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## 2019 INCOME TAX RETURN



## Personal Income Tax Organizer and Deduction Findere ${ }^{\ominus}$

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## CHECKLIST

Documents $\quad \square$ Schedules K-1 for partnerships, S corporations, estates, or trusts. (Note: You do not need these docuneeded in addition to your completed organizer:
$\square$ All Forms W-2 (wages), 1095, 1098, and 1099 (such as 1099-INT for interest, 1099-DIV for dividends, 1099-B for sale of securities, 1099-R for annuities, pensions, IRA or other retirement plan withdrawals, 1099-G for state tax refunds, 1099-S for real estate sales, SSA-1099 for social security, 1099-G for unemployment compensation, 1099-K for merchant card and third-party network payments, and 1099-MISC for commissions and fees, etc.). Include all copies.ments to make your tax appointment. You can provide them at a later date.)
$\square$ If you sold real estate, stock, or mutual fund shares during the year, see STEP 4.If you acquired, sold, or refinanced a home or other property in 2019, provide a copy of the closing statement.
$\square$ If you are a new client, provide copies of tax returns for the last three years.
Note: When completing your organizer, round all amounts to the nearest dollar. For married couples, questions referring to "you" generally mean you or your spouse.

| 1) $\mathrm{Y} \bigcirc \mathrm{NO}$ | $\qquad$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2) $\mathrm{Y} \bigcirc$ | At any time during 2019, did you receive, sell, send, exchange, or otherwise acquire any financial interest in any virtual currency? |
| 3) $\mathrm{Y} \bigcirc$ | Did you receive an advance premium for health insurance purchased through a Health Insurance Marketplace (Exchange)? If yes, attach Form 1095-A. |
| 4) | Did you (or do you plan to before April 15, 2020) contribute to a traditional IRA or Roth IRA for 2019? (Tax Tip 2) <br> Self: Traditional IRA \$ $\qquad$ Roth IRA \$ $\qquad$ Spouse: Traditional IRA \$ $\qquad$ Roth IRA \$ $\qquad$ |
| 5) $\mathrm{Y} \bigcirc$ | Did you convert a traditional IRA or roll a qualified plan distribution to a Roth IRA in 2019? <br> If yes, amount converted/rolled over: \$ $\qquad$ |
| 6) $\mathrm{Y} O \mathrm{~N}$ | Did you (or do you plan to before April 15, 2020) contribute to a health savings account (HSA) for 2019 ? (Tax Tip 3) Amount of contribution: (Do not list employer contributions, including amounts you elected to contribute under a cafeteria plan, shown on your Form W-2.) |

Self: \$ $\qquad$ Spouse: \$
Type of health plan coverage: Self-only $\bigcirc$ Family $\bigcirc$
7) $\mathrm{Y} \bigcirc \mathrm{NO}$ Did you receive any distributions from your health savings account (HSA)?

Amount of distributions: \$ $\qquad$ Amount of unreimbursed qualified medical expenses (attach list): \$
8) $Y \bigcirc N O$ Are you a grade $\mathrm{K}-12$ teacher?

If yes, enter amount of out-of-pocket classroom costs you paid (Tax Tip 4): \$
9) $\mathrm{Y} \bigcirc \mathrm{NO}$ Did you pay child care costs for a dependent child under age 13, or costs of caring for a disabled dependent or spouse, so you could work, attend school, or look for a job? If yes, provide the amounts paid for each individual and the names, addresses, and taxpayer identification numbers of the care providers.
Amount, if any, reimbursed by an employer dependent care plan (Tax Tip 5): \$
10) $\mathrm{Y} \bigcirc \mathrm{NO}$ Did you pay expenses related to adopting a child? If yes, provide details of any expenses incurred (attach list).
11) $Y \bigcirc \mathrm{~N} \bigcirc$ Did you pay any individual $\$ 2,100$ or more to perform household services during the year, such as a babysitter, caretaker, housekeeper, cook, or gardener?
12) Y $\bigcirc \mathrm{NO}$ Did you have any debts cancelled or reduced (including credit cards and student loans), property repossessed or foreclosed upon, or did you file for bankruptcy? (Tax Tip 6)
13) $\mathrm{Y} \bigcirc \mathrm{NO}$ Did you have a financial interest in, or signature authority over, a financial account (such as a bank or securities account) located in a foreign country at any time during 2019? A financial account is located in a foreign country if it is physically located outside of the U.S., including an account maintained with a branch of a U.S. bank that is physically located outside of the U.S.
$\mathrm{Y} \bigcirc \mathrm{NO}$ If yes, did the aggregate value of all accounts located in a foreign country (other than accounts maintained on a U.S. military installation) exceed $\$ 10,000$ at any time during the year?
14) YO NO Did you receive a distribution from, or were you the grantor of, or a transferor to, a foreign trust?
15) $\mathrm{Y} \bigcirc \mathrm{NO}$ Do you have financial accounts maintained by a foreign (non-U.S.) bank or financial institution that totaled more than $\$ 50,000$ on the last day of the year or more than $\$ 75,000$ at any time during the year ( $\$ 100,000$ and $\$ 150,000$, respectively, if married filing a joint return)?
16) $\mathrm{Y} \bigcirc \mathrm{NO}$ Did you own any other foreign financial assets (such as stock in a foreign corporation or an interest in a foreign partnership) that are not held in a financial account?
17) $\mathrm{T} \square \mathrm{s} \square$ Do you ( T ) [or your spouse (S)] want to designate $\$ 3$ to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund? (Does not change amount due or refund.) Leave blank if neither wishes to designate $\$ 3$.
18) $Y \bigcirc \mathrm{NO}$ Do you want to allow your preparer or another individual to discuss your federal return with the IRS? Provide name, phone number, and personal identification number of individual if not preparer.
Name:
Phone Number:
Identification Number:
19) $Y \bigcirc \mathrm{NO}$ Have you (or your spouse) received an Identity Protection Personal Identification Number (IP PIN) from the IRS?

If yes, enter six-digit code:
Self:
Spouse:
20) YO NO Did you make gifts to a trust or gifts totaling more than $\$ 15,000$ to any individual during the year? If so, provide recipient's name, address, relationship to you, and the amount of the gift.
$\square$ Purchased health insurance for yourself or a family member through the Health Insurance Marketplace (Exchange). [Attach Form 1095-A (Heath Insurance Marketplace Statement).]
$\square$ Was granted stock options by your employer and/or exercised employer stock options.Owned any securities or held any debts that became worthless during the year.Contributed to or received distributions from an Archer Medical Savings Account (MSA).Traveled more than 100 miles from home and stayed overnight to perform duties as a National Guard member or reservist.Performed services in the performing arts for at least two employers.Lived or worked in a foreign country.Purchased the following new plug-in electric vehicle:Was in the military (or reservist).Was an active-duty member of the military and moved pursuant to a military order and incident to a permanent change of station.Received any notice from the IRS or a state taxing authority.Contributed to or received distributions from an Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) account.I can be claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return for 2019.
Please provide any other information related to your 2019 taxes not reported elsewhere on this Organizer:

## STEP 2 Dependents (Tax Tip 7) (attach additional sheet, if necessary)

## Children

Age 18 or younger (age 19-23 if attending school full time for at least five months during the year) who lived with you more than half the year and who did not provide more than half of their own support (or a permanently and totally disabled child).

| Full Name |  | Date of Birth | SSN | Income > \$1,100? |  |
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| Check if it is possible that a different taxpayer might claim a child listed above as a dependent. <br> Check if you are divorced and either signed or received Form 8332 (release of exemption for child). (Provide Form 8332.) |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Other Dependents <br> (relatives and/or members of household) | Relationship | Social Security Number | Is 2019 Gross Income less than $\mathbf{\$ 4 , 2 0 0 ?}$ | \# Months Resided in Your Home in 2019 | \% <br> Support <br> Received <br> From You |
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| Check if it is possible that a different taxpayer might claim a child listed above as a dependent. <br> Check if you are divorced and either signed or received Form 8332 (release of exemption for child). (Provide Form 8332.) |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Other Dependents <br> (relatives and/or members of household) | Relationship | Social Security Number | Is 2019 Gross Income less than $\mathbf{\$ 4 , 2 0 0 ?}$ | \# Months Resided in Your Home in 2019 | \% <br> Support Received From You |
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SSN
Is 2019 Unearned (Investment)

## STEP 3 Income

## Wages—Provide Forms W-2

Number of employers (during the year):
Self: $\qquad$ Spouse:

## Dividend and Interest Income

Provide all Forms 1099-INT, 1099-DIV, and 1099-OID. List interest and dividends not reported on Form 1099 on a separate sheet, but do not duplicate what's reported on the 1099s. Also, list any penalty on early withdrawal from savings.

## Installment Sale Payments Received

Total Payments \$
Interest \$
Principal \$
Did sale occur in 2019? Yes $\bigcirc$ No $\bigcirc$ If yes, complete STEP 4.

Is payer a relative or related party? Yes $\bigcirc$ No $\bigcirc$
If payer uses property as a principal residence, provide payer's:
Name
Address
SSN

## STEP 3 Income (Continued)

## Retirement Plan and Social Security Income


2) Amount of distribution rolled over to a qualified plan or traditional IRA (Tax Tip 8)
3) Amount of distribution rolled over to a Roth IRA.
4) Amount of distribution rolled over to a Designated Roth Account
5) Amount of distribution made directly to a qualified charity
6) If you were under age $591 / 2$ when the distribution was received, do you qualify for an exception to the $10 \%$ penalty on early distributions? (Tax Tip 9).


## Explain:

7) If age $701 / 2$ or older in 2019 , did you take the 2019 required minimum distributions from your IRAs (other than Roth IRAs) and qualified retirement plans?
8) Did you receive social security or railroad retirement benefits?

| Self: Yes $\bigcirc$ | No $O$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Spouse: Yes O | No O | If yes, provide all Forms SSA-1099 or RRB-1099 received.

## Partnerships, Estates, Trusts, and S Corporations

Provide a list of all the partnerships and $S$ corporations in which you own an interest and all trusts of which you are a beneficiary. Indicate on the list whether you materially participated in that entity's trade or business in 2019 (Tax Tip 10). Write "N/A" if the entity is not engaged in a trade or business (for example, an entity whose only activity is ownership of rental real estate or investment assets such as stocks and bonds). Provide all Schedules K-1 received for the tax year. See also Tax Tip 20.

## Other Income—Provide Forms 1098 and 1099

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| Bonuses and Prizes not reported on Form W-2 (Explain). |  |
| Cancellation of Debt (Form 1099-A or 1099-C) (Tax Tip 6). |  |
| Commissions and Fees (Not reported in STEP 5) |  |
| Disability Income not included on Form W-2 (taxable). |  |
| Education Savings Account or Qualified Tuition (529) Plan Withdrawals (Form 1099-Q)............... |  |
| Gambling/Lottery Winnings (Form W-2G) |  |
| Jury Duty—Election Board Fees |  |
| Scholarships (Form 1098-T). |  |
| State Income Tax Refund (Form 1099-G) |  |
| Tips and Gratuities not reported on Form W-2 (Tax Tip 11). |  |
| Unemployment Compensation (Form 1099-G) |  |
| Veterans' Pension and Disability . |  |
| Workers' Compensation .................................................................................................... |  |
| Other (attach separate sheets if necessary)...................................................................... |  |

## STEP 4 Sales and Exchanges

Provide information about sales of stock, real estate, or other property along with Forms 1099-B, 1099-S, closing statement, or other supporting information. Attach separate sheet if necessary. If all transactions, including basis, are reported on Forms 1099-B you provide, there is no need to complete the following. If your principal residence was sold, see STEP 13.


Self-Employment Income (See also STEP 7, STEP 8, and STEP 9)

## STEP 5

If more than one farm activity or business, list income and expenses separately for each. Also include any single-member limited liability companies (LLCs). See Tax Tip 20.

| Business Activity/Product: <br> Business Name: |
| :---: |
| Did you begin or end the business in 2019? Begin $\bigcirc$ End $\bigcirc$ |
| Gross Receipts (provide all Forms 1099-MISC and 1099-K) ....................................................... \$ |
| Inventory—Beginning of Year................................................................................................. \$ |
| Merchandise Purchases (less Product for Personal Use). |
| Labor, Materials, and Other Costs of Inventory. |
| Inventory-End of Year.. |
| Did you make any payments requiring Forms 1099 be filed? ${ }^{1}$ |
| If Yes, did you file Forms 1099?. |
| ${ }^{1}$ Generally, payments of $\$ 600$ or more made to individuals and no reported. Common examples are payments for non-employee comp |

STEP $6 \quad$ Rental and Royalty Income

| Physical Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code) | Type ${ }^{1}$ | Rent/Royalty Received | Fair Rental Days | Personal Use Days |
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| Did you make any payments requiring Forms 1099 be filed? $\qquad$ Yes <br> If Yes, did you file Forms 1099? $\qquad$ Yes <br> Were 250 or more hours spent on rental services for each rental activity listed? $\qquad$ Yes |  |  |  |  |
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| ${ }^{1} 1$ —Single family residence; 2—Multi-family residence; 3 7—Self-rental; 8—Other (describe). | hort-ter | ntal; 4—Comm | rcial; 5—La | —Royaltie |

## STEP $7 \quad$ Business Travel and Meal Expenses

Travel expenses are deductible if you traveled away from home overnight on business. Business meals when not traveling are also deductible (subject to limits), provided you have records showing date, amount, persons present, and business purpose.

| Use Correct Column | Self-Employed | Rental Activity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Travel: |  | \$ |
| Airplane, Train, Taxi, Auto Rental .......................................................... |  |  |
| Meals (See tip C under Self-Employed Tax Tips)................................ |  |  |
| Lodging.......................................................................................... |  |  |
| Telephone/Internet Connection............................................................ |  |  |
| Cleaning and Laundry ......................... |  |  |
| Baggage and Shipping ... |  |  |
| Other: |  |  |
| Meals Not Associated With Travel ........................................................ |  |  |



## STEP $9 \quad$ Health Insurance and Retirement Plans for the Self-Employed

Insurance premiums paid: Health \$
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Long-Term Care \$
Include premiums paid for yourself, spouse, dependents, and children under age 27, as well as Medicare premiums. Do not include any premiums for months self-employed person was eligible to participate under any subsidized employer's plan. Report in STEP 12 instead.

Contributions made to your SEP, SIMPLE, or qualified retirement plan for 2019.
\$
See Tip D under Self-Employed Tax Tips.

## Self-Employed Tax Tips

A) Business Assets. Special rules apply that allow the cost of certain business assets (for example, furniture and equipment) purchased and placed in service in 2019 to be fully deducted. See Tax Tip 18 and Tax Tip 19.
B) Business Use of Home Deduction. If an area of the home is used regularly and exclusively for business, a deduction for a portion of mortgage interest, taxes, insurance, other operating costs, and depreciation may be allowed. Special rules apply for inventory storage and daycare. Ask for details.
C) Per Diem Meal Rates. In lieu of using actual expenses incurred for meals and incidental expenses while travelling, self-employed individuals may deduct IRS-approved per diem amounts. The amounts depend on location. Provide detailed list of dates and locations of business travel.
D) Self-Employed Retirement Plans. Many retirement plans (funded with pre-tax dollars) are available to self-employed business owners. The deadlines for establishing and contributing to a retirement plan vary. If you have employees, matching contributions may be required.
E) Small Employer Health Insurance Credit. A credit is available to qualified small employers that pay health insurance premiums for employees. Premiums paid for the business owner and his family members don't qualify. Ask us for details.

## STEP 10 Vehicle Expense

- Commuting between your home and regular work location is not deductible.
- Commuting expenses for going between your home and a temporary work location outside the metropolitan area where you live and normally work are deductible. Travel expenses between your home and a temporary work location within your metropolitan area are not deductible unless either of the following tests are met:

1) You have one or more regular work locations away from your home or
2) Your home is your principal place of business.

- There are two methods to determine the deduction for vehicles used for business: (1) actual expenses or (2) standard mileage rate (for 2019, 58¢ per mile).
- For each vehicle used for business, complete lines 1-6. If you know that you use standard mileage allowance, ignore lines 7-13. If you purchased a vehicle this year and do not use standard mileage allowance, provide a copy of the sales invoice.

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\hline Vehicle \& \#1 \& \#2 \& \#3 \\
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1) Total miles driven this year: \\
Business \(\qquad\) \\
Commuting \(\qquad\) \\
Other Personal \(\qquad\) \\
2) Vehicle Description \(\qquad\) \\
3) Date Vehicle Was First Used for Business \(\qquad\) \\
4) Cost (cash paid, net of any trade allowance) \(\qquad\) \\
Was a car traded in? \(\qquad\) \\
or Lease Payments (for the year). \(\qquad\) \\
5) Interest Paid on Vehicle Loan (Self-Employed Only). \(\qquad\) \\
6) Parking and Tolls \(\qquad\) \\
7) Gasoline, Oil, Lubrication \(\qquad\) \\
8) Repairs, Maintenance, Car Washes \(\qquad\) \\
9) Tires and Supplies \(\qquad\) \\
10) Insurance. \(\qquad\) \\
11) Tags and Licenses. \(\qquad\) \\
12) Garage Rent. \(\qquad\) \\
13) Other: \(\qquad\) ..................................... \\
14) Sold in \(2019 ?\) \(\qquad\) \\
If yes, date sold \(\qquad\) \\
15) If yes, provide sales price and any trade information. \(\qquad\)
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## Questions for All Taxpayers Claiming Vehicle Expenses:



Recordkeeping: Your vehicle expenses will not be allowed by the IRS without adequate records or sufficient evidence verifying business use. Daily records provide the best protection in case of an audit.

Include information about education expenses incurred for you, your spouse, or your dependents.

${ }^{1}$ Indicate whether or not student was convicted before 12/31/2019 of a felony for possession or distribution of a controlled substance.

## STEP 12 Itemized Deductions

## Complete this step only if you think your total itemized deductions might exceed the IRS standard deduction for your filing status (see below).

## 2019 Standard Deduction



## STEP 12

## Itemized Deductions (Continued)

## Taxes

Note: In 2019, the deduction for state and local taxes is limited to $\$ 10,000$ ( $\$ 5,000$ if married filing separate) and foreign real estate taxes are not deductible.

| State and Local Income Taxes Paid in 2019 (include 2019 estimated tax payments and amounts paid with 2018 return) | \$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| State and Local Sales Tax Paid for Major Purchases (motor vehicles, boats, airplanes, homes, or home building materials, if rate same as general sales tax rate). |  |
| Foreign Taxes (other than foreign real estate taxes) |  |
| Real Estate Taxes-Homestead (less special assessments). |  |
| Other Real Estate Taxes (second home, cabin, etc. but not foreign real estate taxes). |  |
| Property Tax Refund. |  |
| Special Assessments-Interest Portion Only . |  |
| Personal Property Taxes (auto license tags, etc.) |  |

## Charitable Donations (Use separate sheet if needed.)

Note: Monetary donations under $\$ 250$ each must be substantiated by either (1) a bank record (such as a cancelled check) or (2) a written receipt from the charity showing its name and the date and amount of the donation. For each donation of $\$ 250$ or more, the taxpayer must obtain a written acknowledgment from the charity. (See Tax Tip 16.)


Note: In 2019, miscellaneous itemized deductions (for example, unreimbursed employee business expenses, investment expenses) generally are no longer deductible.

Gambling Losses. Limited to Total Gambling Winnings Listed in STEP 3................................................ \$
If Disabled, Impairment-Related Work Expenses.......................................................................................

## Casualty Loss

Casualty, Disaster, and Theft Losses. Provide details. (Tax Tip 21)

## Interest Paid (Provide Forms 1098)

|  | Primary Residence | Second Home (Tax Tip 22) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Home Mortgage (If seller-financed, provide seller's name/address/SSN)..... <br> Home Equity Loan. Loan Proceeds Used for: | \$ | \$ |
| Loan Points not Reported on Form 1099-INT (Tax Tip 23)......................... |  |  |
| Investment Interest Paid................................. \$ |  |  |

STEP $13 \quad$ Principal Residence (attach any 2019 closing statements)
Yes $\bigcirc$ No Did you sell your principal residence in 2019? If yes (Tax Tip 24):

|  |  | Yes O | No O | Did you own and use it as a principal residence for at least two of five years before the sale? |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Yes $\bigcirc$ | No O | Did you sell a previous residence within two years before the sale date and exclude any gain? |
|  |  | Yes $\bigcirc$ | $\mathrm{NoO}$ | After 2008, was the property ever used for anything other than as a principal residence (for example, as a vacation home or rental property)? |
| Yes O | No O | Did you | chase | residence in $2019 ?$ |
| Yes O | No O | Did you <br> Amount | finance procee | your mortgage or take out a home equity loan in 2019? <br> ds used for something other than acquiring or improving your home: \$ |
| Yes $\bigcirc$ | No O | Did you wind en | urchase <br> gy, or ge | any energy-efficient improvements such as qualified solar electric, water heating, fuel cell, small othermal heat pump property? |
| Yes $\bigcirc$ | No O | Did you <br> If yes, | ceive a <br> er the a | first-time homebuyer credit for a home purchased in 2008? <br> ount of the credit: \$ $\qquad$ |

## STEP $14 \quad 2019$ Estimated Tax Payments ${ }^{1}$

|  | Federal | Date Paid | State | Date Paid |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Amount applied from 2018 overpayment, if any: <br> First Quarter Payment Made <br> Second Quarter Payment Made <br> Third Quarter Payment Made. <br> Fourth Quarter Payment Made | \$ |  | \$ |  |

## STEP 15 Tax Refund—Direct Deposit Information

If you receive a 2019 federal tax refund, the refund can be routed to up to three of your checking or savings accounts. (Tax refunds may also be directly deposited to your IRA, Health Savings Account, Archer MSA, Education Savings Account, or Treasury Direct Account, or used to buy up to $\$ 5,000$ in series I savings bonds.) If you prefer a direct deposit, please complete the following information. Otherwise a refund check will be mailed to you at the address on your tax return.

| Type of Account <br> (Checking, Savings, IRA, etc.) | Routing Number <br> (Nine digits) | Account Number | Percent of Refund |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
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## Sample check:

Note: The routing and account numbers may be in different places on your check.


## Privacy Policy:

We collect nonpublic information about you from the following sources:

1) Information we receive from you on applications, tax organizers, worksheets, and other forms;
2) Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates, or others; and
3) Information we receive from a consumer reporting agency.

We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about our customers or former customers to anyone, except as required by law.
We restrict access to nonpublic personal information about you to those members of our firm who need to know that information in order to provide services to you. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards that comply with federal regulations to guard your nonpublic personal information.

1) Payments that meet specific requirements may be treated as alimony for tax, regardless of how they are described in a divorce decree. One of the requirements is that the payments end upon the recipient's death. So, payments for maintenance or spousal support may be considered alimony for tax. Alimony with respect to divorce decrees executed after 2018 does not have any tax consequences; it is neither deductible by the payor nor taxable to the payee. Ask us for details,
2) IRA contributions are limited to the lesser of $\$ 6,000$ ( $\$ 7,000$ if age 50 or older at year-end) or compensation. If you (and your spouse) are not covered by an employer retirement plan, traditional IRA contributions are fully deductible. If you or your spouse are covered by an employer retirement plan, the deduction is phased out at higher income levels. Roth IRA contributions are not deductible and regardless of whether you are covered by an employer retirement plan, they phase out at certain income levels. If only one spouse has compensation, a spousal IRA can be set up for the nonworking spouse. Each spouse (working and nonworking) can contribute up to $\$ 6,000$ ( $\$ 7,000$ if age 50 or older) provided the working spouse's compensation is at least equal to the IRA contributions.
3) Individuals covered only by a high deductible health plan (for 2019, deductible of at least \$1,350 for individual coverage and $\$ 2,700$ for family coverage) can make deductible (subject to limits) HSA contributions.
4) Grade K-12 teachers may be able to deduct amounts paid for books, supplies (other than nonathletic supplies for health and PE courses), computer software, and other equipment and materials used in the classroom as well as certain expenses for professional development courses.
5) The child and dependent care credit is generally available to married taxpayers only if both spouses have earned income, unless a spouse is a full-time student or disabled.
6) Cancellation of debt (COD) generally results in taxable income. However, exceptions are available for bankrupt and insolvent taxpayers as well as for cancellations or reductions of student loans, farm-related loans, and loans related to business real property.
7) A person who files a joint return (other than a return filed solely to claim a refund) cannot be claimed as a dependent. Also, special rules apply to children of divorced parents.
8) To be tax free, IRA and qualified plan distributions must be rolled over to another traditional IRA or qualified plan within 60 days. Also, for IRAs, there is a one-year waiting period between tax-free rollovers.
9) IRA (but not qualified plan) withdrawals before age $591 / 2$ are not subject to the $10 \%$ penalty if the funds are used for (a) otherwise deductible medical expenses, (b) certain higher educational expenses, (c) a first-time home purchase for distributions up to $\$ 10,000$, or (d) medical insurance by certain unemployed individuals. Other exceptions may apply to IRA and qualified plan withdrawals.
10) Material participation in a trade or business generally means the taxpayer spends more than 500 hours participating in the activity during the year. However, the test can also be met in other situations, such as when the taxpayer is the only one who substantially participates in the activity or spends more than 100 hours participating and no one else spends more time.
11) If "allocated tips" are listed on year-end Form W-2, the amount will be subject to both social security and income tax unless records (tip log) verify that a lesser amount was actually received.
12) Improvement costs may reduce taxable gain upon sale of property. Keep records of improvement costs made to all real property at least four years after the property is sold.
13) If stock or mutual fund dividends are automatically reinvested instead of received in cash, these reinvestments increase cost basis, and reduce gain or increase loss upon sale.
14) Tax benefits such as a credit or income exclusion for interest on certain U.S. savings bonds may be available for certain education expenses. Benefits may be phased out at certain income levels. List the following expenses: (a) tuition and required fees; (b) books, supplies, and equipment required for attendance; (c) computer equipment and internet access; (d) room and board (if at least half-time attendance); and (e) student loan interest.
15) Qualified long-term care insurance premiums are deductible subject to age and annual dollar limits.
16) Charitable contributions of $\$ 250$ or more in any one day to any one organization must have written acknowledgment from the organization. The acknowledgment must state whether or not any goods or services were received in exchange for the donation.
17) When making contributions of used furniture, appliances, and clothing to nonprofit organizations, attach a record of the items donated to the receipt for proof of this deductible contribution. Contributions must be in good or better condition to be deductible.
18) $100 \%$ bonus depreciation is generally allowed on new and used qualified business property acquired and placed in service in 2019. Qualified business property includes such property as office furniture, computers, machinery, and equipment. Limits apply to certain automobiles, trucks, and SUVs.
19) The Section 179 business property expensing allowance is $\$ 1.02$ million (for 2019) and includes tangible personal property and off-the-shelf computer software. Limits apply to certain automobiles, trucks, and SUVs.
20) In 2019, self-employed individuals and owners of passthrough interests in business activities generally may deduct $20 \%$ of their qualified business income, as well as $20 \%$ of aggregate qualified REIT dividends and qualified publiclytraded partnership income. Joint filers with taxable income of $\$ 321,400$ or more ( $\$ 160,725$ for MFS; $\$ 160,700$ for all other filers) are subject to special rules.
21) Generally, in 2019, a net loss due to a casualty (such as flood, fire, theft, etc.) must be attributable to a federally declared disaster to be deductible to the extent it exceeds $10 \%$ of your AGI.
22) A home can be a house, condominium, cooperative, mobile home, boat, or similar property. It must provide basic living accommodations including sleeping space, toilet, and cooking facilities.
23) Loan origination fees (points) paid on a loan to buy or build a principal residence are generally deductible as interest in the year paid. Points paid on refinancing an existing mortgage or on a loan to purchase or improve a second home must be deducted (amortized) over the life of the loan. Exception: If part of the proceeds were used to improve your main home, points related to the improvements may be deducted in the year paid
24) You can exclude up to $\$ 250,000$ ( $\$ 500,000$ if married and filing jointly or certain surviving spouses) of the gain on a sale of a principal residence if you owned and occupied the residence for two out of the five years before the date of sale. If the home was used other than as your principal residence any time after 2008, some of the gain may be taxable.
25) Keep receipts supporting tax deductions at least four years.
