



## Tax Deductions available for Apprentices in the Building Industry

Following is a list of suggested tax deductions that may be available to you as an Apprentice in the Building Industry. However, everyone's situation will be different and it is recommended that you talk to us about any expenses you wish to claim.

- Cost of compulsory uniforms, protective clothing and footwear (boots, overalls)
- Costs of laundry and maintenance of uniforms or protective clothing
- Travel costs (including bus, train, taxi fares, car expenses, parking fees and tolls) to attend meetings, seminars and training
- Travel costs in relation to collecting materials, deliveries, to the bank may also be deductible
- If you have more than one job, travel from one to the other is also deductible
- Self education expenses (including course fees, books, stationery, equipment, travel, meals and accommodation) if the course is directly related to your current work
- Union or professional association fees
- Replacement, repairs and depreciation of tools and equipment (eg. air and power tools)
- Purchase of books, periodicals and magazines related to your work
- Work related postage and stationery (pens, diary, calculator, electronic organisers)
- Internet connection fees when used for email or research related to work/study
- Work-related telephone or mobile calls where they can be identified from an itemised telephone account or where a diary record of calls made over a period of one month has been kept

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

- Taxation and accountancy fees
- Bank Charges on your work-related or investment accounts
- 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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