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Deductions for Engineers

Work Related Motor Vehicle Deductions

You can claim the cost of using your car to travel between your home and work if all of the following apply:

- you have to carry bulky tools and equipment you need to use at work,
- it is essential to transport the equipment to and from work and it is not done as a matter of convenience or personal choice,
- there is no secure storage area at your workplace.

You can claim a deduction for the cost of using your car for work related travel if:

- you attend meetings
- you attend seminars and training courses
- you are picking up supplies
- you travel between job sites

See General Deductions for further information.

Work-related travel expenses you can claim

A deduction is allowable for parking fees and tolls (but not fines) if the expenses are incurred while doing work related travel

Work-related overnight travel expenses

You may be able to claim travel expenses you incurred for meals, accommodation and incidentals while away overnight for work:

- your employer requires you to travel to a worksite for a short period to perform work, and
- you are required to sleep away from home for one or more nights while you are doing that work.

Home office expenses

You can claim home office expenses if you are required to complete work related activities from home.

See General Deductions for further information.

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Clothing, Laundry & Dry Cleaning

Can claim a deduction for the following:

- Compulsory uniforms
- Single items of clothing with employer logo on it.
- Non-compulsory uniform that has been registered with AusIndustry
- Protective clothing
 - Safety coloured vests
 - Steel capped boots
 - Hard hats
 - Protective gloves
 - Heavy duty shirts, overalls and fire-resistant clothing
 - Safety glasses and goggles
 - Breathing masks
 - Sun protection clothing
- Laundry for the above work related uniforms.

Work-related self-education expenses

You can claim a deduction for self-education expenses that have a sufficient connection to your current work activities for example completing:

- Bachelor's degree in engineering
- Apprenticeship and traineeship courses
- Professional certification

See General Deductions for further information and examples of self-education expenses.

General deductions that you can claim

- Union & professional fees e.g. Australian Manufacturers Workers' Union (AMWU) and Professionals Australia
- Tools & equipment that are work specific (if less than \$300 an immediate deduction is allowable. If more than \$300, the item must be depreciated).
 - Tools of trade e.g. power tools, air tools and gas equipment
 - Tool box
 - Testing equipment
 - Computers & accessories
- First Aid courses if you are a designated first aid person and are required to undertake this course
- Insurance on work related tools & equipment
- Interest on money borrowed to purchase work related equipment
- Internet (can claim percentage that is work related)
- Work specific licenses (not general motor vehicle licence)
- Repairs to tools, equipment and computers
- Seminars & conferences
- Stationery used for work related activities
- Technical or professional publications that are work related
- Mobile telephone (can claim percentage that is work related)
- Income protection insurance

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