

Tax Deductions for Health Professionals 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. Work-Related Travel

- Car expenses (logbook or cents per km method)
 - You can't claim the cost of normal trips between home and your usual workplace.
- Parking and tolls (not for commuting)
- Public transport (between work sites, not home-to-work)
- Travel between multiple jobs or clients
- Accommodation and meals (for overnight work trips)

2. Uniforms & Work Clothing

- Compulsory uniforms with logo
- Protective clothing (e.g. scrubs, lab coats, non-slip shoes)
- Laundry and dry-cleaning of work clothes

3. Professional Development

- Course fees (if related to current duties)
- Seminars, workshops, CPD sessions
- Travel costs to attend
- Online subscriptions

4. Registration, Memberships & Insurance

- AHPRA registration fees
- Union and professional association fees (e.g. APA, DAA)
- Professional indemnity insurance

5. Tools & Equipment

- Purchase and depreciation of:
 - Clinical tools (e.g. stethoscope, BP monitor)
 - Rehab equipment
 - Mobile phones, tablets, laptops (if used for work)
- Repairs and maintenance of equipment

6. Home Office Expenses

- Work-from-home running costs (fixed rate or actual method)
- Portion of internet and phone usage
- Office furniture and equipment depreciation

7. Stationery & Consumables

- Appointment books, diaries, pens
- Hand sanitiser, gloves, masks
- Printer ink and paper

8. Other Work-Related Expenses

- Books, journals, industry publications
- Police checks or Working with Children Checks
- Software (e.g. practice management tools)

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