

# **About the Education Tax Refund**

## Who is eligible?

- A person who has received Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part A for a child undertaking primary or secondary school studies.
- Independent students in primary or secondary school.
- People on other allowances may be eligible too.

### How much can be claimed?

Those eligible can claim 50% of eligible education expenses up to the maximum amounts.

For the 2010-11 financial year the maximum amounts that can be claimed are:

- \$794 for each primary school child that is, a refund of up to \$397, and
- \$1,588 for each secondary school child that is a refund of up to \$794.

#### What can be claimed in 2010-11?

Eligible expenses include the cost of buying, establishing, repairing and maintaining any of the following items:

- home computers and laptops
- computer-related equipment such as printers, USB flash drives, and disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
- computer repairs
- · home internet connections
- · computer software for educational use
- school textbooks and other printed learning material, including prescribed textbooks, associated learning materials, study guides and stationery, and
- prescribed trade tools for secondary school trade courses.

## How do people claim?

- The ETR is claimed in an individual's tax return, or
- For those who don't lodge a tax return, it is claimed on the Education Tax Refund for individuals claim form, available from the Tax Office.

For more information go to www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au.