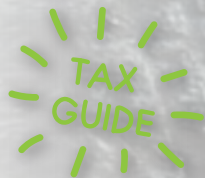


Miner



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



Miners need to pay attention to what you can claim during tax time. To guide you, here are the top things to remember:

- ✓ Claims should be related to work
- ✓ If you spent your own money and were not reimbursed by your employer, you can claim a deduction
- ✓ You have receipts, showing you did pay for the transaction

Car Expenses

- ✓ If you go to another workplace, aside from your regular job as a miner, you can claim your driving expenses. You are also allowed to claim a deduction if you drive to another workplace. For example, your employer tells you to go to another mine site in a different area.

Expenses you cannot claim in this category include:

- ✗ Trips from your house to the workplace
- ✗ Long trips
- ✗ Fuel costs incurred after driving to the worksite outside of normal business hours

There are a few exceptions:

- ✓ Your employer told you to carry bulky mining machine
- ✓ You were asked to store the equipment in your house
- ✓ The work site did not have a safe place for the item
The machine was at least 20 kilograms in weight or it is difficult to transport

Clothing Expenses

Deductions that you can claim include:

- ✓ Buying or hiring clothing, specifically uniforms
- ✓ Cleaning, repairing, and other maintenance for the uniform
- ✓ Buying protective clothing as required by the employer, such as steel-toe boots

Deductions do not apply to the following:

- ✗ Cleaning plain clothes, even those worn at work
- ✗ Mending and buying regular clothing
- ✗ Employers may tell you what to wear. Even so, if the garment is not considered as a uniform, deductions will not be applicable.

Travel Expenses

- ✓ Deductions are plausible for travel expenses if the miner was required to take a trip overnight. The journey should be outside your typical job site. For instance, you were asked to travel to a remote area to perform the same duties that you commonly do at work.

However, some exemptions apply, such as:

- ✗ Allowance from an employer does not mean automatic deductions
- ✗ Inexistence of travel proof
- ✗ Expenses were not directly related to earning your income

To qualify for a deduction, costs should be incurred while doing certain tasks. Expenses relating to travel include accommodation and meals. If your employer has not reimbursed you, you can easily claim a deduction.

Meal Expenses

Get a deduction for:

- ✓ Buying meals when you are away overnight for work
- ✓ Meals you have paid for while working overtime
- ✓ Meal allowances that your employer provides due to an agreement or employment law

- ✗ Remember that you cannot claim regular meal expenses, even when you eat at work.

Others

If you have bought or paid for any of the following, you can claim a deduction:

- ✓ PPE purchases, including sunscreen and sunglasses for outdoor workers
- ✓ Phone expenses relating to work
- ✓ Union fees

If you have machinery licences, deductions are applicable for renewing them. However, getting these licences will not be covered.

