



# Medical Expenses Checklist

If you have out-of-pocket medical expenses that exceed \$2,000, you are eligible for the Medical Expenses tax offset. You can claim expenses relating to an illness or operation paid to legally qualified doctors, nurses or chemists and public or private hospitals. However, expenses for some cosmetic operations are excluded.

Medical expenses which qualify for the tax offset include payments:

- to dentists, orthodontists or registered dental mechanics
- to opticians or optometrists, including for the cost of prescription spectacles or contact lenses
- to a carer who looks after a person who is blind or permanently confined to a bed or wheelchair
- for therapeutic treatment under the direction of a doctor
- for medical aids prescribed by a doctor
- for artificial limbs or eyes and hearing aids
- for maintaining a properly trained dog for guiding or assisting people with a disability (but not for social therapy)
- for laser eye surgery, and
- for treatment under an in-vitro fertilisation program.

If you have expenses for alternative therapies, please ensure you have a referral letter or letter recommending the treatment from a qualified doctor.

NOTE: Please contact us if you are unsure whether a particular medical expense is eligible for the tax offset