Families and approved care organisations can claim 50% of their eligible educational expenses if:

- they received Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part A for the child, or
- a payment was made for the child that stopped them from receiving FTB Part A for that child.

The maximum you can claim is 50% of eligible expenses up to:

- $750 for each eligible child in primary school - that is, a refund of up to $375
- $1,500 for each eligible child in secondary school - that is, a refund of up to $750.

IMPORTANT: Under no circumstances should schools provide tax advice to parents. A school providing tax advice is in breach of the Income Tax Assessment Act.


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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 assist 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, including 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, and
- prescribed trade tools - for example, tools required to complete a school-based apprenticeship.

Expenses that are not eligible

- school fees
- school uniform expenses
- 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 consumables for particular subjects such as woodwork, art or home science
- building levies
- school photos
- tuck shop expenses
- waiting list fees
- transport.

- library book fees
- donations
- membership fees, and
- computer games and consoles