

Tax Deductions for OTR Truck Drivers

Truck drivers can claim a variety of tax deductions while on the road. Mileage, daily meal allowances, truck repair (maintenance), overnight hotel expenses, and union dues are some of the tax deductions available. However, local truck drivers typically cannot deduct travel expenses. For more information regarding the standard meal allowance, please refer to **IRS Publication 1542 "Per Diem Rates"**. Claiming these deductions helps lower your tax liability and helps you recoup some of the money spent during the year for travel.

Please refer to the chart below for additional deductions you may not have known about.

CLOTHING		Communication	
Uniforms		Cellular/long distance, etc.	
Specialized Underwear		Voice mail/faxes	
Safety or black ice boots		CB, antenna, repairs	
Rain gear		Power cords/boosters	
Gloves (driving, work, etc.)		Satellite tracking service	
Safety glasses		Travel Cards	
Coveralls		SUPPLIES	
Alterations		Air fresheners, disinfectant	
Clothing repair, sewing kit, etc.		Hand cleaner, soap, detergent	
PROFESIONAL		Showers	
Union dues, Trade assn. Fees		Hangers, laundry bags, etc.	
Business Ins., Security Bond		Alarm clock, travel iron, etc.	
Licenses, permits, etc.		TV, VCR, refrigerator, radio	
Legal/Professional fees		Bunk heater, fan, etc.	
Magazines/Publications		Map, atlas, GPS, etc.	
Safety training		Flashlight, batteries	
Annual DOT Physical		Keys locks, security kits	
OFFICE SUPLIES		Cleaners, WD40, etc.	
Lap desk laptop, PC		Vacuum, broom, dustpan	
Pens, pencils, paper		Bug spray, fly swatter	
Stapler staples hole punch, etc.		Trash bags, paper towels	
Log book an accessories		Curtains, window screens	
Money orders/wire charges		Seat covers, shift grip, floor mats	
Camera film, digital supplies		Salt for ice, de-icer	
Calculator and supplies		Load locks, cables, tiedowns	
Copy fees		Hammer, crowbar, other tools	
		Buffer and other supplies	
MISC TRUCK EXPENSES		Duct tape, Sand	
Truck/trailer storage		Shelving	
Towing, parking		Storage containers	
Truck interest		First Aid kit	
Lumpers		Back Supports	
Truck/trailer license		Fire extinguishers/flares	
Gas, lube, oil, parts, maintenance		Seat cushions	
OTHER			
<p>The purpose of this worksheet is to help you organize your tax deductible business expenses. In order for an expense to be deductible, it MUST be considered "ordinary and necessary" expense. You may include other applicable expenses. Do NOT include expenses for which you have been reimbursed or expect to be reimbursed.</p>			