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Crypto assets used in business

Crypto mining

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tax treatment of crypto assets (including
FTs) used in business.

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or more information on the nature of crypto
g them, see [ASIC's Money Smart website](#) [↗](#).

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asset business (including a crypto trading, mining
r a business selling [non-fungible tokens](#)), in
ssets are treated as [trading stock](#), and

them is a deductible expense

g them are assessable as ordinary income



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trading goods or services in the [ordinary course of business](#), (including businesses that are not 'crypto businesses'), in which case the crypto assets are also **trading** assets.

In which case the crypto assets are subject to capital gains tax. If a CGT event happens, and you need to account for the event, you may get capital gains or capital losses (see [Crypto assets](#)).

If you use crypto assets to buy business inputs or sell products, you may be able to claim [input tax credits on purchases and may have to remit output tax on sales](#).

Are you carrying on a business?

Crypto assets will be carrying on a business. To be carrying on a business, you will usually:

• be carrying on the activity for commercial reasons and in a commercially

• way, or genuinely believe you will make a profit, even if you don't make a profit in the short term

• be carrying on the activity in a planned, organised and business-like manner – for example, keeping business records, preparing a business plan, keeping business assets or inventory in line with your business plan and carrying out business activities for your business on a regular basis.

• If you have a high volume of transactions, a high volume of activity, or a high volume of turnover, it doesn't necessarily mean you are carrying on a business.

• If you are preparing to go into business, you might not yet be carrying on a business. If you have started a business, it's important to be aware that crypto assets received before a business is started are not generally assessable income. Deductions for expenses you incurred before the business started are also not generally assessable.

For more information on a business depends on your own particular circumstances. For more information, see [Are you in business?](#)

Trading crypto assets



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pto assets for sale or exchange in the ordinary
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wages in crypto assets

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pto assets and all transactions for tax purposes.

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