

# Purchase of Computer before Year of Entitlement

**Can a staff purchase the equipment prior to the year of entitlement? Let say the staff is eligible to claim for computer allowance reimbursement in year 2016 but he/she has purchased the equipment in year 2015?**

Yes, a staff is allowed to purchase the equipment in advance (i.e. July 2015) and claim for reimbursement in the year of entitlement (i.e. 2016) provided the purchase of equipment was made within six (6) months from the year of entitlement (i.e. starting from 1st July 2015). Nevertheless, the calculation for the next cycle of entitlement is based on the year of reimbursement instead of year of purchase. Consequently, the staff is losing in term of warranty period of the equipment.

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