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## **Don't Pay More Than You Owe**

*NATP reminds taxpayers about the most overlooked itemized deductions.*

*National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP) Appleton, WI – Miscellaneous itemized deductions are often the most difficult to remember at tax time. Plus, in most cases, only your miscellaneous deductions that exceed two percent of your adjusted gross income are deductible. Did you incur any of the following expenses in 2008?*

- Depreciation on a self-owned computer or cell phone required to do your job.
- Dues to chambers of commerce, professional societies, and unions.
- Education that is employment-related.
- Home office or part of your home used regularly and exclusively in your work.
- Job-search expenses in your present occupation.
- Legal fees related to doing or keeping your job, and protecting or collecting taxable income.
- Licenses and regulatory fees, as well as occupational taxes.
- Malpractice insurance premiums.
- Medical examinations required by an employer.
- Passport for a business trip.
- Subscriptions to professional journals and trade magazines related to your work.
- Tools and supplies used in your work.
- Travel, transportation, entertainment, and gift expenses related to your work.
- Work clothes and uniforms and their upkeep costs.
- Tax preparation fees.
- Union dues.

- Safety equipment used for your work.
- Safe deposit box.

If you incurred any of these expenses, be sure to notify your tax professional so he or she can determine if they are deductible. Once you get past the two-percent limit, these deductions can really add up!

For more information on deductions or any other tax-related topic, contact the National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP). Members of NATP work in offices that assist over 11 million taxpayers with tax preparation and planning. The average NATP member has been in the tax business for over 20 years and holds a tax/financial designation and/or a college degree. NATP has more than 18,600 members nationwide. Members include individual tax preparers, enrolled agents, certified public accountants, accountants, attorneys, and financial planners. Learn more at [www.natptax.com](http://www.natptax.com).

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