



## Concepts & Results Group Deductions for Truck Drivers

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### **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.

Travelling between different workplaces in the course of employment is considered business travel. The travel may include:

- Attending meetings
- Attending seminars and training courses
- Picking up supplies
- Travelling between job sites

See General Deductions for further information.

### **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.

### **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
- 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.

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### General deductions that you can claim

- Union and professional fees e.g. TWU
- 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).
  - CB radios
  - Portable refrigerator
  - Sleeping Bags
  - Tools of trade
  - Computers and accessories
  - Working dogs
- First Aid Courses if you are a designated first aid person and are required to undertake this course.
- Insurance on work related tools and equipment.
- Interest on money borrowed to purchase work related equipment
- Work specific licenses (not general motor vehicle licence) e.g. truck licence
- Seminars and conferences
- Stationery used for work related activities
- Sunscreen
- Technical or professional publications that are work related
- Truck repairs
- Truck washing
- Mobile telephone (can claim percentage that is work related)
- Income protection insurance

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