

2021 Tax Filing Season Update

Course Description

Each year, income tax return preparation must take into account inflation-related changes to various limits and new tax laws. This course will look at those changes and new laws. The 2021 Annual Tax Season Update course is designed to provide valuable information to persons preparing individual 1040 income tax returns reflecting clients' 2020 income. The Annual Tax Filing Season Update course discusses new tax law and recent updates for the 2021 filing season and provides a general tax review.

Completion Deadline & Exam: This course, including the examination, must be completed within one year of the date of purchase. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, no correct or incorrect feedback for any exam question will be provided.

Course Level: Overview. This program is appropriate for professionals at all organizational levels.

CPE Credits: 8 (CPA, EA)

Category: Taxes

Prerequisite: None

Advanced Preparation: None

Course Learning Objectives

Chapter 1 –Recent Updates

After reading this chapter, you should be able to:

1. Identify the inflation adjustments to various federal limits;
2. Apply the new standard mileage provisions.

Chapter 2 – New Tax Law and Extenders

After reading this chapter, you should be able to:

1. Determine the maximum age for traditional IRA contributions;
2. Recognize the change in the required minimum distribution age for traditional IRAs and retirement plans;
3. Recognize the tax treatment of qualified birth or adoption distributions;
4. Recognize the distribution requirements imposed on non-spouse inherited IRA beneficiaries;

5. Identify the change in the taxation of children's unearned income;
6. Identify the changes in § 529 plan distribution rules;
7. Calculate The change in the AGI threshold for medical expense deductions;
8. Recognize the current status of tax extenders.

Chapter 3 – Individual Income Components

After reading this chapter, you should be able to:

1. Identify those items included in a taxpayer's taxable earnings;
2. Determine the tax treatment of foreign accounts and trusts; and
3. Recognize the limits applicable to elective deferrals;
4. Calculate the tax penalty for failing to take a required minimum distribution;
5. Recognize the requirements for a qualified Roth account distribution; and
6. Identify the tax treatment of alimony paid and received.

Chapter 4 – Proprietor Income

After reading this chapter, you should be able to:

1. Recognize the items included in self-employment income and expenses;
2. Distinguish between a hobby and a business for tax purposes;
3. Identify the recordkeeping requirements to substantiate Schedule C entries;
4. Recognize the tax treatment of retirement income;
5. Identify the limits applicable to expensing section 179 property;
6. Recognize the tax rules applicable to deducting food and beverage expenses; and

Chapter 5 – Individual Deductions and Credits

After reading this chapter, you should be able to:

1. Identify taxpayers' standard deductions based on filing status, age and blindness;
2. Describe the principal Schedule A changes resulting from the TCJA;
3. Recognize the eligibility requirements for and limits applicable to various tax credits.

Chapter 6 – General Income Tax Review I

After reading this chapter, you should be able to:

1. Recognize the nature and tax treatment of virtual currency;

2. Calculate the applicable AMTI exemption based on income and filing status;
3. Recognize the tax treatment of children's taxable unearned income;
4. Identify the changes in Section 529 plans;
5. Recognize the Section 199A qualified business income pass-through deduction.

Chapter 7 – General Income Tax Review II

After reading this chapter, you should be able to:

1. Recognize the changes made in ABLE accounts;
2. Identify the tax treatment of forgiven student loan indebtedness upon death or disability;
3. Calculate the expected contribution required of taxpayers obtaining tax credits to assist in purchasing healthcare coverage;
4. Recognize the options available to a taxpayer for paying any tax due or receiving a tax refund; and
5. Identify the due dates of income tax returns.