









Tax Planning Webinar Series: Accountable Reimbursable Business Expense Plan





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Accountable Reimbursable Business Expense Plan

Travel and other business expenses

- Should be paid directly by the employer, or
- Reimbursed through an Accountable Plan
 - Document usage/expense
 - Condition reimbursement of expense on adequate substantiation (e.g., written evidence of expenses of more than \$75*)
 - Submit for reimbursement within 60 days of incurring expense
 - Not taxable as income
 - Not reported on W-2

*Some may require lower amounts and/or receipts for any expense.



Potential Reimbursable Business Expenses

Must be necessary or enhance your job as a cleric

- Books, trade journals, newspapers and publications
- Professional organization dues
- Dues to chambers of commerce and similar organizations
- Continuing education
- Meals and entertaining with a clear business purpose
- Non-commuting transportation (i.e., travel from church to the hospital)
- Business use of cellular phone
- Cost of purchasing and dry cleaning clericals

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Tax Resources

Tax advisor/accountant who understands clergy taxes

• Ask fellow clergy, parishioner, or trusted friend for recommendations

Tax resources by Richard R. Hammar, J.D., LL.M., CPA

- 2019 Church & Clergy Tax Guide
 Comprehensive, non-denominational guide to U.S. tax law for ministers and churches. Can purchase online at <u>www.churchlawtodaystore.com</u>
- 2019 Clergy Tax Return Preparation Guide for 2018 Returns & Tax Highlights

Available to active and retired clergy free online at *www.cpg.org/taxpubs*



Want to learn more?

eLearning course on the Clergy Housing Allowance at www.cpg.org/elearning

In the course you will find...

- Who, What, When, Where and How of calculating and reporting
- Example IRS forms with directions for inputting income and housing allowances correctly
- Information on what qualifies, what doesn't qualify, and determining fair rental value
- The Clergy Housing Allowance as it applies to different types of housing

Duration: Approximately 10 minutes



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