



TAX BOOSTING TIPS TEACHERS

TEACHER TAX DEDUCTIONS REALLY ADD UP. MAKE SURE YOU CLAIM ALL OF YOURS TO MAXIMISE YOUR REFUND THIS YEAR.

TOP TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR TEACHERS



PROFESSIONAL FEES AND EDUCATION:

- Union fees
- Teaching memberships and subscriptions
- Self-education expenses (must be related to your current role)

EXAMPLE: TEACHER UNION FEES OR A BLUE CARD APPLICATION FEE.



TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT EXPENSES

- Car travel (via logbook or cents/km method)
- Costs for school excursions
- Overnight stays

EXAMPLE: YOU TRAVELLED, AT YOUR OWN EXPENSE, TO ANOTHER SCHOOL FOR A SPORTS CARNIVAL.



WORK PURCHASES:

- Teaching supplies (not provided by employer)
- Sun protection: sunglasses, hats, sunscreen
- Protective clothing

EXAMPLE: YOU PURCHASED TEACHING AIDS FOR YOUR CLASSROOM AND WERE NOT REIMBURSED BY YOUR EMPLOYER.



WORK FROM HOME EXPENSES:

- Home office running expenses
- Phone and internet costs
- Office equipment purchases (computers, desks etc.)

EXAMPLE: YOU WORKED FROM HOME 7 HOURS PER WEEK PLANNING LESSONS AND MARKING WORK.



This is just a short list of the top teacher tax deductions. For more info, please visit: <https://www.etax.com.au/teacher-tax-deductions/>

ETAX'S TOP 4 TAX TIPS

SNAP YOUR RECEIPTS

1

Make sure you keep a record of all your receipts, even if you're not 100% sure you can claim it. Simply take a photo and come tax time, just ask your accountant.

LOG IT ALL

2

Be sure to log all your work-related car trips and work from home hours. This way, you won't short-change yourself come tax time.

IF YOU'VE BEEN REIMBURSED YOU CAN'T CLAIM IT

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If your employer has reimbursed you for an out-of-pocket expense related to your work, then you can't claim it on your tax return.

IMPACTED BY COVID?

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Has COVID impacted your working arrangements? Then it might also impact your tax return. Be sure to read about COVID and your tax return [here](#).



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