

Checklist for Engineers



You Can Claim:

- Car expenses (if traveling between job sites or carrying bulky tools with no secure storage at work)
- Protective clothing (hi-vis, gloves, steel-capped boots)
- Tools and equipment used on-site
- Work-from-home expenses (using ATO-approved methods with records)
- Phone & Internet (work use only, with records)
- Education/training (directly tied to your current engineering role)
- Parking & tolls (when traveling for work, not commuting)
- Licensing renewals and professional association fees (related to your current role)
- Overtime meals (only if allowance is taxed and the meal is bought during overtime work)

You Cannot Claim:

- Commute costs (home to regular office)
- Business clothing (even if required by the employer)
- Coffee, tea, or snacks (even if you bring your own)
- Items paid or reimbursed by your employer
- Childcare, music subscriptions, or gym fees
- Initial license costs (eg, to enter the profession)
- Courses unrelated to your current role or meant to change careers
- Doctor visits
- Uber eats, cabs, taxis, and drivers



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