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Update

The Government has changed the Education Tax Refund to include school-approved uniforms, purchased from 1 July 2011.

Items of clothing including hats, footwear and sports uniforms approved by a school as its uniform may be claimed from 1 July 2012.

So keep your receipts for school uniforms so you can claim them at Tax Time 2012.

I care for a child

You can claim the Education Tax Refund (ETR) if you had [eligible education expenses](#) during the financial year for a child who meets the [schooling requirement](#), **and:**

- you received [Family Tax Benefit \(FTB\) Part A](#) for the child
or
- a payment was made for the child which prevented you from receiving [FTB Part A](#),
or
- your child stopped full-time school during the year and received income over the cut-out amount which prevented you from receiving FTB Part A for the child.

Education tax refund - what you need to know

Items that are eligible education expenses

Eligible education expenses are items that support a child's or independent student's primary or secondary school education. They include the purchase, lease, hire or hire-purchase costs, repairs and running costs of:

- laptops, home computers and associated costs
- computer-related equipment such as printers, USB flash

- drives, as well as disability aids to help in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
- home internet connections, including the costs of establishing and maintaining them
 - computer software for educational use
 - word processing, spreadsheet, database and presentation software, internet filters and antivirus software
 - school textbooks and other paper-based school learning material, including prescribed textbooks, associated learning materials, study guides and stationery
 - prescribed trade tools - for example, tools required to complete a school-based apprenticeship.
 - As well as the items listed above school-approved uniforms purchased from 1 July 2011 (including hats, footwear and sports uniforms) approved by the school as its uniform can be claimed in the 2011/12 tax year

Expenses that are not eligible

Education expenses that are not eligible include:

- school fees
- school uniform expenses - however, you will be able to claim these in your 2012 tax return due to a recent law change
- student attendance at school-based extra curricular activities, such as excursions and camps
- tutoring costs
- sporting equipment
- musical instruments
- school subject levies - for example, payment for materials 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 and consoles.

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