

FAJ TOP TAX TIPS 2023



Maximise your work related deductions As a general rule, if an item of expenditure is directly related to your current employment, you were not reimbursed for the expense and you have a record to prove it, you may be able to claim it as a deduction. For example, protective clothing, laundering uniforms, income protection insurance, union fees, tools, portable electronic devices used for work, subscriptions and journals are all deductible.

Turn work at home into tax deductions Your internet, phone, electricity and other running expenses may be tax deductible if you work from home. As of 1 July 2022, there are only two methods to claim home office expenses – the revised fixed rate method, or the actual cost method. Regardless of the method used, to be eligible you need prove that you have incurred additional running expenses as a result of working from home. Under the revised fixed rate method, you can claim 67 cents an hour for each hour you work from home. The rate now covers the work related use of your phone, internet, electricity, gas, and stationery and ink, but depreciable items such as laptops and desks can be claimed separately. In order to substantiate your home office claim, from 1 March 2023, you will need to provide a written record of every hour worked from home.

Maximise your travel related deductions Travelling between two jobs is tax deductible. Overnight travel and the expenses that go along with it may also be deductible. There might be other deductible travel you don't know about, such as travelling from home to work with bulky equipment. Keep a record of all work travel and expenses to allow us to claim the most for your travel. Ask us for a complimentary FAJ log book or use our app.

Boost your super balance and minimise tax You can claim a tax deduction for super contributions you made in addition to your employer's contributions. The total amount of contributions from you and your employer cannot exceed \$27,500. Any tax deductible super contributions that are not used in one year may be carried forward to the following year, provided your super balance is less than \$500,000. Speak to us while we are preparing your return for a calculation of how much tax you could be saving by making personal super contributions.

Turn charity donations into tax deductions You can claim a deduction for voluntary donations of \$2 or more made to approved organisations. Approved organisations include funds, charities or organisations registered in Australia as Deductible Gift Recipients. This includes school building funds, if they are registered.

Francis A Jones has developed these Tax Tips to help you get exactly what you're entitled to in your tax refund. You can make an appointment by filling out the online appointment form www.faj.com.au/taxreturns or phone FAJ on 9335 5211.

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