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Deductions for Teachers

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 travel to:

- Attend meetings
- Attend seminars and training courses
- Pick up supplies related to your employment
- Work between two or more schools.

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

Clothing, Laundry and 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
- 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:

- Mentoring programs
- Leadership development

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

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General deductions that you can claim

- Union and professional association fees e.g. Australian Education Union (AEU), Independent Education Union of Australia (IEU) and National Tertiary Education and Industry Union (NTEU)
- Excursions, school trips and camps (if related to curriculum and extracurricular activities of the school)
- Fares for using public transport for work travel
- First Aid courses if you are a designated first aid person and required to undertake first aid training.
- Home office expense if you do work at home for example corrections of tests and exams
- Hiring equipment specific to your job
- Tools and equipment that are work specific (if less than \$300 an immediate deduction is allowable. If more than \$300, the item must be depreciated).
 - Answering machines and telecommunication equipment
 - Briefcase
 - Calculators and electronic organisers
 - Computers and accessories
 - Musical equipment
 - Professional library
- Insurance on work related tools and equipment
- Interest on money borrowed to purchase work related equipment
- Attending seminars, conferences and training courses
- Sunglasses, sunhats and sunscreen if required to work outside at times
- Teaching aids
- Technical or professional publications
- Mobile telephone (can claim percentage that is work related)
- Repairs on tools, equipment and computers
- Union and professional fees
- Watches (e.g. stop watch for a PE teacher)

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