

TAX SAVING TIPS

Here are 10 ways to make your tax savings go further

1. Pay off debts.

Making additional credit card, personal loan or home loan repayments can help you pay off your non-deductible debts faster and save on interest.

2. Start a regular investment plan.

Even if your tax savings are relatively small, you could still build up a sizeable investment portfolio over time - particularly if invested in growth assets such as shares and property.

3. Leverage your regular investments.

It's possible to double (even triple) your ongoing investment into approved shares or managed funds by using an installment gearing facility.

4. Cover tax-effective interest payments.

You tax savings could help cover the interest payments on an investment loan (eg a margin loan or home equity facility).

5. Qualify for a co-contribution.

If you contribute \$1,000 into Super (on an after-tax basis), the Government may add another \$1,500 to your Super account. That's a potential return of up to 150%.

6. Sacrifice some income.

You may want to get your employer to contribute some of your pre-tax salary directly into Super. Depending on your marginal rate, this strategy could result in a tax saving of up to 33.5% of the amount contributed.

7. Protect your family.

Taking out additional personal insurance can help relieve the financial burden if you are disabled or die prematurely. You may also be able to save on premiums (or purchase more cover) if you insure through your Super Fund.

8. Take out private health insurance.

Not only can you get the care you need in a hospital of your choice, you may also avoid paying the Medicare Levy surcharge.

9. Donate to charity.

By donating some of your tax savings, you could help a worthy cause and qualify for a tax deduction.

10. Seek advice.

With so many options to consider (each with different implications) contact Inventure Adam & Rogers to make sure you make the right decisions.