

## **Salary Packaging Benefits**

(It is important to note that it is a requirement for workers to work a minimum of 10 hours per week to be eligible for salary sacrificing)

Centacare is a Public Benevolent Institution (PBI). One benefit of this is that the Australian Taxation Office allows each employee up to \$15,900 salary tax free per year (\$611 per fortnightly pay). If you choose to do this, the tax free amount must be paid to a GST free bill. Most staff send this amount to:

- Mortgage
- Personal Loans
- Credit cards
- Residential Rent

The tax savings per year can be worth thousands of dollars. An administrative cost applies for arrangements for salary sacrifice which is \$10 per fortnight before tax (\$7 after tax for most).

## Salary Sacrificing - Example of a Maximum Benefit at SCHCADS Award, Level 5 Paypoint 1

SCHCDS Level 5 Step 1	Salary with no sacrifice - all taxed		Max salary sacrifice -\$611 tax free	
38 hours per week	annual	fortnight	annual	fortnight
Total Package	\$65,008	\$2,500.32	\$65,008	\$2,500.32
Less Cash Sacrifice	\$0	\$0.00	\$15,900	\$611.53
Less Salary Sacrifice Fee	\$0	\$0.00	\$260	\$10.00
Salary to be taxed	\$65,008	\$2,500.32	\$48,848	\$1,878.79
Tax on salary	\$12,753	\$490.00	\$7,397	\$284.00
Medicare Levy	\$1,300	\$50.00	\$977	\$38.00
Total net take home pay	\$50,955		\$56,375	
(including cash sacrifice)				
Tax savings			-\$5,419	-\$208.43
Totals to tell Centrelink if application				
Gross Earnings	\$65,008		\$48,848	
RFBA	\$0		\$31,177	
	\$65,008		\$80,025	

Important Note: Reportable Fringe Benefits Amounts (RFBAs) are reported on your payment summary which can affect HECS, Child Support, Medicare Levy Surcharge, Family Tax Benefit and Child Care Rebate.

## Other Employment Benefits include:

- Salary Sacrifice Cards for Meal and Entertainment
- Health Insurance discounts with BUPA and Medibank Private