

Handyman Deduction Checklist

Ten checks before you claim a deduction

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Work through these as you go, not at year-end.
A claim without a record made at the time rarely holds.

- ☐ **1 Tools split**
Small items expensed, larger ones capitalised.
- ☐ **2 Tool register kept**
Purchases, repairs and disposals tracked.
- ☐ **3 Mileage logged**
Date, distance and purpose for every trip.
- ☐ **4 Vehicle limits applied**
Cost, lease and interest caps respected.
- ☐ **5 Commuting excluded**
Home to usual work site left out.
- ☐ **6 Home office tested**
Workspace requirement met and measured.
- ☐ **7 Splits documented**
Phone and internet business share supported.
- ☐ **8 Subcontractors reported**
T5018 slips filed for the period.
- ☐ **9 Meals limited**
50% applied unless an exception is proven.
- ☐ **10 Records retained**
Receipts, logs and contracts for six years.

PRO TIP

Driving from home to your usual work site is commuting, not business travel.
Travel between job sites during the day normally does count, so log both.

What happens next

- 1** Records reviewed
- 2** Flat fee quoted
- 3** Return filed

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