

# TAX BOOSTING TIPS TRADIES

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

## TOP TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR TRADIES

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### WORK PURCHASES AND USAGE

- Tools – including repair costs
- Work-related phone use (such as calls and emails)
- Protective clothing and equipment



Example: Your employer asked you to supply your own tools.

### TRAVEL & TRANSPORT EXPENSES

- Car travel (logbook or cents/km method)
- Tolls and parking
- Taxi fares
- Overtime meals



Example: You travel from one job site to another in your own car.

### PROFESSIONAL & EDUCATION EXPENSES

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



Example: Your annual fees for a trade union.

### UNIFORM EXPENSES

- Purchase of hi-vis or protective clothing: boots, safety glasses, hats, sunglasses, sunscreen etc.
- Laundry costs
- Repair costs of uniform/ protective equipment



Example: You are required to wear steel cap boots and a hi-vis shirt to 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.