

TAX BOOSTING TIPS TEACHERS

WORK-RELATED EXPENSES CAN REALLY ADD UP FOR TEACHERS. MAKE SURE YOU CLAIM EVERYTHING YOU'RE ENTITLED TO AND MAXIMISE YOUR NEXT TAX REFUND.

TOP TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR TEACHERS

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WORK PURCHASES

- Teaching aids/supplies not provided by employer
- Arts & craft materials
- Stationery
- Sun protection: sunglasses, hats, sunscreen
- Protective clothing



Example: You purchased teaching aids for your classroom and were not reimbursed by your employer.

TRAVEL & TRANSPORT EXPENSES

- Car travel (logbook or cents/km method)
- Tolls and parking
- School excursion costs
- Overnight stays



Example: You travelled, at your own expense, to another school for a sports carnival.

PROFESSIONAL & EDUCATION EXPENSES

- Course fees
- 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.

HOME EXPENSES

- Home office running expenses
- Phone and internet cost
- Office equipment purchases (computers, desks etc.)
- Laundry costs for school branded or protective items



Example: You worked from home 10 hours per week planning lessons and marking work.

ETAX'S TOP 4 TAX TIPS

1 SNAP YOUR RECEIPTS

Keep a record of all your receipts, even if you are not 100% sure you can claim it. Take a photo and ask your accountant at tax time.

2 LOG IT ALL

Record all work-related car trips and work-from-home hours so you do not short change yourself at tax time.

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

If your employer reimbursed you for an out-of-pocket work expense, you cannot claim it on your tax return.

4 REACH OUT TO A TAX PROFESSIONAL

Not sure what applies to your situation? Speak with a registered tax professional (like **Etax**) before completing your return.