



Tax Updates

It's Your Money!

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About Me...



- I'm a CPA/PFS, CFP® Wealth Advisor.
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- I work with families with investment portfolios of \$2 million - \$20 million.
- I have two kids who love to ice skate. I watch a lot of tv, play dad league softball, and golf.

Why Is Tax Planning Important?

- A *BIG* part of financial planning is tax planning
- The *less* you pay in taxes, the *more* you have to devote toward your financial goals
- Working with the right advisor:
 - Manage your income & withdrawals to **minimize** the tax impact
 - **Maximize** tax-advantaged savings opportunities & tax breaks

Taxes

Federal Gift & Estate Taxes




Income Taxes

Updates & Changes

Planning Consideration



Federal Gift & Estate Taxes

	2025	2026
 Annual Gift Exclusion	\$19,000	*\$20,000
 Estate Exemption	\$13,990,000	\$15,000,000
 Estate Tax Rate (Highest)	40%	40%

“Step-Up” in Cost Basis



Son **inherits** the stock at dad's death when it's worth \$1,000,000

Son's cost basis is \$1,000,000

Son sells the stock for \$1,000,000 and has **no capital gain or taxes due**



Dad buys stock for \$400,000



Dad **gifts** son the stock during his lifetime when it's worth \$1,000,000

Son's cost basis is \$400,000

Son sells the stock for \$1,000,000 and has **\$600,000 capital gain**



What Is Your Tax Bracket?



2025 Deductions - **Greater** of:

Gross Income

< Adjustments >

Adjusted Gross Income

< **Deductions** >

< QBI >

Taxable Income



Standard Deduction

- Single \$15,750 + \$2,000 over age 65
- MFJ \$31,500 + \$1,600/spouse over age 65

Itemized Deductions

- Medical & Dental Expenses (over 7.5% of AGI)
- Long-Term Care Premiums (limited based on age)
- Property/SALT Paid (subject to limit)
- Mortgage Interest You Paid
- Gifts to Charity

Ordinary Income vs. Capital Gains

Ordinary Income		
Rate	Single	Married
10%	\$0 - \$11,925	\$0 - \$23,850
12%	\$11,926 - \$48,475	\$23,851 - \$96,950
22%	\$48,476 - \$103,350	\$96,951 - \$206,700
24%	\$103,351 - \$197,300	\$206,701 - \$394,600
32%	\$197,301 - \$250,525	\$394,601 - \$501,050
35%	\$250,526 - \$626,350	\$501,051 - \$751,600
37%	\$626,351 +	\$751,601 +

Examples:

- Wages
- Interest & Non-Qualified Dividends
- Social Security Benefits
- Pension
- IRA Distributions
- Rental Income
- Gain on sale of assets owned < 1 year

Capital Gains		
Rate	Single	Married
0%	\$0 - \$48,350	\$0 - \$96,700
15%	\$48,351 - \$533,400	\$96,701 - \$600,050
20%	\$533,401 +	\$600,051 +

Examples:

- Qualified Dividends
- Gain on sale of assets owned > 1 year

Also, 3.8% Net Investment Income Tax

- Single \$200,000, Married \$250,000

Standard Deductions

Effective January 1, 2025

Pre-OBBBA

- TCJA increased standard deduction expires after 2025; reverts to pre-TCJA.

Enacted OBBBA

- Permanently increases standard deduction (indexed):
 - Single/MFS: \$15,750 (indexed)
 - HoH: \$23,625 (indexed)
 - MFJ: \$31,500 (indexed)

**Consider bunching deductions or timing payments.*

Enhanced Deduction for Seniors

Effective January 1, 2025

Pre-OBBBA

- Additional standard deduction for age 65+.

Enacted OBBBA

- Adds \$6,000 bonus deduction for seniors (2025–2028) on top of add'l. standard deduction.
- Phased out at MAGI of:
 - Single/MFS: \$75,000 - \$125,000
 - MFJ: \$150,000- \$250,000

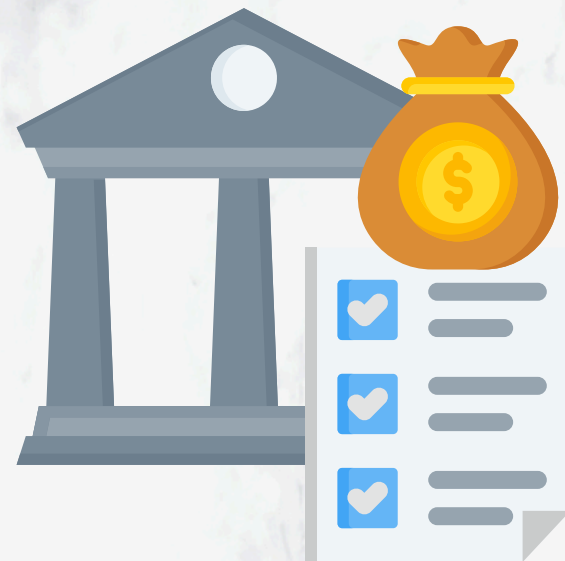


State & Local Tax (SALT) Deduction

Effective January 1, 2025

Pre-OBBBA

- \$10,000 cap.



Enacted OBBBA

Year	Individual Cap	Notes
2025--2029	\$40,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phaseout begins > \$500k MAGI• Cap not reduced below \$10k• +1% Indexed
2030+	\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reverts to \$10k

**Key planning area for those who live in high-tax states.*

Bunching Deductions



Scenario

Married couple makes \$10,000 in charitable donations annually

Mortgage Interest: \$20,000 per year

Standard Deduction: \$30,000 (2025, Married Filing Jointly)

Year 1 - Itemize (Bunched)

Mortgage Interest: \$20,000

Charitable Giving: \$20,000 (accelerated)*

Total Itemized Deductions: \$40,000

✓ Itemize (exceeds standard deduction)

Year 2 : Standard Deduction

Mortgage Interest: \$20,000

Charitable Giving: \$0

Total Itemized Deductions: \$20,000

✓ Take Standard Deduction (\$30,000)

Result:

\$70,000 in total deductions over two years vs. \$60,000 if spread evenly.

*Donor Advised Funds are an option to facilitate “bunching” deductions to park accelerated gifts.

Charitable Giving: Itemizers & Non-Itemizers

Effective January 1, 2026

Pre-OBBBA

Itemizers:

- Can deduct a portion of their qualified charitable contributions, subject to a specified limitation based on the type of contribution.

Non-Itemizers:

- Not available after 2021.

Enacted OBBBA

Itemizers:

- Deduction allowed only for contributions exceeding 0.5% of contribution base

Non-Itemizers:

- Creates new charitable deduction for non-itemizers:
 - \$1,000 (single) / \$2,000 (MFJ).
- Deduction is permanent (begins after 2025).

**Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) continue to be a key planning opportunity.*

Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

Charitable giving after **Age 70-1/2** made simple by the IRS:



Donate up to \$108,000 (and up to \$54,000 to a life income plan) directly from your IRA instead of taking your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).

Required Minimum Distributions (RMD)

The SECURE Act 2.0 pushes back the age you must begin taking RMDs:

Birthdate	RMD Age
Before July 1, 1949	70.5
July 1, 1949 - 1950	72
1951 - 1959	73
1960 or later	75



Cash Flow: No Tax On Car Loan Interest

Effective January 1, 2025

Pre-OBBBA

- Personal interest on car loans is not deductible.

Enacted OBBBA

- Deduction for up to \$10,000 of interest on NEW car loans (2025–2028).
- Must be US-assembled passenger vehicle.
- Vehicle must serve as security for the loan.
- Phase out ranges:
 - \$100K-\$150K (single) / \$200K - \$250K (MFJ)



**As an above-the-line deduction, it can play into decisions on reducing AGI.*

Trump Accounts

Effective 2026



Pre-OBBBA

- Did not exist.

Enacted OBBBA

- “Trump Accounts” treated as IRAs (not Roth IRAs) for individuals under 18
- \$1,000 government deposit for children born 2025–2028
- Up to \$5,000 annual after-tax contributions allowed until age 18 (starting 12 months after enactment)
- Tax-deferred growth; distributions allowed starting at age 18
- Accounts must be designated when opened; Treasury can create accounts for eligible individuals

529 Plan Qualified Expenses

Effective January 1, 2026

Pre-OBBBA

- Limited to higher education and \$10,000 K-12 tuition

Enacted OBBBA

- Expands to include more K-12 and homeschool expenses, and postsecondary credentialing expenses.



Income: Tips & Overtime

Effective January 1, 2025

Pre-OBBBA

Tips & Overtime Pay
are taxable income.



Enacted OBBBA

- **Tips:**
 - Allows up to \$25,000 deduction for qualified tips received in certain occupations (as defined by Treasury).
- **Overtime Pay:**
 - Allows up to \$12,500 (25,000 for MFJ) for qualified overtime compensation.




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