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Taxation Determination

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1. Yes. The amount of \$250 spent on self education but disallowed as a deduction under section 82A of the *Income tax Assessment Act 1936* (ITAA 1936) is not required to be substantiated by the taxpayer.
2. Under the substantiation provisions, a taxpayer is only required to retain documentary evidence to substantiate work related expenses claimed as allowable deductions.
3. Even though the taxpayer is not required to substantiate this amount, the onus of proof still remains on the taxpayer to show (rather than substantiate) how this amount was expended.

Example:

A taxpayer spends \$1500 on self education. An amount of \$250 is disallowed as a deduction under section 82A of the ITAA 1936. If the taxpayer claims \$1250 as self education expenses, he/she must be able to substantiate \$1250 with the necessary documentary evidence. Whilst there is no requirement to substantiate the amount of \$250, the taxpayer must be able to provide a detailed explanation in regards to this expenditure.

Commissioner of Taxation

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