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PROFESSIONAL FEES & DUES:

Dues paid to professional societies related to your occupation are deductible. However, the costs of initial admission fees paid for membership in certain organizations or social clubs are considered capital expenses.

Deductions are allowed for payments made to a union as a condition of initial or continued membership. Such payments include dues, but not those that go toward defraying expenses of a personal nature. However, the portion of union dues that goes into a strike fund is deductible.

Educational expenses are deductible under either of two conditions: (1) your employer requires the education in order for you to keep your job or rate of pay; or (2) the education maintains or improves skills. Costs of courses that are taken to meet the minimum requirements of a job, or that qualify you for a new trade or business, are NOT deductible.

UNIFORMS & UPKEEP EXPENSES:

Generally, the costs of your uniforms are fully deductible. IRS rules specify that work clothing cost and the cost of maintenance are deductible if: (1) the uniforms are required by your employer (if you're an employee); and (2) the clothes are not adaptable to ordinary street wear. Normally, the employer's emblem attached to the clothing indicates it is not for street wear.

AUTO TRAVEL:

Your auto expenses are based on the number of qualified business miles you drive. Expenses for travel between business locations or daily transportation expenses between your residence and temporary work locations are deductible; include them as business miles. Expenses for your trips between home and work each day, or between home and one or more regular places of work, are COMMUTING expenses and are NOT deductible.

Document business miles in a record book as follows: (1) give the date and business purpose of each trip; (2) note the place to which you traveled; (3) record the number of business miles; and (4) record your car's odometer reading at both the beginning and end of the tax year. Keep receipts for all car operating expenses – gas, oil, repairs, insurance etc. – and of any reimbursement you received for your expenses.

OUT-OF-TOWN TRAVEL:

Expenses accrued when traveling away from "home" overnight on jobrelated or continuing-education trips are deductible. Your "home" is generally considered to be the entire city or general area where your principal place of employment is located. Out-of-town expenses include transportation, meals, lodging, tips and miscellaneous items like laundry, valet etc.

Document away-from-home expenses by noting the date, destination and business purpose of your trip. Record business miles if you drove to the out-of-town location. In addition, keep a detailed record of your expenses - lodging, public transportation, meals etc. Always list meals and lodging separately in your records. Receipts must be retained for each lodging expense. However, if any other business expense is less than \$75, a receipt is not necessary if you record all of the information in a timely diary. You must keep track of the full amount of meal and entertainment expenses even though only a portion of the amount may be deductible.

TELEPHONE EXPENSES:

The basic local telephone service costs of the first telephone line provided in your residence are not deductible. However, toll calls from that line are deductible if the calls are business-related. The costs (basic fee and toll calls) of a second line in your home are also deductible if the line is used exclusively for business.

EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES & REPAIRS:

Generally, to be deductible, items must be ordinary and necessary to your job as airline flight crew personnel and not reimbursable by your employer. Record separately from other supplies, the costs of business assets that are expected to last longer than one year and cost more than \$100. Normally, the costs of such assets are recovered differently on your tax return than are other recurring, everyday business expenses such as flashlights, batteries and other supplies.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES:

Expenses of looking for new employment in your present line of work are deductible – you do not have to actually obtain a new job in order to deduct the expenses. Out-of-town job-seeking expenses are deductible only if the primary purpose of the trip is job seeking, not pursuing personal activities.

The information provided in this brochure is an abbreviated summary of the rules for the job-related expenses applicable to airline crew personnel. For additional details as to specific business expenses, the records required and the various governmental regulations, consult Aviation CPAs

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In order to deduct expenses in your trade or business, you must show that the expenses are "ordinary and necessary." An ordinary expense is one that is customary in your particular line of work. A necessary expense is one that is appropriate but not necessarily essential in your business. The application of these terms to you relies heavily on the "facts and circumstances" of your unique situation.

PROFESSIONAL Fees & Dues: Association Dues	AUTO Travel Company Physical (mi)	EQUIPMENT Supplies & Repairs: Alarm Clock - Portable
Professional Dues	FAA Physical (mi)	Bidding Software Fees
FAA Medical Exam	Parking Fees & Tolls (\$)	Books, Manuals, Tapes
Licenses	Pickup Cleaning and Supplies (mi)	Business Cards
Passport, Visa, ID	Training (mi)	Calculator
Training Expenses	Union or Association (mi)	Cockpit Keys
Union Dues & Assessments	Other:	Ear Piece/Protectors
Other:	Other:	Flashlight/Batteries
Other:	Other:	Flight Bag
Other:		Flight Glasses
	UNREIMBURSED Out-Of-Town Travel:	Flight Luggage
UNIFORMS Upkeep:	Airfare, Train & Bus	Uniform Bags
Alterations & Repairs	Highway Tolls	Jet Bridge Keys
Cleaning & Laundry	Laundry	Log Book
Emblems, Insignias, Wings etc.	Lodging (do not combine meals with lodging)	Map Books
Hats & Caps	Meals (do not combine with lodging)	Charts
Jackets or Overcoats	Porter, Bell Captain	Name Tags and ID Holders
Shoes or Boots	Taxi, Subway etc.	Security Devices
Belts & Gloves	Telephone Calls (includes calls to home)	Trade Publications
Shirts or Blouses	Other:	Translators
Pants or Skirts	Other:	Union Expenses
Sweaters & Vests	Other:	Committee Expenses
Ties & Scarfs		Voltage Convertors
Other:	TELEPHONE Expenses:	Watch/Batteries
Other:	Special or Fax Line	Other:
Other:	Cellular	Other:
	Business Long Distance	Other:
	Internet Provider	Other:
	Other:	Other:
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