

Tradie



Do you work as a tradie? You should know what you can claim, as well as what you cannot. Here are all the details you need



Tradies can make a claim based on the following conditions:

- ✓ You spent your own money to purchase an item.
 - ✓ You paid for the item that affects how you earn your income.
 - ✓ You have a record or receipt that proves you did pay for the item.
- ✗ All personal-use expenses will not be honoured, even though you paid for them with your own money and you have a receipt.

Travel Expenses

Travelling is not the same as car expenses. You can claim anything for travel if you needed to go to another location for work. The deductions you can claim include:

- ✓ Accommodation
 - ✓ Food
 - ✓ Fuel or fare.
- ✗ Travel allowances are not included in the deduction unless you can show proof that you stayed away overnight for work.

Clothing Expenses

- ✓ Claimable expenses include uniforms you have bought, repaired, rented, or cleaned. Only uniforms apply or those with a company logo.
- ✗ If the employer requires you to wear plain clothing, you cannot claim a deduction for it, unless it is under the protective clothing category.

Tools and Equipment Expenses

- ✓ Any tools and equipment you use for your job can be claimed. If it costs \$300 or less, you can claim a deduction immediately for the entire amount. If it is over \$300, the deduction will be distributed over a certain number of years.

Car Expenses

You can claim a deduction for the following expenses:

- ✓ Driving from one work location to another, whether it is for the same employer or different company
- ✓ Driving to different workplaces for one employer every few days at the very least. This condition applies to those who do not have a usual place of work, so driving from home to work can be claimed.
- ✓ Carrying bulky or heavy equipment, weighing at least 20 kg, as required by the employer

When transporting the equipment, it should also meet the following conditions:

- ✓ It is used for work
- ✓ The equipment can affect how you earn your income
- ✓ There is no other place to store the item at the workplace

You should have a logbook or a receipt of the work trips you make; otherwise, you should show the claim is reasonable, particularly if cents per kilometre is the metric used for the deduction claims.

Before claiming, you should check that your situation does NOT fit in these descriptions:

- ✗ You have a usual workplace and you drive a long way from home to work and vice versa
- ✗ You are required to work during the weekend

Meanwhile, if you have a vehicle and not a car:

- ✓ Your vehicle can carry at least a tonne
- ✓ You own a panel van or a ute
- ✓ The vehicle can carry at least nine passengers

You can claim a portion of the expenses relating to work, including fuel, insurance, repairs, oil, and car loan interest. Again, keep the receipts and log all the costs incurred.

Others

- ✓ Sunscreen, sunglasses, and other protective tools can be claimed, along with union fees and phone bills. Everything, however, should be related to work.

