



How to Make Your Job Search Less Taxing

Job searching can take its toll on people in many ways: emotionally, mentally, and even physically. Fortunately, for some **job searchers**, several search-related-expenses can be written off, making the financial toll of job searching a little less "taxing".

Job Search Supplies

It is possible to write off supplies that you have purchased to further your job searching. These supplies can include: ink cartridges, jump-drives/computer disks, computer/resume paper, folders/portfolios, envelopes, thank-you cards, printing services, business cards, print/fax services, postage, etc.

Phone Bills

The cost for cell phone and long-distance calls can really add up. Fortunately, it is possible to write off calls that are job-related.

Transportation

Travel expenses related to your **job search** may also be tax deductible. This can include travel to interviews, and events or activities for meeting potential employers, such as job fairs.

Take Note

To ensure that you receive the most write-offs possible, make note of every expense that is job search-related. Keep all receipts together in a folder. Also, make a spreadsheet to record dates, reasons, and details of all expenses you hope to write off.

Consult with Your CPA

There are some stipulations for writing off your **job search** costs. For starters, the IRS requires that you've worked other jobs. So, if you are on your first job search, you are not eligible for these write offs. Also, it is required that your job search is in the same profession as your previous employment. To ensure that you meet the requirements, and that you write off as many expenses as possible, consult with your CPA or refer to the IRS website.