

Backpacker Tax Changes

As part of your application to work at Mountain Blue Farms, you will be asked to complete a Tax File Declaration.

As of 1st January 2017, there have been some changes to the tax rates. Employees will need to state whether they are an Australian or New Zealand resident or whether they are a Working Holiday Maker.

Australian or New Zealand residents will be taxed through the Individual Tax Rate table, including the tax free threshold. Working Holiday Makers will be taxed at 15% on a fixed rate from all income earned in the financial year up to \$37,000.

Employees are classified as a Working Holiday Maker if they are holding a:

- Working holiday makers visa (subclass 417), or
- Work and holiday makers visa (subclass 462), or
- Bridging visa permitting the individual to work in Australia as relating to the above two visas

Please visit the Australian Taxation Office website for more information or to apply for a Tax File Number: <https://www.ato.gov.au/>