

Following is a list of suggested tax deductions, which may be available to you as an Employee Truck Driver. However everyone's situation will be different and it is recommended that you talk to us about any of expenses you wish to claim.

The Australian Taxation Office has issued a ruling (TR 95/18) relating specifically to Employee Truck Drivers, which lists the following as allowable deductions:

- Bank Fees (FID's)
- Depreciation of CB radios
- Cost of and laundry of protective clothing and uniforms
- Depreciation, Insurance and repairs of tools and equipment
- Cost of the premium for an endorsed driver's license if required
- Depreciation of portable fridges
- Meals purchased when sleeping away from home or when working overtime
- Work related self education expenses
- Depreciation of sleeping bags
- Stationery (Eg. Log books, diaries)
- Purchase of journals, periodicals and magazines related to truck driving
- Cost of work-related phone calls and phone rental
- Travel, parking fees and tolls incurred between two places of work or for education purposes
- Cost of repairs to trucks and truck washing
- Annual union or professional association fees
- Livestock carriers can claim depreciation of working dogs and the cost of their maintenance

In addition to these specific deductions, the following general expenses are also allowable

- Taxation and accountancy fees
- Bank Charges on accounts that your pay is deposited into and on accounts that earn interest
- Postage & Stationery
- Sun protection items (eg. Sunscreen, hats, sunglasses), however an allowance for private use of these items must be taken into account in your claim
- Donations to registered charities (only where you haven't received anything for your donation – raffle tickets, novelty items etc)
- Income Protection Insurance

It is advisable to keep receipts for *all* purchases relating to your work even if they are not listed above. We can then advise you whether a claim can be made or not.

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