

# Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003

## **2003 CHAPTER 1**

#### PART 5

EMPLOYMENT INCOME: DEDUCTIONS ALLOWED FROM EARNINGS

#### **CHAPTER 2**

## DEDUCTIONS FOR EMPLOYEE'S EXPENSES

# Travel expenses

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- (1) A deduction from earnings is allowed for travel expenses if—
  - (a) the employee is obliged to incur and pay them as holder of the employment, and
  - (b) the expenses are attributable to the employee's necessary attendance at any place in the performance of the duties of the employment.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to the expenses of ordinary commuting or travel between any two places that is for practical purposes substantially ordinary commuting.
- (3) In this section "ordinary commuting" means travel between—
  - (a) the employee's home and a permanent workplace, or
  - (b) a place that is not a workplace and a permanent workplace.
- (4) Subsection (1) does not apply to the expenses of private travel or travel between any two places that is for practical purposes substantially private travel.
- (5) In subsection (4) "private travel" means travel between—
  - (a) the employee's home and a place that is not a workplace, or

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- (b) two places neither of which is a workplace.
- (6) This section needs to be read with section 359 (disallowance of travel expenses: mileage allowances and reliefs).