

John B. Goldhamer, an Authored Tax Law Expert, reviews the 2016 U.S. Individual Income Tax Forms published by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and makes suggestions; including explaining the "Affordable Care Act" requirements. He humorously says,

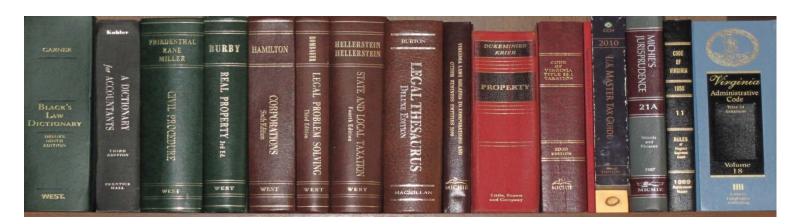
"I can Hammer out any Tax Problem!"

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#### Why should you listen to John B. Goldhamer?

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## JOB SEEKER TIPS, TOPICS & TOOLS

John B. Goldhamer is the author of <u>Job Seeker Tips, Topics & Tools</u>, which has Everything a Job Seeker Needs to Get a Job from Beginning to End!

It contains Comprehensive Documents that assist Job Seekers with Composing: Cover Letters, Resumes, Marketing Plans, Researching Companies and People, as well as Presenting an Image and More!

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#### Resources

#### Job Seeker Tips, Topics & Tools

- Navigating
- Summary
- Tips For Those in Transition
- Metro Richmond, VA Largest Corporate Employers
- One Stop Websites for Researching Business, People, Facts, & Beyond
- Access Reference USA Procedures
- Repertoire of Successful Business Sentences
   That Get Good Results
- Santa's Cover Letter, Resume, & Marketing
   Plan-Fxamples
- Checklist of 35 Things to do Before an Interview, in Rhyme
- List of 35 Questions to Ask an Interviewer
- Job Offer Comparison Worksheet

#### Thirty Tax Tools

#### Individual Income Tax Workshops

- 2016 Individual Income Tax Return
   Workshop
- The 1099 Independent Contractor Requirements
- Starting a Business Requirements
- IRS Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) Starting at Age 70.5, for Tax Deferred Retirement Plans
- IRS Required Minimum Distributions (RMD)-Table III (Uniform Lifetime)- Spreadsheet

#### Unemployment

- Why Unemployment Benefit Payments Are Taxable for Individual Income Tax
- 12 Good Causes for Leaving a Job and Receiving Virginia Unemployment
- Why Lack of Performance is not Misconduct for Unemployment Benefits



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## TAX ENVELOPE TO KEEP TAX INFORMATION Large Open-End Kraft (Brown) 9" x 12" Envelope

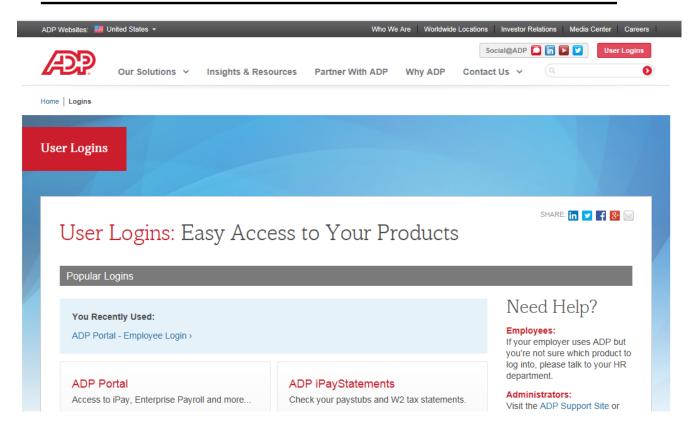


#### Suggestions:

- In the beginning of each year get a <u>Large Open-End Kraft (Brown) 9" x 12"</u> <u>Envelope.</u>
- Mark it in large letters the Tax Year, such as 2016.
- During the year, as you receive <u>Deductible Expenses</u> like Donations, Summary of Medical Expenses, Real Estate Taxes, Personal Property Tax, and <u>Income Information</u>; W-2, 1099, Bank Statements, place all of these Important Tax information in the Envelope.
- Keep the Envelope some place where you can always find it.
- When W-2's, 1099's, and other important Tax Documents come in the mail around the end of January, put those items in the Envelope too.

Then everything is in one place ready for you to file your Tax Returns.

# 2016 INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX WORKSHOP PAYCHECK STUB MATCHED WITH W-2



#### Suggestion:

At the end of the year, printout and save your last Paycheck Stub listing your entire year's Income, Deductions and Taxes. When you receive your W-2 around the end of January, make sure the numbers match.

#### THREE TYPES OF U.S. INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURNS

<u>1040EZ (Easy), 1040 A (Short Form), or 1040 (Long Form)?</u>

The IRS (Internal Revenue Service) provides a choice of three Individual Income Tax Returns to file your federal income tax; 1040EZ, 1040A, or 1040.

- 1040EZ (Easy) Use if you are filing a "Less complicated" Tax Return such as no dependents, under 65-years-old, and want to take the Standard Deduction.
- 1040A (Short Form) Use if you are filing a "A little more complicated" Tax Return with dependents, over 65-years-old, Capital Gains, and want to take the Standard Deduction.
- 1040 (Long Form) Use if you are filing a "More complicated" Tax Return and want to <u>Itemized Deductions</u> on <u>Schedule A</u>, have Capital Gains from the Sale of Property, or Self Employment.

For the <u>1040EZ (Easy)</u> and <u>1040A (Short Form)</u> you do <u>not</u> need to purchase Tax Software. Free Software may be helpful, but make sure that it will print a copy for your records.

Personally, I always recommend using <u>Turbo Tax</u> or another Tax Software, which will stay up to date and know more specific rules than a Tax Attorney or CPA, who also use a Tax Software to file their client's returns.

#### **IRS - Choose the Simplest Tax Form for Your Situation**

https://www.irs.gov/uac/choose-the-simplest-tax-form-for-your-situation/

#### IRS Tax Tip 2011-03, Last Reviewed or Updated: 23-Oct-2014

To file your 2010 individual tax return, you'll have to decide which form to use... unless you e-file. This year, choosing which form to file will be even more important since the IRS will no longer be mailing paper tax packages. The IRS is taking this step because of the continued growth in electronic filing, the availability of free options to taxpayers and to help reduce costs. Taxpayers can still get forms and instructions online at http://www.irs.gov, at local IRS offices or from participating community outlets like many libraries and post offices.

If you file your return using IRS e-file, the system will automatically decide which form you need.

Here are some general rules to consider when deciding which paper tax form to file.

#### Use the 1040EZ if:

- Your taxable income is below \$100,000
- Your filing status is Single or Married Filing Jointly
- You and your spouse if married -- are under age 65 and not blind
- You are not claiming any dependents
- · Your interest income is \$1,500 or less

#### Use the 1040A if:

- Your taxable income is below \$100,000
- You have capital gain distributions
- · You claim certain tax credits
- · You claim adjustments to income for IRA contributions and student loan interest

If you cannot use the 1040EZ or the 1040A, you'll probably need to file using the **1040**. Among the reasons you must use the 1040 are:

- Your taxable income is \$100,000 or more
- · You claim itemized deductions
- You are reporting self-employment income
- You are reporting income from sale of property

You can gain quick and easy access to IRS forms and instructions or find out more about e-file by visiting http://www.irs.gov. Tax products are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and often appear online well before they are available on paper. To view and download tax products, visit the IRS website and select Forms and Publications.

#### **CAVEAT – EARLY RELEASE OF IRS TAX FORMS**

The 114<sup>th</sup> Congress has until December 16, 2016 to pass any changes

#### Caution: DRAFT—NOT FOR FILING

This is an early release draft of an IRS tax form, instructions, or publication, which the IRS is providing for your information as a courtesy. **Do not file draft forms.** Also, do not rely on draft instructions and publications for filing. We generally do not release drafts of forms until we believe we have incorporated all changes. However, unexpected issues sometimes arise, or legislation is passed, necessitating a change to a draft form. In addition, forms generally are subject to OMB approval before they can be officially released. Drafts of instructions and publications usually have at least some changes before being officially released.

Early releases of draft forms and instructions are at <a href="IRS.gov/draftforms">IRS.gov/draftforms</a>. Please note that drafts may remain on IRS.gov even after the final release is posted at <a href="IRS.gov/downloadforms">IRS.gov/downloadforms</a>, and thus may not be removed until there is a new draft for the subsequent revision. All information about all revisions of all forms, instructions, and publications is at <a href="IRS.gov/formspubs">IRS.gov/formspubs</a>.

Almost every form and publication also has its own easily accessible information page on IRS.gov. For example, the Form 1040 page is at IRS.gov/form1040; the Form W-2 page is at IRS.gov/w2; the Publication 17 page is at IRS.gov/pub17; the Form W-4 page is at IRS.gov/w4; the Form 8863 page is at IRS.gov/form8863; and the Schedule A (Form 1040) page is at IRS.gov/schedulea. If typing in the links above instead of clicking on them: type the link into the address bar of your browser, not in a Search box; the text after the slash must be lowercase; and your browser may require the link to begin with "www.". Note that these are shortcut links that will automatically go to the actual link for the page.

If you wish, you can submit comments about draft or final forms, instructions, or publications on the <u>Comment on Tax Forms and Publications</u> page on IRS.gov. We cannot respond to all comments due to the high volume we receive, but we will carefully consider each one. Please note that we may not be able to consider many suggestions until the subsequent revision of the product.

## 1040EZ (Easy) U.S. Individual Income Tax Return

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- Married filing jointly, enter \$20,700. This is the total of your standard deduction (\$12,600), your exemption (\$4,050), and your spouse's exemption (\$4,050).

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Tax, credits,	22	Enter the amount from line 21	(adjuste	d gross inc	ome).			22	
and	23a	Check   You were born before					Г	1	
payments		if: \ \ \ \ Spouse was born before				ked ► 23a	ᆫ	J	
	b	If you are married filing separa	tely and	your spous	e itemizes		_		
Standard Deduction		deductions, check here				► 23b	Ш		
for-	24	Enter your standard deduction						24	
People who check any	25	Subtract line 24 from line 22. It				nter -0		25	
box on line 23a or 23b or	26	Exemptions. Multiply \$4,050 b						26	
who can be	27	Subtract line 26 from line 25. It	f line 26	is more tha	n line 25, e	nter -0			
claimed as a dependent,		This is your taxable income.					•	27	
see instructions.	28	Tax, including any alternative min					-		
All others:	29	Excess advance premium tax	creat re	payment. A					
Single or Married filing	30	Form 8962.			29		_	30	
separately,	31	Add lines 28 and 29.  Credit for child and dependent	t aara ay	noncoo At	ooh			30	
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Qualifying widow(er),	32	Schedule R.	abled. A	illacii	32				
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household, \$9,300	34	Retirement savings contributions						-	
\$9,300	35	Child tax credit. Attach Sched					-	-	
	36	Add lines 31 through 35. These						36	
	37	Subtract line 36 from line 30. If				nter -∩-		37	
	38	Health care: individual responsi					П	38	
	39	Add line 37 and line 38. This is			o, a y o	ar vererage		39	
	40	Federal income tax withheld from			1099. 40		Т	-	
	41	2016 estimated tax payments						-	
If you have a qualifying		from 2015 return.			41				
child, attach	42a	Earned income credit (EIC).			42a		1		
Schedule EIC.	b	Nontaxable combat pay election	n. 42b						
	43	Additional child tax credit. Atta	ch Sche	edule 8812.	43				
	44	American opportunity credit from	om Form	n 8863, line	8. 44				
	45	Net premium tax credit. Attach	Form 8	962.	45				
	46	Add lines 40, 41, 42a, 43, 44, a	and 45.	These are y	our <b>total p</b>	ayments.	-	46	
Refund	47	If line 46 is more than line 39,	subtract	line 39 fron	n line 46.				
nerana		This is the amount you overpa						47	
Direct	48a	Amount of line 47 you want refund	ded to yo	u. If Form 88	388 is attach	ed, check here		48a	
deposit? See	<b>b</b>	Routing		c Type:	Checking	Savings			
instructions		number		,,,					
and fill in 48b, 48c,	▶ d	Account							
and 48d or Form 8888.	49	Amount of line 47 you want on	nlied to	MOUR					
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_	50	2017 estimated tax.  Amount you owe. Subtract lin	o AG fro	m line 20 F		n hour to no	,		
Amount	30	see instructions.	16 40 110	111 11116 39. 1	oi details t	iii iiow to pay		50	
you owe	51	Estimated tax penalty (see inst	tructions	4	51		-	50	
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Sign	ane	d belief, they are true, correct, and accurately in the taxpayer) is based on all information of	y list all amo which the p	ounts and source preparer has any	es of income I r knowledge.	eceived during the	tax ye	ar. Declaration of p	preparer (other
here	Yo	ur signature		Date	Your occupat	ion	Da	ytime phone numb	er
Joint return? See instructions.									
Кеер а сору	Sp	ouse's signature. If a joint return, <b>both</b> must s	sign.	Date	Spouse's occ	upation	If the	he IRS sent you an ide	ntity Protection
for your records.	7							I, enter it re (see inst.)	
Paid	Pri	nt/type preparer's name	Preparer's	signature		Date	Cher	k ▶ ☐ if PTIN	
preparer								employed	
	Fin	m's name ►						's EIN ►	
use only	Fin	m's address ►					Phor	ie no.	

## 1040 (Long Form) U.S. Individual Income Tax Return

For the year Jan. 1-Dec	. 31, 2016	or other tax year beginning			, 2016.	ending			20	Se	e separate instructi	ons.
Your first name and i		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Last name	,	,,							
If a joint return, spou	se's first	name and initial	Last name	,						Spo	ouse's social security n	umbe
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Home address (numb	per and s	treet). If you have a P.O. b	ox, see instr	ructions.					Apt. no.	$\blacktriangle$		
City, town or post office	e, state, ar	nd ZIP code. If you have a for	eign address	, also complete s	paces below	(see instr	uctions).			Pi		
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Foreign country nam	е			Foreign pro	vince/state/	county		Foreign	postal code	a box	x below will not change your	tax o
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iling Status	2	Married filing jointly	(even if on	ly one had in	come)							
Check only one oox.	3	Married filing separa		r spouse's SS	N above	_						
	0.0	and full name here.		ales very en a						lepen		_
b Spouse												
c Dependents: (2) Dependent's (3) Dependent's (4) \( \sigma \) if child under age 17 on 6 c who:    (4) \( \sigma \) if child tax credit   well with you												
	(1) First r	name Last name		social security nun	nber rel	lationship t	lo you	(see inst	ructions)		<ul> <li>did not live with</li> </ul>	-
f more than four										_	or separation	
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nstructions and check here									1	-		Е
anout note :	d	Total number of exem	ptions clai	med			Your social security number					
ncome	7	Wages, salaries, tips,										I
	8a	Taxable interest. Atta					1		4	8a		+
Attach Form(s)	b 9a	Tax-exempt interest.  Ordinary dividends, At							$\perp$	Qo.		
N-2 here. Also attach Forms	b	Qualified dividends				1	1			ou		+
N-2G and	10	Taxable refunds, credi					xes .	* * *		10		
1099-R if tax was withheld.	11											$\perp$
was with lield.	12	Business income or (lo							· 📥			+
f you did not	13 14	Other gains or (losses)										+
get a W-2, see instructions.	15a	IRA distributions .	15a	OIII 4757 .						_		+
see instructions.	16a	Pensions and annuities	16a			<b>b</b> Та	xable an	nount .	[	16b		I
	17						etc. At	tach Sched	dule E			T
	18	Form income or (occ)						1 0 1		_		+
_	19 20a	Unemployment compo		<b>)</b>		1			+			+
	21	Other income. List typ		ount		Die	Mable all	iount .				t
	22	Combine the amounts in	the far righ	t column for lin	es 7 throug	h 21. Th	is is your	total incon	ie ►	22		
Adjusted	23	Educator expenses				-			$\perp$			
Gross	24	Certain business expens										
ncome	25	fee-basis government off Health savings accour				-			+			
	26	Moving expenses, Atta				-			+			
	27	Deductible part of self-er	nployment	tax. Attach Sci	hedule SE	. 27						
	28	Self-employed SEP, S				-			$\perp$			
	29	Self-employed health					-		-			
	30 31a	Penalty on early withd Alimony paid <b>b</b> Recip		1	7	-			+			
	31a 32	IRA deduction							+			
	33	Student loan interest of										
	34	Tuition and fees. Attac	h Form 89	917								
	35	Domestic production ac					_					
	36 37	Add lines 23 through 3							. :	_		+
	31	Subtract line 36 from I										

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	38	Amount from line 37 (adjusted gross income)	38
Tax and	39a	Check   You were born before January 2, 1952, Blind.   Total boxes	
Credits		if: Spouse was born before January 2, 1952, ☐ Blind. checked ▶ 39a	
Credits	b	If your spouse itemizes on a separate return or you were a dual status alien, check here▶ 39b	
Standard	40	Itemized deductions from Schedule A) or your standard deduction see left margin)	40
Deduction for -	41	Subtract line 46 from line 38	41
People who	42	Exemptions. If line 38 is \$155,650 or less, multiply \$4,050 by the number on line 6d. Otherwise, see instructions	42
check any box on line 39a or 39b or	43	Taxable income. Subtract line 42 from line 41. If line 42 is more than line 41, enter -0-	43
39a or 39b or who can be	44	Tax (see instructions). Check if any from: a Form(s) 8814 b Form 4972 c	44
claimed as a dependent.	45	Alternative minimum tax (see instructions), Attach Form 6251	45
see instructions.	46	Excess advance premium tax credit repayment. Attach Form 8962	46
All others:	47	Add lines 44, 45, and 46	47
Single or Married filing	48	Foreign tax credit. Attach Form 1116 if required 48	
	49	Credit for child and dependent care expenses. Attach Form 2441 49	
separately, \$6,300	50	Education credits from Form 8883, line 19	
Married filing jointly or	51	Retirement savings contributions credit. Attach Form 8880 51	
Qualifying	52	Child tax credit. Attach Schedule 8812, if required 52	
widow(er), \$12,600	53	Residential energy credits. Attach Form 5695	
Head of	54	Other credits from Form: a 3800 b 8801 c 54	
household, \$9,300	55	Add lines 48 through 54. These are your total credits	55
	56	Subtract line 55 from line 47. If line 55 is more than line 47, enter -0 ▶	56
	57	Self-employment tax. Attach Schedule SE	57
Other	58	Unreported social security and Medicare tax from Form: a 4137 b 8919	58
Taxes	59	Additional tax on IRAs, other qualified retirement plans, etc. Attach Form 5329 if required	59
	60a	Household employment taxes from Schedule H	60a 60b
	61	First-time homebuyer credit repayment. Attach Form \$405 if required	61
	62	Health care: individual responsibility (see instructions) Full-year coverage ☐	62
	63	Add lines 56 through 62. This is your total tax	63
Payments	64	Federal income tax withheld from Forms W-2 and 1099	-
Payments	65	2016 estimated tax payments and amount applied from 2015 return 65	
If you have a	66a	Earned income credit (EIC)	
qualifying child, attach	b	Nontaxable combat pay election 66b	
Schedule EIC.	67	Additional child tax credit. Attach Schedule 8812 67	
	68	American opportunity credit from Form 8863, line 8 68	
	69	Net premium tax credit. Attach Form 8962 69	
	70	Amount paid with request for extension to file	
	71	Excess social security and tier 1 RRTA tax withheld	
	72	Credit for federal tax on fuels. Attach Form 4136 72	
	73	Credits from Form: a 2439 b Feserved c 8885 d 73	
	74	Add lines 64, 65, 66a, and 67 through 73. These are your total payments	74
Refund	75	If line 74 is more than line 63, subtract line 63 from line 74. This is the amount you overpaid	75
	76a	Amount of line 75 you want refunded to you. If Form 8888 is attached, check here	76a
Direct deposit?	► b	Routing number ▶ c Type: ☐ Checking ☐ Savings	
See instructions.	► d	Account number	
Amount	77	Amount of line 75 you want applied to your 2017 estimated tax ▶ 77	
You Owe	78	Amount you owe. Subtract line 74 from line 63. For details on how to pay, see instructions	78
	79	Estimated tax penalty (see instructions)	Acceptable DN
Third Party		by you want to allow another person to discuss this return with the IRS (see instructions)? Yes signee's Phone Personal iden	. Complete below. No
Designee	nar	mo ► number (PIN)	<b>&gt;</b>
Sign	Underp	enables of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowle sly list all amounts and sources of income I received during the tax year. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all infor	dge and belief, they are true, correct, and mation of which preparer has any knowledge.
Here		ur signature Date Your occupation	Daytime phone number
Joint return? See			,
instructions. Keep a copy for	Sp	ouse's signature. If a joint return, <b>both</b> must sign. Date Spouse's occupation	If the IRS sent you an Identity Protection
your records.			PNI, enter it here (see inst.)
Paid	Pri	nt/Type preparer's name Preparer's signature Date	Check if PTIN
Preparer			self-employed
Use Only	Fin	m's name ►	Firm's EIN ►
C SC OTHY	Fin	m's address ▶	Phone no.

## **Standard Deduction Amounts**

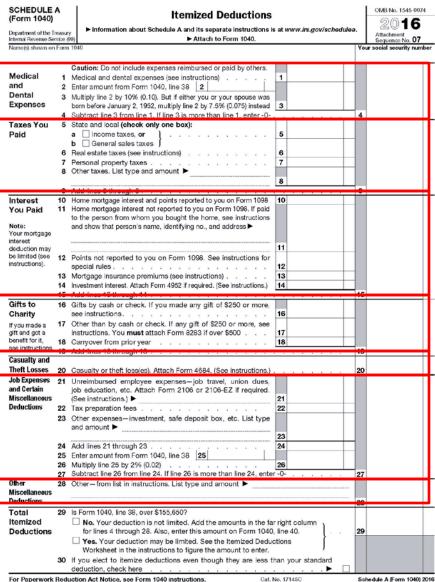
For 2016, the Standard Deduction is as follows:

	Filing Status	Standard	Over 65 / Blind
•	Single	\$6,300	\$7 <i>,</i> 850
•	Married Filing Jointly or Qualifying Widow(er)	\$12,600	\$13,850
•	Married Filing Separately	\$6,300	\$7,550
•	Head of Household	\$9,300	\$10,850

http://www.irs.com/articles/2016-federal-tax-rates-personal-exemptions-and-standard-deductions

When the Standard Deduction is used, there are <u>not</u> any additional Deductions such as Charities.

## **2016 INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX WORKSHOP** Itemized Deductions, Schedule A. has 7 Sections



## 2016 INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX WORKSHOP Medical and Dental Expenses

Medical	1	Caution: Do not include expenses reimbursed or paid by others.  Medical and dental expenses (see instructions)	1			
and Dental Expenses		Enter amount from Form 1040, line 38 2 Multiply line 2 by 10% (0.10). But if either you or your spouse was born before January 2, 1952, multiply line 2 by 7.5% (0.075) instead	3			
	4	Subtract line 3 from line 1. If line 3 is more than line 1, enter -0	<u> </u>	3 50 6 6 7 1	4	

Medical and Dental Insurance Premiums, COBRA, Medical, Dental and Prescriptions Co-payments and Deductibles, are <u>Out of Pocket Payments</u> that you paid that are deductible.

However the deduction is <u>limited to amounts above 10% of your "Adjusted Gross Income</u>," but if a *Senior, 65 or older, it is limited only to 7.5% of* <u>your "Adjusted Gross Income</u>."

- Before the end of the year, ask your Insurer and Pharmacist to print out all Medical visits and Prescriptions to determine if you are close to or are above 10% of your "Adjusted Gross Income."
- If you are close to or over, consider seeing your Doctor, Dentist, or fill prescriptions before the end of the year so that you can deduct the expense.

#### STATE INCOME TAX, PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX, & REAL ESTATE TAXES ARE ALL DEDUCTIBLE

Taxes You	5	State and local (check only one box):	T
Paid		a	
	6	Real estate taxes (see instructions) 6	
	7	Personal property taxes	
	8	Other taxes. List type and amount ▶	
		8	
	9	Add lines 5 through 8	

- Generally, your State Income Taxes will be listed on your W-2, but do not forget to include any voluntary Quarterly State Tax Payments.
- If when you filed your State Income Taxes you paid additional taxes in the current year, your *Total State Income Taxes* paid is that additional State Taxes you paid when you filed your State Tax return, *plus* State Income Taxes listed on your W-2, which may be deducted on your Federal 1040, Schedule A, Itemized Deductions. For example, if when you filed your 2015 Virginia Income Tax Return in 2016, paying an additional \$200 Income Tax, then your total State Income Taxes paid would be the additional \$200 State Income Tax paid, plus \$10,000 State Income Taxes listed on your W-2 for a total of \$10,200. Interest and penalty are not included.
- If you itemized your deductions the previous year and included a deduction for State Income Taxes, but received a State Refund, do not forget to add the refund amount listed on the card from the Virginia Department of Taxation on Line 10 of the Federal 1040. If your did not receive a State Refund, there is nothing to list.
- Include each Vehicles Personal Property Tax *Paid, plus* the Personal Property Tax Vehicle Registration, which was called the "Sticker" and is \$20 for each vehicle.

## **2016 INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX WORKSHOP**Interest on Home Mortgages and Equity Lines

Interest	10	Home mortgage interest and points reported to you on Form 1098	10			
You Paid	11	Home mortgage interest not reported to you on Form 1098. If paid to the person from whom you bought the home, see instructions				
Note: Your mortgage		and show that person's name, identifying no., and address ▶				
interest deduction may			11			
be limited (see instructions).	12	Points not reported to you on Form 1098. See instructions for special rules	12			
	13	Mortgage insurance premiums (see instructions)	13			
	14	Investment interest. Attach Form 4952 if required. (See instructions.)	14			
	15	Add lines 10 through 14		3 38 6 6 9 3	15	

Only Mortgage or Equity Line Interest are Deductible.

Personal Interest paid to Credit Cards are <u>not</u> Deductible.

- If you have a "<u>Little Extra Funds</u>," think about making an extra payment on your Mortgage before the end of the year to increase your Mortgage Interest Deduction.
- If you have a "<u>Larger Amount of Extra Funds</u>," consider making a payment on your Mortgage "To Principle Only," which will eventually decrease the total Interest, the number of Mortgage payments, and you will pay off your Mortgage earlier.

#### **Charitable Contributions**

Gifts to	16	Gifts by cash or check. If you made any gift of \$250 or more,					
Charity		see instructions	16				
If you made a	17	Other than by cash or check. If any gift of \$250 or more, see					
gift and got a		instructions. You <b>must</b> attach Form 8283 if over \$500	17	9			
benefit for it,	18	Carryover from prior year	18				
see instructions.	19	Add lines 16 through 18		3 X C C X X	19		

Generally, a deduction is valid if it is made to a <u>Charitable Organization</u> that is Tax-exempt by <u>26 U.S.C. § 501(c)</u> of the <u>Internal Revenue Code</u> (IRC), whereby the organization is exempt from federal income tax if its activities have the purposes: charitable, religious, educational, scientific, literary, testing for public safety, fostering amateur sports, etc.

https://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Charitable-Organizations/Exempt-Purposes-Internal-Revenue-Code-Section-501(c)(3)

Verify 501(c) Tax-exempt status at: <a href="https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/mainSearch.do?mainSearchChoice=pub78&dispatchMethod=selectSearch">https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/mainSearch.do?mainSearchChoice=pub78&dispatchMethod=selectSearch</a>

- If you have a "Some Extra Funds," consider making an extra payment to your Church, Synagogue, Mosque or other charity before the end of the year to increase your Deduction. For 2016, using your Vehicle for a Charity is deductible at 14 cents per mile.
- Donations to Charities other than cash, such as Computers, Clothing, Housewares, TV's, etc. are also deductible.
- The question is their value. The Salvation Army provides a great "<u>Donation Value Guide</u>" <a href="https://satruck.org/Home/DonationValueGuide">https://satruck.org/Home/DonationValueGuide</a> that provides 4 pages of items with high and low values.
- For an <u>Automobile or Truck</u>, the deduction is restricted to the *lower* of the *Fair Market Value* or the amount the charity actually *sold the vehicle*. If the Automobile or Truck *Value is \$1000, but it sold for only \$500, then only \$500 is deductible.*

#### **Casualty and Theft Losses of Property Not Used in a Trade or Business**

Casualty and		-			
Theft Losses	20	Casualty or theft loss(es). Attach Form 4684. (See instructions.)	20	4	

Federal Form 4684 Casualty and Thefts, Limits the Deduction to any amount over 10% of "Adjusted Gross Income."

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	Property A								
	Property B								
	Property C								
	Property D								
					Pr	operties			
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2	Cost or other basis	of each property	2						
3	Insurance or other	r reimbursement (whether or not you							
	filed a claim) (see i	nstructions)	3						
	Note: If line 2 is m	ore than line 3, skip line 4.							
4	enter the difference that column. See it	or theft. If line 3 is more than line 2, the here and skip lines 5 through 9 for instructions if line 3 includes insurance sement you did not claim, or you							
	received payment	for your loss in a later tax year	4						
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16	If line 14 is less ti	nan line 13, enter the difference					16		
17	Enter 10% of your instructions	adjusted gross income from Form 1040	), line 3	8, or Form 1040NR	, line 37. Estates :	and trusts, see	17		
18		om line 16. If zero or less, enter -0-, Also nedule A, line 6. Estates and trusts, ente							
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Job Expenses and Miscellaneous Deductions

Job Expenses and Certain Miscellaneous	21	Unreimbursed employee expenses—job travel, union dues, job education, etc. Attach Form 2106 or 2106-EZ if required. (See instructions.) ▶	21		
Deductions	22	Tax preparation fees	22		
	23	Other expenses—investment, safe deposit box, etc. List type and amount $\blacktriangleright$			
			23		
	24	Add lines 21 through 23	24		
	25	Enter amount from Form 1040, line 38 25			
	26	Multiply line 25 by 2% (0.02)	26		
	27	Subtract line 26 from line 24. If line 26 is more than line 24, ente	r -0-	 27	
Other	28	Other-from list in instructions. List type and amount ▶			
Miscellaneous					
Deductions				 28	

#### LIMITED TO AMOUNTS OVER 2% OF "ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME."

(If \$50,000 "Adjusted Gross Income" then only amounts over \$1,000 are deductible)

For Job Search Expenses to qualify for a deduction, the expenses must be spent on a job search in your current occupation (<u>Not your Job, but your Field, or Profession</u>), but <u>not</u> expenses incurred while looking for a job in a new occupation.

For example, a <u>Plumber may deduct expenses looking for a new job as a Plumber</u>, but <u>not</u> to make a career change to a <u>Wedding Planner</u>.

#### JOB SEARCH DEDUCTIBLE EXPENSES:

- 1. <u>Employment and Outplacement Agency Fees</u> paid while looking for a job *in your present occupation*.
- 2. <u>Preparing and Mailing</u> copies of your <u>Cover Letter</u>, <u>Résumé</u>, <u>Marketing Plan</u>, and <u>Business</u> <u>Cards</u> to give to prospective employers in your present occupation, as well as the costs for <u>creating and maintaining Websites</u>.
- 3. <u>Round Trip Travel to look for a new job</u> *in your present occupation,* in the city you want to work. <u>For 2016</u>, using a vehicle for Business or Job Search the <u>Mileage Rate</u> is <u>54 cents per mile</u>. Similar to <u>Employment and Outplacement Agency Fees</u>, mileage for travel to and from *Career Prospector, JAM, and Accountable Group Meetings* may be deductible as long as you are being "<u>Educated on how to get a job</u>" <u>in your current occupation</u> and you must keep a "Log."

Example 1000 miles x \$.54 per mile= \$540 + \$200 Résumés & Business Cards Printing = \$740.

#### Standard Deduction this Year, but What About Next Year?

#### **Question**:

If I have to take the Standard Deduction this year, can I pay for some things the next year?

- Yes, when you have to take the Standard Deduction because you do not have enough expenses to itemize in 2016, you can "Defer" or "Put off" paying some things to 2017; as long as the Bank does not charge any additional penalties or interest.
- For example, if your Mortgage is better than up to date, perhaps you could put off making that extra payment until the following year.

## Affordable Care Act (ACA) Requires Health Care Coverage

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	11	Health care: individual responsibility (see instructions) Full-year coverage	11	
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	38	Health care: individual responsibility (see instructions). Full-year coverage	38	
	39	Add line 37 and line 38. This is your <b>total tax.</b>	39	
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	57	Self-employment tax. Attach Schedule SE	57	
Other	58	Unreported social security and Medicare tax from Form: a 4137 b 8919	58	
axes	59	Additional tax on IRAs, other qualified retirement plans, etc. Attach Form 5329 if required	59	
axes	60a	Household employment taxes from Schedule H	60a	
	b	First-time homebuyer credit repayment. Attach Form 5405 if required	60b	
	61	Health care: individual responsibility (see instructions) Full-year coverage	61	
	62	Taxes from: a Form 8959 b Form 8960 c Instructions; enter code(s)	62	
	63	Add lines 56 through 62. This is your total tax	63	

The <u>Affordable Care Act</u> (Obama Care) requires that there must be <u>Qualifying Health Care Coverage</u> (Medical Insurance) for <u>yourself</u>, your <u>spouse</u> (if filing jointly), and anyone you can or do claim as a <u>dependent</u> for every month of 2016.

If Health Care Coverage was for *all of 2016*, then on the Federal 1040EZ, line 11, 1040A (Short Form) line 38 or the Federal 1040 Line 61, simply *check the box* for "Full-year Coverage."

If a <u>Shared Responsibility Payment</u> (Penalty for not having health care coverage) is due, enter the amount on the Health Care line.24

## Affordable Care Act (ACA) (Obama Care)

#### **Shared Responsibility Payment or Individual Mandate Fee**

(Tax Penalty for not having Health Care Coverage)

- The payment or fee for <u>2016</u> is \$695 per adult and \$347.50 per child (up to \$2,085 for a family), or it's 2.5% of your household income above the tax return filing threshold for your filing status – whichever is greater. You'll pay <u>1/12 of the total fee</u> for each full month in which a family member went without coverage or an exemption. <a href="http://obamacarefacts.com/obamacare-individual-mandate/">http://obamacarefacts.com/obamacare-individual-mandate/</a>
- The payment or fee for 2017 is not published yet, but we can look at the 2016 fees to get a rough estimate of the penalty for not having health insurance in 2017.

http://obamacarefacts.com/obamacare-fee-2017/

## Affordable Care Act (ACA) (Obama Care) Shared Responsibility Payment Worksheet A.

(Penalty for not having Health Care Coverage)

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#### Worksheet A

Use this worksheet if you were referred here from Step 1 under <u>Shared Responsibility Payment</u>. After completing the worksheet, **go** to Step 3 under <u>Shared Responsibility Payment</u>. If everyone in your tax household had either minimum essential coverage or a coverage exemption for every month during 2016, stop here. You do not owe a shared responsibility payment.

Complete the monthly columns by placing "Xs" in each month in which you or another member of your tax household had neither minimum essential coverage nor a coverage exemption. Name Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Add the total number of Xs in a month. If 5 2. Add the total number of Xs in a month for 3. Enter one-half the number of Xs in a month for individuals under 18\* . . . . . . . . . . . 4. Add lines 2 and 3 for each month . . . . 5. Multiply line 4 by \$695 for each month. If \$2,085 or more, enter \$2,085 6. Add the amounts for each month on line 5 7. Divide line 6 by 12.0. This is your flat dollar amount. Enter this amount on line 1 of the Shared Responsibility

\*For purposes of figuring the shared responsibility payment, an individual is considered under 18 for an entire month if he or she didn't turn 18 before the first

day of the month. An individual turns 18 on the anniversary of the day the individual was born. For example, someone born on March 1, 2001, is considered

age 18 on March 1, 2019, and, therefore, isn't considered age 18 for purposes of the shared responsibility payment until April 2019.

8. Add the total number of Xs entered for each month on line 1. Go to Step 3 ......

## **Affordable Care Act (ACA) (Obama Care)**

## **Shared Responsibility Payment Worksheet B.**

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#### **Worksheet B**

	Do not complete this worksheet unless you were directed here in Step 4	under <u>Shared Res</u>	ponsibility P aym	ent.
		(a)	(b)	(c)
	each month, you must determine if the amount on line 5 of Worksheet A is less than amount on line 7 of Step 4 under <i>Shared Responsibility Payment</i> *	Enter the amount from line 5 of Worksheet A	Enter the amount from Step 4, line 7	Enter the larger of column (a) or column (b)
1.	January			
2.	February			
3.	March			
4.	April			
5.	May			
6.	June			
7.	July			
8.	August			
9.	September			
10.	October			
11.	November			
12.	December			
13.	Add the amounts in column (c)			
14.	Divide line 13 by 12.0. Enter the result on lines 2 and 3 of the Shared Responsibility Step 5			
*If t	he amount on line 1 of Worksheet A is -0- for any month, leave all columns of this worksheet bla	nk for that month.		

#### Affordable Care Act (ACA) (Obama Care)

#### Shared Responsibility Payment Enter on 1040EZ, 1040A, 1040

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#### **Shared Responsibility Payment Worksheet**

Use this worksheet if you are referred here from the Shared Responsibility Payment flowchart or from Worksheet A or B. If everyone in your tax household had either minimum essential coverage or a coverage exemption for every month during 2016, stop here. You do not owe a shared responsibility payment.

Complete Step 1	
1. Enter the flat dollar amount. (From Step 2, question 4 or Worksheet A, line 7)	1
Complete Step 3	
2. Enter the percentage income amount. (From Step 4, question 7 or Worksheet B, line 14)	2
3. Enter the larger of line 1 or line 2	3
Complete Step 5	
4. Enter the National Average Bronze Plan Premium. (From Step 5, question 2 or 3)	4
5. Enter the smaller of line 3 or line 4 here and on Form 1040, line 61; Form 1040A, line 38; or Form 1040EZ, line 11 This is your shared responsibility payment	5

#### 1095-C, EMPLOYER-PROVIDED HEALTH INSURANCE OFFER AND COVERAGE

The <u>Affordable Care Act</u> (Obama Care) requires that <u>Applicable Large Employers</u> (ALE), which generally employs 50 or more full-time employees (an average of 30 hours per week) must furnish Form 1095-C, <u>Employer-Provided Health Insurance Offer and Coverage</u>, listing the cost and months the employee and dependents had Medical Coverage to <u>each of its employees for their records</u> by January 31 of the following year with a copy filed with the IRS

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#### 1095-B, HEALTH COVERAGE

The <u>Affordable Care Act</u> (Obama Care) requires "Health Insurance Providers" and "Self-insured Companies," where a company itself pays its employees medical bills, rather than an insurance company, must file with the IRS Form 1095-B listing the cost and months the Employee / Insured and Dependents had Medical

Coverage.

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#### 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace Statement

The <u>Affordable Care Act</u> (Obama Care) requires that if health insurance was purchased through a <u>Health Care Exchange</u> or <u>Marketplace</u>, Form 1095-A must be completed by the Insurance Provider listing the cost and months the Insured and Dependents had Medical Coverage and issued to the <u>Insured</u> <u>for their records</u> by January 31 of the following year with a copy filed with the IRS. Form 1095-A also provides information needed to complete <u>Form 8962</u>, <u>Premium Tax Credit (PTC)</u>, which must be filed with your tax return if any amount other than zero is in Part III, Column C.



#### 8962, Premium Tax Credit (PTC)

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If you or a member of your family are enrolled in health insurance coverage for 2016 through a <u>Health Insurance Marketplace</u>, use Form 8962 to figure the amount of your <u>Premium Tax Credit (PTC)</u> and reconcile it with <u>Advance Payment of the premium Tax Credit</u> (APTC) and <u>attach 8962 to your tax return</u>.

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#### 8965, Health Coverage Exemptions

(Attach to Form 1040, Form 1040A, or Form 1040EZ)

To claim an exemption, enter the Code in Part III, Column (c), and identify the months the exemption applies. For *Short Coverage Gap* of less than 3 consecutive months, enter "B."

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## Types of Coverage Exemptions (16) and Codes

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This chart shows the [16] Coverage Exemptions and *code* for 2016, including information where each can be obtained and the code used on Form 8965 when you claim the exemption. If your coverage exemption was granted by the Marketplace, enter the Exemption Certificate Number (ECN) provided

by the Marketplace.

	Marketplace	Tax Return	Exemption
Income below the filing threshold—Your gross income or your household income was less than your applicable minimum threshold for filing a tax return.		1	No Code See Part II
Coverage considered unaffordable—The required contribution is more than 8:13% of your sousehold income.		1	А
Short coverage gap—You went without coverage for less than 3 consecutive months during no year.		1	В
Citizens Illufing abroad and certain nonclitzens—You were:  A U.S. citizen or a resident ratie on who was physically present in a foreign country or countries for at least 300 full days during any period of 12 consecutive months;  A U.S. citizen who was a bona fide resident of a foreign country or countries for an uninterrupted period that includes the entire tax year;  A bona fide resident of a U.S. territory;  A bona fide resident of a U.S. territory;  A bona fide resident of a U.S. territory;  an income tax freaty with a nondiscrimination dause, and you were a bona fide resident of a foreign country for an uninterrupted period that includes the entire tax year;  Not lawfully present in the U.S and not a U.S. citizen or U.S. national. For more information about who is branded as lawfully present in the U.S for purposes of this coverage exemption, visit gives, from the first year of U.S. residency and (2) a norresident alson or dual-status alien who elected to file a joint return with a U.S. spouse.  This exemption doesn't apply if you are a nonresident alien for 2016, but met certain presence orguirements and closted to be treated as a resident alien. For more information, see one control of control of the control		1	c
Rembers of a health care sharing ministry—You were a member of a health care sharing ninistry.	•	1	D
Jembers of Indian tribes—You were either a member of a Federally-recognized indian tribe, including an Alaska Native Calains Settlement Act (ANCSA) Corporation Shareholder (regional village), or you were otherwise eligible for services through an Indian health care provider or te Indian Health Service.	**	1	E
ncarceration—You were in a jail, prison, or similar penal institution or correctional facility after ne disposition of charges.		1	F
ggregate self-only coverage considered unaffordable—Two or more family members' ggregate cost of self-only employer-sponeored coverage was more than 8.13% of household come, as was the cost of any available employer-sponsored coverage for the entire family.		1	G
lesident of a state that did not expand Medicaid—Your household income was below 38% of the federal poverty line for your family size and at any time in 2019 you resided in a tate that didn't participate in the Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act.		1	G
Hightle for health coverage tax credit (HCTC)—You were alightle for the health coverage ax credit in the month. (For this purpose, you are considered edigible for the LCTC if you would have been eligible had you enrolled in HCTC qualifying coverage.) This exemption is available my for July through December of 2018.		1	G
Rember of tax household born or adopted during the year—The months before and clining the month that an individual was added to your tax household by birth or adopson. You hould claim this exemption only if you are also claiming another exemption on your Form 6965.		1	н
tember of tax household died during the year.—The months after the month that a member if your tax household died during the year. You should claim this exemption only if you are also laiming another exemption on your Form 8955.		1	н
fembers of certain religious sects—The Marketplace determined that you are a member of recognized religious sect.	1		Need ECN See Part I
neligible for Medicaid based on a state's decision not to expand Medicaid coverage— he Marketplace found that you would have been determined insigible for Medicaid solely ecause the state in which you resided didn't participate in Medicaid expansion under the flordable Care Act.	1		Need ECN See Part I
seneral hardship—The Marketplace determined that you experienced a hardship that revented you from obtaining coverage under a qualified health plan.	1	į.	Need ECN See Part I
overage considered unaffordable based on projected income—The Marketplace etermined that you dight have access to coverage that is considered affordable based on your rejected household income.	1		Need ECN See Part I
nable to renew existing coverageThe Marketplace determined that you were notified that our health insurance policy was not renewable and you considered the other plans available to e unaffordable.	1		Need ECN See Part I
ertain Medicaid programs that are not minimum essential coverage—The Marketplace otermined that you were (1) norticle in Medicaid coverage provided to a pregnant woman that not recognized as minimum essential coverage; (2) enrolled in Medicaid coverage provided to medically needly infididual (also known as Spend down Medicaid or Share-of-Coot Medicaid) at it not recognized as minimum essential coverage; or (3) enrolled in Medicaid coverage as spend-down that not be men usually and were without coverage for other mental because to spend-down that not been me.	1		Need ECN See Part I

#### IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2017 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ENROLLMENT

https://www.healthcare.gov/quick-guide/dates-and-deadlines/

If you don't have health insurance through a <u>job</u>, <u>Medicare</u>, <u>Medicaid</u>, the <u>Children's</u> <u>Health Insurance Program (CHIP)</u>, or <u>another source</u> that provides qualifying coverage, the <u>Health Insurance Marketplace</u> can provide you with coverage.

If you don't enroll in a 2017 <u>Health Insurance Marketplace</u> <u>Plan</u> by January 31, 2017, you can't enroll in a health insurance plan for 2017 unless you qualify for a <u>Special Enrollment Period</u>.

#### **Current Dates Unless Congress Changes the Laws:**

- November 1, 2016: Open Enrollment started first day to enroll, re-enroll, or change a 2017 insurance plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace.
- <u>December 15, 2016</u>: Last day to enroll in or change plans for coverage to start January 1, 2017.
- January 1, 2017: 2017 coverage started for those who enrolled or changed plans by December 15.
- January 31, 2017: Last day to enroll in or change a 2017 health plan. After this date, you can enroll or change plans only if you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period.

#### **SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD (SEP)**

<u>Special Enrollment Period</u> is a time outside the yearly Open Enrollment Period when you can sign up for health insurance. You qualify for a Special Enrollment Period if you've had certain Life Events, including losing health coverage, moving, getting married, having a baby, or adopting a child. <a href="https://www.healthcare.gov/glossary/special-enrollment-period/">https://www.healthcare.gov/glossary/special-enrollment-period/</a>

Generally, Special Enrollment Periods apply to all health insurance plans through a <u>Job</u>, <u>Medicare</u>, <u>Medicaid</u>, the <u>Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)</u>, or <u>another source</u> that provides qualifying coverage, but paying too much for health care does not qualify for the enrollment.

The following are Life Events or Qualifying Events that would trigger a Special Enrollment Period, and the documentation needed for each:

Type of Event	Documentation Required
Birth of a child	Birth certificate or birth record
Adoption or placement for adoption	Adoption papers or court order with judge's signature
Marriage	Marriage certificate
Reached dependent age limit (age 26)	Certificate of Creditable Coverage and/or term letter with the date and reason coverage was lost
Permanent move that provides access to new Qualified Health Plan	Dated utility bill, bank statement, lease or other form with new address
Involuntary loss of Minimum Essential Coverage	Certificate of Creditable Coverage and/or term letter with the date and reason coverage was lost
COBRA expiration	Term letter with the reason the coverage was terminated
Exchange exemption	Letter/documentation from exchange stating that there was an error/exemption

# 2016 INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX WORKSHOP CAPITAL GAINS AND LOSSES

If you already have "Taxable Capital Gains" from selling stock or investment real estate, see if you have some unrealized "Capital losses" in other assets that you <u>can sell before year-end</u> to <u>offset those gains</u> and <u>reduce your tax liability</u>.

"You can deduct up to \$3,000 in "Capital Losses each year," and if there are more losses, you can carry them forward" to the next year.

#### **Suggestions:**

If you're thinking of selling stock, consider postponing the gain until after January to avoid the tax in the current year.

The experts say first make the right decision from an Economic or Investment standpoint then Taxes.

#### **FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT (FSA) - DEFINITION**

A <u>Flexible Spending Account</u> <u>allows an employee to set aside a portion of earnings to pay for qualified expenses</u> as established in the cafeteria plan, most commonly for <u>medical expenses</u>, but often for <u>dependent care</u> or other expenses. <u>Money deducted from an employee's pay</u> into an FSA is <u>not subject to payroll taxes</u>, <u>resulting in substantial payroll tax savings</u>.

Under the Affordable Care Act, a plan may permit an employee to carry over up to \$500 into the following year without losing the funds.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flexible spending account

A <u>Flexible Spending Account (FSA)</u> is simply a savings account offered by an employer to help employees put away "Tax-free money" for "Qualified Medical Expenses."

Generally, by paying medical expenses with "Pre-Tax money" or "Tax-free money," then if your Tax rate is 25% you are saving 25%; just like getting a discount! Deductions are easy, they are taken out of your paycheck by your employer.

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# 2016 INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX WORKSHOP FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT (FSA) - SAVINGS

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However, the IRS is very strict as to what are considered "Qualified Medical Expenses."

http://www.hsacenter.com/what-is-an-hsa/qualified-medical-expenses/

## 2016 INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX WORKSHOP FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT (FSA) PLANS

#### Use It or Lose It Policy

Generally, some <u>Flexible Spending Account Plans (FSA)</u> still have a "<u>Use It or Lose It Policy</u>." This means that amounts in the account at the end of the plan year cannot be carried over to the next year. If your plan follows this rule, you should make sure to use all of your funds by the end of the plan year, which generally is the end of the calendar year.

As part of the <u>Affordable Care Act</u>, the IRS has changed the rules so that <u>Flexible Spending Account Plans may permit</u> an employee to carry over up to \$500 into the following year without losing the funds, but it is not required.

#### Suggestions:

- Because of some FSA plans have the "<u>Use It or Lose It Policy</u>," if you do
  not spend everything in your account, legally the company is not
  responsible to pay you the balance. Before the end of the year, spend your
  FSA on Qualified Medical Expenses to maximize your tax savings.
- Flexible Spending Accounts allows "Pre-funding," which means you can spend the money in the account before it's actually deposited. If you left a company where your <u>Flexible Spending Account</u> paid all the <u>Medical Expenses</u> during the year, but your <u>Payroll Deductions were less</u>, then you are <u>not</u> responsible to pay the company the difference. Although, the company may take it out of your final paycheck.

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#### WHY ARE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PAYMENTS TAXABLE?

Similar to Medical Insurance Benefits, Unemployment Benefits are just another "Employee Benefit."

When you file for Unemployment Benefits, the state pays you from a State Trust Fund, which has State Unemployment Taxes plus Federal Unemployment Taxes; both paid by organizations.

Generally, most insurance proceeds or payments are not taxable. Although unemployment is an insurance paid by employers, to protect salaries, starting with the <u>Tax Reform Act of 1986</u>, unemployment insurance benefits became taxable as a "Substitute for Wages."

According to <u>The Tax Foundation</u>, of the 41 states that tax wage income, 5 states completely exempt unemployment benefits from tax (California, New Jersey, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and <u>Virginia</u>). Two states (Indiana and Wisconsin) partially exempt a fixed dollar amount of unemployment benefits from state income tax but tax the rest, following federal practice from 1982 to 1986. The remaining states fully tax unemployment benefits.

After the end of the year, the Unemployment Benefits Beneficiary should receive Federal Form 1099-G, Certain Government Payments listing the Unemployment Compensation, Federal Income Tax Withheld, and any State Income Tax Withheld. Generally, Severance and Vacation Pay will be allocated to the employees last week at the organization and should be included in the W-2 issued by that organization.

#### **UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR 501(C)(3) (NON-PROFIT) EMPLOYEES**

An organization that is exempt from income tax under Section 501(c)(3) (Non-profit) of the <u>Internal Revenue Code</u> is also <u>exempt</u> from <u>Federal Unemployment Taxes</u> (FUTA).

https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/exempt-organizations-what-are-employment-taxes

The <u>Federal Unemployment Tax Act</u>, Section 3309 <u>enables</u> 501(c)(3) (Non-profit) organizations to <u>opt out of the tax system</u> and to <u>reimburse</u> the state for unemployment claims the state has paid out to the non-profits' former employees.

http://www.501ctrust.org/unemployment-tax-exemption-for-501c3s-explained

In some states, non-profit reimbursing claims is voluntary.

<u>VA Code Ann</u> §60.2-213 (B)(1) *only exempts* organizations operating primarily for religious purposes from reimbursing claims to the state. Generally, since these groups are not required to reimburse the state, then their employees are not eligible for Unemployment.

https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title60.2/chapter2/section60.2-213

# 2016 INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX WORKSHOP 401(k) FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

#### Question:

When I left my company, did the company stop matching funds paid into my 401(k)? Answer:

Yes, generally you are <u>not eligible</u> to receive additional Company Matching Contributions in a 401(k) plan *30 days after the Separation Date*, but what was paid is yours and remains in the account.

Generally, you are also <u>not eligible</u> to Contribute additional amounts to the 401(k) plan *30 days after the Separation Date.* 

#### Question:

Since I left my company, will my 401(k) investment fees be higher?

#### Answer:

No, all plans must charge each investor the same fees for the same investments.

#### **Question**:

If I leave my 401(k) with the company, will it still earn investment income?

#### Answer:

Yes, if you leave your 401(k) with the company, it will still earn investment income.

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## **CONCLUSION**

"The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax."

Albert Einstein, Physicist

https://www.irs.gov/uac/Tax-Quotes

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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