

Tax Deductions for Teachers in Australia

To claim a deduction for work-related expenses:

- You must have spent the money yourself and were not reimbursed
- It needs to directly relate to earning your income
- You must have a record to prove the expense claim (e.g. receipt, invoice, etc.)

1. Union and Professional Association Fees

- Membership to teaching unions or professional bodies
 - o AEU
 - o IEU

2. Teaching Aids and Supplies

- Whiteboard markers, stationary, art/craft materials, teaching props, classroom posters.
- Flashcards, Educational games used in lessons.

3. Self-Education & professional Development

- Courses directly related to your current job
 - o CPD workshops and courses
 - o Additional qualifications such as Master of Education (if paid for by you, non-HECS)

4. Technology

- Portion of computer, printer, tablet or phone use used for work
 - o (diary or logbook required)
- Software and apps used for lesson planning or classroom use
 - o Canva Pro subscription
 - o Kahoot
 - o Zoom

5. Home Office Expenses

- Work from home
 - o Fixed rate or actual cost method

6. Work-Related Travel

- Attending school camps, excursions
 - o If the costs are reimbursed, then no deduction can be claimed
- Travel between schools using cents per kilometre or log-book method
 - o This travel can only be claimed if you travel between multiple worksites in the same day, trips between your place of residence and workplace are not typically deductible.

7. Protective Items

- Sunglasses, sunscreen and hats
 - o If teaching outdoors

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