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Crypto asset investments and tax

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Managing your tax when you buy, sell or invest

[Personal use assets](#)

Definitions

A crypto asset is a digital representation of value that you can store or transfer electronically. This also includes [non-fungible](#) tokens.

If you dispose of crypto assets in any other way, you have a taxable event.

You must report **every** crypto asset transaction.

For more information on how this content applies to you, [contact us](#) or your tax agent.

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For more information on how to manage your crypto asset tax, see [Crypto asset investments](#).

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f crypto

crypto asset, you need to consider capital gains
de a capital gain or loss in your income tax return.

of crypto for capital gains tax purposes.
ou:

set for another

e crypto assets

currency (a currency established by government
example, to Australian dollars.

from one digital wallet to another digital wallet is
al as long as you maintain ownership of it.

ces during a transfer to cover a network fee, the
al and has capital gain consequences.

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ain or loss, you need to determine the value of
sales in Australian dollars. A capital gain or loss
he:

ership, including the purchase price plus certain
with acquiring, holding and disposing of it)

you receive or the market value of what you
ose of your crypto.

lian dollars, the amount you paid is included in
[mple 1\)](#)

set to another, your cost base is the market
rs of the crypto at the time of the transaction

ou use it to reduce capital gains you make in the
ur allowable capital losses are more than your
et capital loss. You **can't** deduct a net capital
alary or wages, but you can carry it forward and
s in future years.



of all transactions associated with buying, holding
sets.

ords:

system, which can be a simple spreadsheet or
al software

our records to make it easier to store and access

for at least 5 years after you dispose of any

Owning (holding):

- software costs related to managing your tax affairs
- digital wallet records and keys
- documents that show the date and quantity of crypto assets received via staking or airdrop

Selling (disposing):

- receipts of sale or transfer
- documents that display
 - the crypto asset
 - the sale or transfer price in Australian dollars
 - the date and time of the transaction
 - what the transaction was for
- commission or brokerage fees on the sale or transfer
- exchange records
- calculation of capital gain or capital loss



and some capital gains or losses from disposing of personal use assets.

personal use assets if they are kept or used mainly for personal use or consumption (see [example 3](#)).

personal use assets if they are kept or used mainly for any

one

s.

is not a personal use asset and is subject to

personal use asset is not disregarded if it cost more than

Disposing of crypto you buy with fiat

currency established by a country's government

for **A\$800**. A few days later Tim exchanged (ETH). Tim needs to report his capital gain or loss from crypto (XRP) in his tax return.

purchase **400 XRP**

brokerage.

A\$800 + A\$5, which totals **A\$805**.

is a receipt for the purchase of 2 ETH but it is in Australian dollars. According to his exchange, 400 XRP for 2 ETH on 25 June 2021 at

transaction, the market value of 2 ETH was **A\$900**. Tim's capital gain is **A\$900**.

purchase (**A\$805**) from his capital proceeds. Tim has a capital gain of **A\$95**.



discount or exemption.

is net capital gain (**A\$95**) to fill in his capital turn.

Trading a crypto asset for another

exchanged his 2 Ether (ETH) for 0.08 Bitcoin

show he acquired 2 ETH on 25 June 2021 at the time of the transaction, the XRP had a

him an **A\$10** brokerage fee to trade 2 ETH for

A\$90 + A\$10, which totals **A\$910**.

is a receipt for the acquisition 0.08 BTC, but it is in Australian dollars. Tim's receipt shows he acquired 0.08 BTC on 13 July 2021 at 2:00 pm.

At the time of the transaction, the market value of 0.08 BTC was \$1,450. The proceeds from the exchange of 2 ETH for 0.08

is \$910 (A\$910) from his capital proceeds. Tim's net capital gain is in a capital gain of **A\$145**.

discount or exemption.

is net capital gain (**A\$145**) to fill in his capital turn.

Personal use asset

Tim bought a fortnight to acquire crypto assets, all of which he might use to buy computer games. He doesn't hold



...es a computer game for sale through an
...n't accept crypto assets. Josh uses an online
...accepts crypto assets to buy the game.

...s in which Josh acquires and uses the crypto
...s (including the amount he uses through the
...) are personal use assets. The one-off use of
...sn't change the nature of his regular use of

Investment in crypto, not personal use

...he intention of selling at a favourable
...des to buy some goods and services directly

...crypto primarily as an investment, the crypto
...et.

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