

# Is it a Professional Resource?

It can sometimes be tricky to tell the difference between a learning resource and a professional resource. This guide will help clarify whether a resource is meant to support student learning or to support your work as an educator. Both are essential – but knowing the difference ensures the right funding sources are used.

**Is it on the pre-approved book list?**

YES

Ensure you have enough money left in your school PD Account by asking your PD Rep and purchase.

NO

Who is the target audience?

Students?

No. This is most likely a learning resource.

Adults?

Does it contain Educational Theory?

YES

Contact the STA PD Chair to have it considered for the list and wait for reply.

The Reply Was: YES

Purchase with your personal credit card and claim reimbursement.

The Reply Was: NO

Consider it for your personal library. Expense cannot be claimed.

NO

If it is obviously not related to teaching (ie training your dog) or there is no theory component, it's not reimbursable. These can be tricky sometimes. If in doubt...

IMPORTANT LINKS:



[Book List \(PD\)](#)



[BCTF PD Lens](#)

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