

FAJ Top Tax Tips 2018



Police

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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.

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FAJ Top Tax Tips for Police

Claim on work related training and education

Costs incurred in attending seminars, conferences and workshops are tax deductible as long as it relates to your work. More specific training such as First Aid courses, Police Academy training and any expenses incurred in maintaining and training police dogs is also deductible.

Claim on sports clothing and fitness expenses

The cost and laundering of physical training clothing that is unique and distinct to the police department is an allowable deduction. Certain factions of the police department may require some officers to maintain high levels of fitness. These officers may claim the cost of fitness equipment and travel to training venues.

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, tools and equipment not provided by the police department, sun protection, Federal Police Pistol Club memberships, informant expenses, union fees, subscriptions and journals are all tax deductible.

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.

Get the most out of your property investments

For tips on what you can claim and what it means to negatively gear a property, please download our checklist 'FAJ Top Tax Tips for Property Investors'.

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, electronic equipment and libraries.

Maximise your travel related deductions

If you are required to use your car for work related travel such as travel between jobs, travel to the scene of a crime or between two police stations 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.

Donate to Police welfare associations Each state has their own foundations such as police legacy, police widow's scheme, police citizens & youth welfare and others. Any donation over \$2 to these foundations is tax deductible.

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.



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