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Senior Australians Tax Tip

The Seniors Tax Offset (SATO) is age and income dependent. Males must be over 65 and females 60.5 years at the end of the financial year. The effect of the tax cuts announced in the May budget is that, from 1 July 2006, senior Australians who receive the Tax Offset will be able to earn more income without paying tax. Singles will be able to have income up to \$24,867 (previously \$21,968), and couples up to \$41,360 (previously \$36,494) before they are liable to pay tax.

The Medicare levy thresholds that apply to senior Australians will also be increased to ensure that they do not pay the levy until they begin to incur an income tax liability.

We have provided general information for guidance only in this newsletter. For business and personal taxation planning, or other professional advice having regard to your circumstances, please come and see either Charles or Matthew.