

FAJ Top Tax Tips 2018



Firefighters

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These are just three points from the following detailed Top Tax Tips sheet, Francis A Jones has developed to help you get exactly what you're entitled to in your tax refund.

Because when you make all the claims you're entitled to, it all adds up. And our job is to make sure you get every cent you can.

You can make an appointment by filling out the online appointment form or phone FAJ on 9335 5211.

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Claim on work related education and training Costs incurred in attending seminars, conferences and workshops are tax deductible provided they relate to your work. More specific training such as First Aid courses, fire fighting training and safety courses are also deductible.

Maximise your travel related deductions If you are required to use your car for work related travel such as travel between jobs, stations or training venues you may be able to claim a tax deduction. Keep track of all work related travel and expenses to allow us to claim the most for your car. Ask us for a complimentary FAJ log book or use our app.

Super is now deductible for employees From 1 July 2017 you can claim a tax deduction for your own super contributions in addition to your employer's contribution. The total amount of tax deductible contributions made by both yourself and your employer cannot exceed \$25,000p.a

Use private health insurance to reduce your tax surcharge If you earn more than \$90,000 per year as a single person (more for couples and families), and you do not have appropriate private health insurance you will be liable to pay the Medicare Levy Surcharge. We can help you understand your tax saving from taking up private health insurance.

Maximise your work related deductions As a general rule, if an item of expenditure is directly related to your work and is not private it might be deductible. For example pagers, torches, batteries, goggles, helmets, sun protection, union fees, subscriptions and journals are all tax deductible. Regardless of the requirement to be cleanly shaven for breathing apparatus, razors are generally not deductible due to their private nature. Unfortunately as there is no connection to income, no tax deductions are available for the purchase of fire equipment for volunteer fire fighting.

Claim on work related uniform expenses A deduction may be allowable for the purchase of protective clothing including jackets, pants and gloves as well as the cost of laundry and maintenance of supplied or purchased clothing and uniforms. Any footwear that is considered protective may also be eligible for a deduction.

Turn work at home into tax deductions Internet, telephone and power may be tax deductible expenses if you do some work from home. You can also depreciate office equipment like computers, printers and electronic equipment.

Claim on overtime meal allowance If you receive an overtime meal allowance during the year and the amount is shown on your payment summary, you may be able to claim a standard deduction of \$30.05 per overtime shift. To ensure we claim the correct amount you will need to know how many times you worked overtime or how much you received for each overtime meal allowance.

Save by packaging your salary A good way to increase your take home pay or your super balance is to take advantage of salary packaging. Items which can be salary sacrificed include superannuation contributions, motor vehicle leases and portable electronic devices. We can help select the best package for you.

It's not just our fees that are tax deductible Did you know that as well as being able to claim the fees paid to FAJ for preparing your tax return you can also claim the cost of travelling to FAJ and parking fees?



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