

Medicare Levy



Medicare is the scheme that gives Australian residents access to health care.

To help fund the scheme, resident taxpayers are subject to a Medicare levy.

Prior to the 2008/2009 Budget, we calculate your Medicare levy at the rate of 1.5% of your **taxable income**. A variation to this calculation may occur in certain circumstances.

To make the surcharge fairer, the Government will refocus the Medicare levy surcharge on higher income earners by increasing the thresholds. From 1 July 2008, singles with incomes up to \$100,000 and families with incomes up to \$150,000 will no longer be subject to the surcharge. Singles without private health insurance will save up to \$1,000 and families will save up to \$1,500 from these changes. Families with more than one child will have a higher threshold and therefore may save more than \$1,500.

Note: The new Medical Levy is subject to Government approval.

For further information refer to: <http://www.ato.gov.au/individuals/content.asp?doc=/content/17482.htm>