

Education Tax Refund

General Information

The Australian Government helps parents with the education of their children via the Education Tax Refund.

The Education Tax Refund provides up to 50% back on a range of children's education expenses.

Refunds are up to \$397.00 per primary school child & up to \$794.00 per high school child.

Who is Eligible?

- A person who is entitled to the Family Tax Benefit – Part A for a child undertaking primary or secondary school studies
- Independent students in primary or secondary school
- People on other allowances may also be eligible

Once you have checked your eligibility with our office you may check from the following list what can be claimed at tax time.

What Items Can Be Claimed?

- Stationery
- Educational Software
- Exercise Books
- Text Books
- Laptops
- Computer Repairs
- Reference Books
- SB Flash Drives
- Desktop Computers
- Monthly Internet Connections
- Printers
- Printer Cartridges
- Associated Learning Materials (*such as calculators*)

What Items Can I NOT Claim?

- School Uniform (*uniforms purchased after July 1st, 2011 may be claimable in the 2011 – 2012 financial year subject to approval of legislation*)
- School Fees
- Students' attendance at school based extra curricular activities such as excursions and camps
- Tutoring Costs
- Sporting Equipment
- Musical Instruments
- School Subject Levies – e.g. payment for consumables for particular subjects such as woodwork, art or home science.
- Building Levies
- Library Book Fees
- School Photos
- Donations
- Tuck Shop Expenses
- Waiting List Fees
- Transport
- Membership Fees
- Computer Games & Consoles

Sharing Eligible Expenses

Where Eligible Expenses are incurred for more than one child, you may share the expense between the children, however each child must use the purchased items. You must also purchase the item on a day *after* you have satisfied eligibility for the Education Tax Refund for each child. This is referred to as "pooling".

Call us at **Tax Matters & Business Affairs Pty Ltd** on **03 9416 1679** or email info@taxmatters.net.au to ensure you "Claim Everything You Are Entitled To".

Remember, you must keep your receipts for tax time.