



## ***8 Deductions you probably won't get away with claiming***

From edible G-strings to puppies and extravagant holidays, it seems people are getting more and more creative with what they try to claim at tax time.

While we appreciate the creativity, here's a list of things from the ATO you probably can't claim as a deduction on your return.

**1. Dinner while travelling** – this is a tricky one to claim unless you were required to work away from home overnight. Make sure you keep receipts, as you'll only be able to claim a certain amount, based on your income.

**2. A working holiday** – if you took a work trip that includes personal travel you can only claim the work-related portion.

**3. Your suit or work clothes** – you can only claim work clothes if there is a logo on the item.

**4. The full dry-cleaning or laundry rate** – unless you can prove how you calculated the cost. It is more likely you'll need to apportion work and personal clothes in the load.

**5. Uni fees or courses** – unless you are currently

working in that area as well. Unfortunately investing in yourself for the the future doesn't count.

**6. Your whole phone or internet bill** – you'll need to apportion the work-related parts by proving this on bill or in a diary.

**7. Travelling from home to work** – generally you can't claim a deduction for these because they're considered private travel.

**8. Car expenses for transporting bulky tools or equipment, unless:**

- you need to use your bulky tools to do your job
- your employer requires you to transport this equipment
- there is no secure area to store the equipment at work.
- Car expenses that have been salary sacrificed.

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