

Common Mistakes on Claims for Section 14Q Deductions

Common Mistakes	Correct Way to claim
Investment holding companies claim Section 14Q deduction	✓ Investment holding companies cannot claim Section 14Q deduction. Only businesses that are carrying on a trade or business can claim Section 14Q deduction
Claim exceeds the expenditure cap	✓ Claim up to the expenditure cap. Section 14Q deduction claim is subject to an expenditure cap of \$300,000* for every relevant three-year period *Prior to YA 2013, the expenditure cap was \$150,000 for every relevant three-year period
Claim non-qualifying R&R costs (e.g. designer fees, professional fees, hacking/demolition where approval of the Commissioner of Building Control is required)	✓ Claim qualifying R&R costs only (e.g. general electrical installation, general lightings, floorings*) * Refer to the IRAS website for more examples of the R&R costs
Claim on furniture (e.g. cabinets, shelves)	✓ Claim capital allowances , instead of Section 14Q deduction, for costs incurred on furniture (e.g. cabinets, shelves, venetian blinds, carpets, movable workstation partitions)

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Expenses qualifying for Section 14Q deduction are claimed as capital allowances	✓ Claim Section 14Q deduction, not capital allowances, on qualifying R&R costs incurred
Defer the claim for Section 14Q deduction	✓ Section 14Q deduction cannot be deferred
Balancing adjustment is computed in the year of disposal of the R&R works	✓ No balancing adjustment is to be computed on disposal of the R&R works. Section 14Q deduction can be claimed so long as the trade or business does not cease