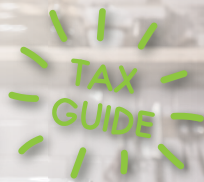


Hospitality



Are you a part of the hospitality industry? You should know what you can claim, as well as what you cannot. Here are all the details you need



Clothing Expenses

All work-related clothing expenses are entitled to a deduction, including paying for your work uniform due to:

- ✓ Buying
- ✓ Hiring
- ✓ Repairing
- ✓ Cleaning

The keyword here is uniform. If you wear plain clothing at work, it should not be treated as a uniform. Instead, it should be unique to your job. For instance, as a chef, you will be required to wear a chef's hat and pants. These pieces of clothing are considered your uniform.

Other things to note about workwear are:

- ✓ Deductions also apply to protective clothing, including aprons, gloves, and slip-resistant footwear.
- ✓ The employer should require the protective clothing mentioned.

✗ Everyday clothing, including black pants and white shirts, are not considered work clothes even if you wear them specifically for work.

Car or Travel Expenses

Driving from your home to work does not entitle you any deductions. An exception here is if you need to carry heavy equipment for work as required by your employer.

However, you can claim tax incentives for:

- ✓ Expenses incurred from driving between two (or more) separate jobs
- ✓ Driving from another workplace for the same employer

✗ You cannot claim deductions even if you work during the holidays or at night. Make sure you have a logbook that shows your driving expenses.

Grooming Expenses

Those who work in the hospitality industry are required to be well-groomed. However, all grooming products and services are considered private expenses:

- ✗ Tax returns do not entail services, such as hairdressing.
- ✗ You cannot claim your expenses for buying skin and hair products and make-up. All these items are considered personal.

Tools and Equipment Expenses

If you purchased chef knives, you could get a deduction for the costs. The same applies when having the tools repaired. Some rules to follow include:

- ✓ Private-use equipment cannot be claimed for tax returns
- ✓ If the tools cost \$300 max, you can get a deduction immediately for the whole expense.
- ✓ If the equipment is more than \$300, depreciation will apply.

Self-Education Expenses

✓ Deductions are claimable if you study a course relating to your current job

✗ If it helps you get a new job, you cannot add it to your tax return.

Other Expenses

Hospitality workers can also claim a deduction for:

- ✓ Work-related home expenses, including calls and texts
- ✓ Subscription for professional publications
- ✓ Professional association fees

Gaming or special employee licences are claimable but only during renewal.

