

THE EDUCATION TAX REFUND

You Are Eligible To Claim if:

- You have eligible education expenses for a child's primary or secondary education from the 1st July 2010 to 30th June 2011.
- You received Family Tax Benefit Part A for the child or
- A payment was made for the child which prevented you from receiving FTB Part A, e.g. youth allowance or the child stopped full-time school during the year & received income over the cut out amount, which stopped you from receiving FTB Part A.
- You are an independent student and received a Centrelink payment such as youth allowance or abstudy.

What Are Eligible Expenses?

You can claim the cost of buying, establishing, repairing and maintaining any of the following items:

- home computers and laptops
- computer-related equipment such as printers, USB flash drives, and disability aids
- home internet connections
- computer software for educational use
- school textbooks and other printed learning material, including prescribed textbooks, associated learning materials, study guides and stationery, and
- prescribed trade tools for secondary school trade courses.

You Can't Claim The Following:

- school uniform expenses
- school fees (including consumables for specific classes)
- extracurricular activities such as excursions and camps
- tutoring costs
- sporting equipment & musical instruments
- building levies & donations
- library book fees
- school photos
- canteen expenses
- waiting list & membership fees
- transport

How Much Do I Get?

If you have full care of a child, you can claim 50% of eligible expenses up to:

- \$794 for each eligible child in primary school, giving you a refund of up to \$397.
- \$1,588 for each eligible child in secondary school, giving you a refund of up to \$794.

Remember the above amounts are per child!

If your expenses exceed your refund limit for the year, any excess can be used in the following year's refund claim as long as you remain eligible.

If you have shared care of a child, use one of the following methods to work out your refund:

1. If you received FTB Part A, use the same shared care percentage.
2. If you did not receive FTB Part A, because you or the child received a payment, work out the percentage of nights during the year that the child was in your care.

How Do I Claim The Refund?

You can claim the refund in your 2011 Income Tax Return. If you don't have to lodge a tax return we can still make a claim on your behalf.

Please remember to bring your receipts with you, when attending your appointment.