Government Rebate on Private Health Insurance, if your income entitles you to a rebate in line with income testing thresholds, and you haven't already claimed it as an up-front reduction in your health insurance contributions.
- enable the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to make any adjustments necessary if the amount of rebate you've claimed as an up-front reduction doesn't correspond with the amount of rebate you're entitled to (which could result in a credit or a liability).
- receive an exemption from the Medicare Levy Surcharge (MLS) if you and all your dependants held an appropriate level of hospital cover during the year.

## 2. When can I expect to receive my tax statement?

You can find a copy of your tax statement in your Online Member Services area at [guhealth.com.au](http://guhealth.com.au) by 15 July 2016. We'll also be sending your Private Health Insurance Tax Statement in the mail no later than 15 July 2016 and it should reach you soon after, provided there are no postal delays and we have your current postal address on our system.

If you're moving, or have moved but haven't updated your address, please go to [guhealth.com.au](http://guhealth.com.au) and log into Online Member Services to provide us with your current postal address or contact GU Health on **1800 249 966**.

Please keep in mind that Lifetime Health Cover (LHC) Statements will only be sent to members who have incurred a LHC loading or who have used any of their 1,094 permitted days without hospital cover allowed under the Private Health Insurance legislation.

If GU Health has been notified that a member has passed away, Private Health Insurance Tax Statements for these deceased members will be mailed to their estate.

## 3. What's the Health Fund ID requested in my TaxPack?

In your TaxPack you'll be asked for a Health Fund ID. GU Health's Health Fund ID is **FAI**. This ID will be shown on your Private Health Insurance Tax Statement in the box marked 'B'.

If you were a member of another fund at any time between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2016, you should receive a tax statement from that fund containing the details of that health fund's ID.

## 4. Which parts do I need to complete my tax return?

To help you complete your tax return, we've made sure the information you need from your tax statement, such as your rebate or days without hospital cover, have the same alphabetical labels as the 2016 TaxPack.

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Statement print date:

**Private Health Insurance Tax Statement 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016**

Name:

Keep this statement to help you complete your 2016 Tax Return with the information below

The table below provides details of your 2015/16 private health insurance policy. Each adult beneficiary on the policy will receive their own statement showing their share of the policy only.

The Australian Government determines the way the rebate is calculated and applied to premiums. Rebate percentages are adjusted on 1 April each year. If you paid premiums for your policy before 1 April, and again on or after 1 April, the table below will contain at least two lines of information. Where more than one line of information has been provided, the information from each line must be entered separately at the corresponding labels on the income tax return at **Private health insurance policy details**.

You will need to nominate a tax claim code when completing the Private Health Insurance policy details section of your tax return. Read the tax return instructions to determine the tax claim code appropriate for your situation.

**Australian Government Rebate on Private Health Insurance**

Health insurance	Membership number	Your premiums eligible for Australian Government Rebate	Your Australian Government Rebate received	Benefit code	Other adult beneficiaries for the policy
B	C	J	K	L	
B	C	J	K	L	
B	C	J	K	L	
B	C	J	K	L	
B	C	J	K	L	
B	C	J	K	L	

**IMPORTANT** - If you have more than one line of information in the table above, make sure each line is input separately into your income tax return. Do not add-up amounts reported in any column or row and input a total.

**M2 Medicare Levy Surcharge**

If you and all your dependants (including your spouse) did not have an appropriate level of private patient hospital cover for the full financial year (365 days) you may be liable for the Medicare Levy Surcharge – see 2016 Individual tax return instructions question M2.

Number of days this policy provides an appropriate level of private patient hospital cover  A

For your information only – number of days covered by and/or cover (or extras cover)

**A** The figure used by the Australian Tax Office to determine whether you need to pay the Medicare Levy Surcharge.

**J** Your portion of the premium paid to GU Health that's eligible for rebate.

**K** The amount of rebate you received from the Government towards the cost of your GU Health membership.

**L** The benefit code indicates which (maximum) age-based rebate applies and when the premium was paid.

**Any other adult (if applicable) covered under your membership during the financial year.**

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### 5. Why are my partner and I receiving separate tax statements?

If you're on a family membership, a separate statement will be issued to both you and your partner. This will reflect your share of the contribution paid to GU Health that's eligible for rebate and the rebate you've received (**please refer to the income thresholds table in section 12**). This is because income testing of the Australian Government Rebate on Private Health Insurance requires that the ATO assess each tax payer's rebate entitlement and each adult will need to know their individual contribution amount for their share of the plan, as well as their share of the rebate received.

Unless GU Health has a separate address, the GU Health member's partner will have their statement sent to the address listed on the membership (that of the GU Health member).

### 6. I have separated from my partner, how do I obtain my tax statement?

Please ensure GU Health has your forwarding details so a statement can be issued to you. Contact your Member Relations Team on **1800 249 966** to register your mailing address. We'll need to verify your details before updating your membership, so in addition to your new address please remember to provide us with your full name, date of birth, membership number and the GU Health member's name (particularly if contacting us via email).

If you don't advise GU Health of your new details, your statement will be sent to the address listed under the membership, which is usually the GU Health member's address.

### 7. What if I make changes to my cover, which are backdated to the previous financial year?

If any retrospective changes are made on your plan that affect the financial status of your membership and/or affect the level of rebate you've claimed under the policy, a new statement will be issued.

GU Health will notify the ATO of these changes; however, please keep in mind that it's your responsibility to let the ATO know of the new statement and discuss any potential impact with your registered tax adviser.

### 8. Why aren't all my family members shown on the statement?

Prior to the 2013/14 financial year, health funds were only required to issue statements to the primary GU Health member. Since 1 July 2013, statements have been sent to both the member and their partner (if they're covered by the membership). The statement will list the adult beneficiaries but won't include any student or child dependants covered under the membership.

If your dependants are covered under your membership please ensure you declare this when lodging your tax return, as the Medicare Levy Surcharge may apply if appropriate cover is not held by you and all your dependants.

**Please note that statements provided by GU Health are aligned with the ATO guidelines.**

### 9. I lost my statement, how can I obtain another one?

**If you've lost your statement, you can obtain another one by:**

- accessing Online Member Services at [guhealth.com.au](http://guhealth.com.au). This year's statement will be available online by 15 July 2016. Statements from previous year/s are already available online.
- contacting us on **1800 249 966** or email: [corporate@guhealth.com.au](mailto:corporate@guhealth.com.au).

### 10. I prepaid my contributions. Will this be shown on my statement?

If a plan was paid prior to 1 July 2015 and no contribution amounts were received in the 2015/16 financial year, the amount on the 2015/16 statement will be shown as '0'.

### 11. Do I need a Tax Claims Statement for the 2015/2016 financial year?

You only need a Tax Claims Statement if you're eligible for the Net Medical Expense Tax Offset (NMETO) in the 2016 tax year.

### 12. I've received a Lifetime Health Cover Statement that doesn't list my whole family, are they still covered?

Lifetime Health Cover (LHC) loading is only applicable to individuals over the age of 30. The statement shows who, over age 30, may or may not attract an age-based percentage loading on their hospital cover contribution.

Therefore the statement only needs to list the member and partner (if over 30), and not your dependants.

GU Health will only be sending LHC Statements to members who have incurred a loading or used any of the permitted 1,094 days without hospital cover.

### Income testing of the Australian Government Rebate on Private Health insurance

The ATO will assess the private health insurance rebate amount you're entitled to once you lodge your tax return. This will be based on your age and household income, and the assessment will result in a refund, liability or a neutral position (that is, neither a refund nor a liability). More information is available on the ATO website: [ato.gov.au/privatehealthinsurance](http://ato.gov.au/privatehealthinsurance).

**In 2015/16 the Australian Government Rebate is income tested against the income thresholds set out in the table below:**

Income thresholds effective from 1 April 2015 to 30 June 2018

	Base Tier	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Singles	\$90,000 or less	\$90,001 – \$105,000	\$105,001 – \$140,000	\$140,001+
Families	\$180,000 or less	\$180,001 – \$210,000	\$210,001 – \$280,000	\$280,001+

Note: Single parents and couples (including de facto couples) are subject to the family tiers. For families with children, the thresholds are increased by \$1,500 for each child after the first.

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The rebate percentages that apply for the 2015/2016 financial year can be found at: [guhealth.com.au/my-membership/what-you-need-to-know-about-private-health-insurance](http://guhealth.com.au/my-membership/what-you-need-to-know-about-private-health-insurance) under the heading 'Can I claim the Australian Government Rebate on Private Health Insurance?'

### 13. If I claimed too much or too little rebate, what can I expect to see on my statement?

Your statement from GU Health will only show the share of the rebate (if any) you claimed through your contributions, as well as your share of contributions paid. If you are on a company-funded plan, this will be the contribution paid by your employer for your membership.

Your actual entitlements, as well as any credit or liability in relation to the rebate, will be assessed by the ATO as part of your tax return.

### 14. How can I claim the Australian Government Rebate on Private Health Insurance?

If you haven't already claimed the rebate as an up-front reduction in your contribution, you may claim it as a tax offset when you lodge your 2015/2016 tax return, provided you're within the income testing thresholds and eligible for a rebate (**please refer to the income thresholds table on the previous page in section 12 and section 15 below**).

If you've already claimed the rebate as a reduced contribution throughout the financial year, your Private Health Insurance Tax Statement will show your share of the rebate received and your share of the contribution paid during the financial year. As part of your tax assessment, the ATO will determine if the amount claimed was in line with your entitlements.

### 15. Who can claim the Australian Government Rebate?

If you're eligible for Medicare, a member of a registered Australian private health fund (covered under a Complying Health Insurance Product [CHIP]), and your household income doesn't exceed the income testing threshold set by the Government, you're eligible for the rebate.

The rebate is income tested and available on hospital cover, extras cover or combined cover.

Both adults on the policy are entitled to their share of the rebate. You're also eligible for the rebate if your employer is paying contributions on your behalf.

The figures on your Private Health Insurance Tax Statement are the contributions paid and processed by GU Health between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2016 (excluding LHC). This may include any additional contributions paid in advance during that period.

If you're an overseas visitor from a country that has a Reciprocal Health Care Agreement (RHCA) with Australia, GST and the value of the Medical Benefits component of your cover – a non-complying health insurance product (non-CHIP) – are not included in the contribution calculations on your tax statement.

This is because the Australian Government Rebate doesn't apply to the non-CHIP component of your GU Health cover.

**The following countries have a Reciprocal Health Care Agreement (RHCA) with Australia:** Belgium, Finland, Italy, Malta, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Norway, Republic of Ireland, Slovenia, Sweden and the United Kingdom. **All other countries are considered non-RHCA countries.**

Members covered under non-RHCA covers will not receive tax statements and are not eligible to apply for the Australian Government Rebate through GU Health, as non-RHCA products are not Complying Health Insurance Products (non-CHIP).

### 16. What if my employer pays for my health insurance?

Even if your employer pays your contributions you may be entitled to the Australian Government Rebate, depending on your Medicare eligibility and income. It's important to note, however, that you may have already claimed the rebate as an up-front reduction in your contribution amount.

Your Private Health Insurance Tax Statement will indicate your share of the rebate claimed. The ATO will determine whether the amount claimed is too little or too much, depending on your age and income as part of your tax assessment.

### 17. Can I claim the Australian Government Rebate on Private Health Insurance as a tax offset when I salary sacrifice my health insurance contributions?

Provided you meet the rebate eligibility tests, yes. You're still paying your membership contributions whether you're doing so before or after your tax is deducted.

If you're already claiming the rebate and salary sacrificing the reduced contribution amount, the ATO will assess whether you've claimed too much or too little rebate in line with your age and household income.

### 18. I don't pay tax. Can I still claim the Australian Government Rebate on Private Health Insurance? You're still entitled to the rebate if you're covered by a CHIP and you are:

- a single person who is not required to lodge a tax return
- part of a couple, where both of you aren't required to lodge a tax return.

You can receive your rebate entitlement as an up-front reduction in your contribution amount to GU Health.

If you have a partner who's required to lodge a tax return, they can claim both their share and your share of the rebate when they lodge their tax return. They can do this by completing the relevant section of their tax return.

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### 19. Why doesn't my Private Health Insurance Tax Statement show an amount equal to my 12 months of membership contributions?

The figures on your Private Health Insurance Tax Statement are the contributions paid and processed by GU Health between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2016 excluding LHC. This may include any additional contributions paid in advance during that period.

If you're from a country that has a RHCA with Australia and covered under a RHCA product, GST and the value of the Medical Benefits component of your cover are not included in the contribution calculations on the tax statements. This is because this medical component is a non-complying health insurance product (non-CHIP) and the Australian Government Rebate doesn't apply to the non-CHIP component of your GU Health membership.

### 20. Why do the member contributions deducted from my pay differ from the amount shown on my Private Health Insurance Tax Statement?

The figures shown on your Private Health Insurance Tax Statement will take into account only those contributions received and processed by GU Health between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2016.

Any recent contributions deducted from your salary, and those which weren't received and processed prior to 30 June 2016, won't be shown.

### 21. My payments are not up-to-date as I pay through a group scheme, how will this affect my Private Health Insurance Tax Statement?

The figures shown on your Private Health Insurance Tax Statement will take into account only those contributions received and processed by GU Health between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2016.

### 22. If I'm not claiming the Australian Government Rebate on Private Health Insurance now, can I claim the rebate as a reduced contribution in the future?

Yes, if covered under a CHIP all you need to do is fill in the Australian Government Rebate on Private Health Insurance application form and forward it to GU Health. Please note that the income test applies, and as part of your tax assessment the ATO will determine if the rebate claimed was too much or too little. If you're covered under an employer-funded corporate health plan, your plan structure and rebate tier may be predetermined by your employer.

### 23. How can I be exempt from paying the additional Medicare Levy Surcharge?

You need to be covered by an appropriate level of private hospital cover with a registered Australian health fund under a CHIP. You also need to ensure the cover is held for you and all your dependants.

Please note that the Medicare Levy Surcharge (MLS) is applied on a pro-rata basis. If you and all your dependants were not covered by an appropriate hospital cover for 365 days between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2016, you will only pay the additional levy for

that period. The number of days covered by private hospital cover is shown on your Private Health Insurance Tax Statement.

Please keep in mind that for the 2015/16 tax year, the MLS is income tested and applies to those earning above \$90,000 (singles) or \$180,000 (couple/family). There are three income threshold tiers, with the levy falling between 1 per cent and 1.5 per cent. ●

### The family income threshold increases by \$1,500 for each dependent child after the first.

#### Medicare Levy Surcharge (MLS) thresholds effective from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

	Base Tier	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
All ages	0.0%	1.0%	1.25%	1.5%

**Note:** The thresholds increase annually from 1 July, based on growth in Average Weekly Ordinary Time Earnings. Single parents and couples (including de facto couples) are subject to the family tiers. For families with children, the thresholds are increased by \$1,500 for each child after the first.

#### We're here to help

For assistance or for more information contact our Member Relations Team on **1800 249 966** between 8.30am to 5pm (EST), Monday to Friday or email: [corporate@guhealth.com.au](mailto:corporate@guhealth.com.au)

