



## Appendix D – Business Tax Deductions

Accident insurance premiums  
Accountants fees for preparing returns  
Accrued leave entitlements  
Advertising expenses  
Appeal costs relating to tax disputes  
Audit costs, including ATO audit  
Bad debts  
Bank Charges, business  
Bills of exchange, discount factor  
"Black hole" expenses  
Borrowing Expenses  
Briefcases  
Brokers Commission on Borrowed money  
Buildings and Structural Improvements  
Business operating expenses  
Business subscriptions  
Business trips, expenses of  
Car expenses, business  
Carbon prising  
Commissions  
Computer Software  
Consolidation valuation expenses  
Convention expenses  
Copyrights, patents and registration of designs etc.  
Corporate clothing

Credit expenses for work related expenses  
Debt/Equity swaps resulting in a loss  
Depreciation of business assets  
Discounts or rebates on sale items  
Dues; union, professional association or business associations  
Education expenses  
Election expenses: local government  
Electricity connection costs  
Employer cost of share schemes  
Employment agreement; expenses of  
Entertainment expenses business related (limited)  
Environmental Impact study expense  
Environmental protection expense  
Equipment (work related)  
Exchange losses  
FBT payments  
Feasibility study expenses for a new project  
Film (Australia) investment  
Financial arrangements losses  
Fitness expenses  
Forestry expenses  
Geosequestration expenditure  
GIC  
Gift of art works or heritage items  
Gift valuation fees under cultural program  
Gifts of \$2 or more to prescribed recipients  
Gifts: advertising or public relations  
Glasses (anti glare)  
Gratuities to employees  
Higher qualifications expenses  
Home office expenses where home used as a business premises  
Insurance company, unreported claims  
Insurance premiums - business related  
Intellectual property  
Interest underpaid tax where tax assessment is amended  
Interest on borrowing to pay income tax  
Interest on late lodgements  
Interest on late payment of tax

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Interest on money used for assessable income production or purchase of income-producing assets

Interest on money used to pay HELP

Interest referable to home office where home used as a business premises

Interest withholding tax

Investment losses

Investment portfolio, expenses of servicing

Land tax on business premises

Late payment interest penalty

Lease incentive payments

Lease preparation expenses

Lease termination payments (business)

Leave payments made by employer

Legal expenses - proceedings affecting future income

Legal expenses - relating to borrowing or mortgage discharge

Lessors or lessees payment to secure early termination of business leases

Living away from home allowances expenses

Loss on sale of property acquired before 20.9.85

Losses of company of current year

Losses of previous years

Losses of trust of current year

Losses on isolated business transactions

losses through theft or misappropriation

losses transferred from group company

Low cost items

Luxury car expenses

Mains electricity connection

Management expenses, investor

Mining expenditure

Mortgage discharge expenses

Motor vehicles dealers: warranty repair costs

Municipal rates on business premises

Natural disaster recovery expenses

Newspapers and magazines

Overtime meal allowances expenses

Parking fees

Partnership: share of net losses

Patent, design, copyright registration costs  
Petroleum resource rent tax  
Plant (installed) cost of bring to full operation  
Political parties, contributions and gifts by non-business individuals  
Primary production costs (most if not all costs tax deductible)  
Professional journals: subscription  
Professional qualifications  
Project infrastructure costs  
Promissory notes, discount factors  
Protective clothing  
Regional headquarters: set up costs  
Relocation expenses incurred by employer  
Rent collection: commissions on  
Rent for business premises  
Rent referable to home office (business)  
Repair costs under warranty  
Repairs to income producing property  
Repayments of travel agents commissions  
Retiring allowances  
Salaries paid in business  
Self education  
Self education expenses  
Self-insurance provisions or workers compensation  
Service fees  
Shortfall interest charges  
Sickness/accident premiums  
Software expenses  
Solicitor disbursements  
Spare parts  
Special clothing, purchase and laundering  
Sponsorship fees  
Structural improvement (post 26.2.92)  
Tax advice costs  
Tax agents fees  
Tax return lodgement costs  
Technical and trade journals  
Technical qualifications  
Telephone expenses (work related)

Tender costs  
Tools of trade  
Tools, depreciation and cost of transporting and insuring  
Trade union dues  
Trading stock  
Trading stock taken to new premises  
Travel (relocation costs) paid by employer  
Travel expenses related to business  
Traveller accommodation buildings  
Trees, carbon sink forest  
Trees, purchased in immature forest or plantation and sold standing  
Uniforms, special clothing for employees  
Water facilities  
Water rates on business premises  
Work in progress payment

*Source* Wolters Kluwer, *Australian Master Tax Guide 2015, 56<sup>th</sup> edition, p.855 and following.*