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Tax Deferred Example

Here is an example of tax deferred and how it works.

Steve is an investor in one of Quanta's unlisted property funds. Let's assume he invested \$100,000 at \$1.00 per unit, and received \$8,000 over 12 monthly distributions, with 40% or \$3,200 tax deferred. We also assume Steve's taxable income is within the \$45k - \$135k bracket with an average personal marginal tax rate at 30% excluding Medicare Levy.

RESIDENT TAX RATES 2025-26	
Taxable Income	Tax on this income
0 - \$18,200	NIL
\$18,201 - \$45,000	16 cents for each \$1 over \$18,200
\$45,001 - \$135,000	\$4,288 plus 30 cents for each \$1 over \$45,000
\$135,001 - \$190,000	\$31,288 plus 37 cents for each \$1 over \$135,000
\$190,001 and over	\$51,638 plus 45 cents for each \$1 over \$190,000

Without tax deferred, Steve will add the entire \$8,000 to his taxable income and pay \$2,400 of income tax at his marginal tax rate. i.e. \$8,000 x 30%.

As the distributions Steve has received from Quanta have a tax deferred component, Steve will only include 4,800 in his tax return, with income tax reduced to 1,440 at his marginal tax rate, i.e. $8,000 \times (1-40\%) \times 30\%$.

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION		
With Tax Deferred	Without Tax Deferred	
\$8,000	\$8,000	
(\$3,200)	\$0	
\$4,800	\$8,000	
(\$1,440)	(\$2,400)	
\$6,560	\$5,600	
\$960	\$0	
	\$8,000 (\$3,200) \$4,800 (\$1,440) \$6,560	

The tax deferred component of distributions may reduce the tax payable, but it also reduces the cost base of the investment. Steve is also entitled to a 50% discount on any capital gain if he holds the units for more than 12 months.

If Steve sells his units for \$105,000 or \$1.05 per unit 12 months later, his cost base is reduced to \$96,800, i.e. \$100,000 - \$3,200 tax deferred. Steve's capital gain will be \$8,200 based on the new cost base.

Of the \$3,200 tax deferred mentioned earlier, Steve will only need to pay capital gains tax on \$1,600 (due to the 50% capital gain discount) at his marginal tax rate.

This example is not intended to be tax advice and you should consult a professional tax adviser, if necessary, for tax advice in connection with your individual circumstances.