



Tax Planning Checklist

Personal information:

Social Security numbers (or ITIN numbers if Non-Citizen)

- Your Social Security Number, or ITIN number
- Your Spouse's Social Security or ITIN Number
- Dependents' Social Security Number(s)
- If a new client, your last three years' Federal & State income tax returns

Direct Deposit Information, if you want your tax refund deposited directly into your bank account

- Routing number from the lower left side of one of your checks, not a deposit slip (usually the first 9 digits)
- Bank account number from the bottom right side of the check or on a bank statement

Income Information:

Income from Wages & Self Employment

- Form *W-2(s)*
- 1099-Misc* for self-employment gross income
- If Self Employed, a Profit & Loss Statement showing all income and all related expenses for the business for the tax year

IRA/401K/ Pension Distributions

- Form 1099-R(s)* for distributions from IRAs, 401Ks, pensions or other retirement plans
- Account summary form for the year for your IRA accounts including IRS Form 5498 received, or
IRA Deposit receipts and contribution records
- If applicable, the most-recently filed form 8606 (if you made contributions in prior years to IRAs that weren't deductible on your income tax return).

Social Security Benefits

- Form(s) SSA -1099* for all Social Security recipients

Interest, Dividends & Capital Gains/Losses

- Year End Brokerage Statement(s) for non-IRA accounts, showing annual activity
- 1099-Int* Interest from banks, bonds, and brokerage accounts
- 1099-Div* Dividends from stocks, mutual funds and brokerage accounts
- 1099-B* Sale of investments, including cost basis
- 8949* Sale and other dispositions of capital assets

Partnerships, S Corporations, Trusts, etc.

- Form K-1s* received from Partnerships, S Corporations, Trusts, Royalties, etc.

Rental Property Income

- Profit and loss statements from each rental property owned
- Form 1099-Misc* or other records for rental income received during the year
- Mortgage interest reported on *Form 1098*, with property taxes paid, if included
- Property tax payments from assessor's statement or impounded records, if not included on *Form 1098* above.
- Records, receipts, or cancelled checks for rental property expenses
- Depreciation detail from prior year's tax return, or purchase information if new property of if permanent improvements were made during the tax year
- Record of rental losses carried forward from prior years (usually shown on last year's income tax return)

Income from Sales of Real or Investment Property

- Sales proceeds: bill of sale, escrow statement, HUD closing statement or similar records
- Cost of the property sold, including improvements made since your purchase
- Form 6252* Installment sale from previous years' returns, if appropriate
- Payments received on installment note owned to you and the date you received each payment, if applicable, with copy of said note showing principal and interest
- Name, address, and Social Security Number of the purchaser _____

Miscellaneous Income:

- Form 1099-G* showing State Income Tax refunds received during the year
- Unemployment Compensation per *Form 1099-G* from the State unemployment agency
- Alimony (Spousal Support) received, not Child Support
- Jury duty pay records
- Form(s) W-2G* for gambling and lottery winnings
- Receipts for all gambling wagers/losses
- Form 1099-Misc* for prizes and awards received, or other misc. income
- Form 1099-MSA* for distributions from medical savings accounts
- Form 1099-Q* for withdrawals from 529 Plans
- Scholarship records (if you used scholarship money for anything other than tuition, books and related supplies)
- Form 1099-C* Cancellation of debt income
- Form 1099-A* Acquisition or abandonment of secured property

Adjustments to Income:

IRA Contributions, and/or Keogh, SEP, SIMPLE, and Other Self-employed Pension Plans

- Year-end account summary or bank/brokerage statements

College 529 Plan Contributions (Arizona deduction)

- Year-end account summary or records of contributions

College Tuition

- Form 1098-T* from college or university showing tuition paid

Student Loan Interest

- Form 1098-E* showing interest paid or year-end loan statement from lender

Medical Saving Account Contributions

- Account Statements or records of payment(s) made, if not deducted from *Form W2*.

Moving Expenses

- Invoices from moving companies
- Records/receipts of related miscellaneous moving & travel expenses, not meals
- Paycheck stub and other detail for moving expense reimbursements from employer

Self-employed Health Insurance

- Health Insurance premium bills, bank statements or cancelled checks

Alimony Paid

- Cancelled checks, bank statements or similar records
- Name and Social Security Number of recipient

Educator Expenses (Classroom Expenses for Teachers)

- Up to \$250 in expenses, receipts or other records

Itemized Deductions:

Home Mortgage Interest

- Form 1098 Mortgage Interest Statement* received or
- Year-end mortgage statement(s) from lender
- Points paid during the year on home purchase or refinance

Real Estate Taxes

- Form 1098* or records of property taxes paid during the year
- Closing statement if you bought, sold, or refinanced property in the current tax year

State and Local Income Taxes

- Amount owed and paid from prior year's State Income Tax Return
- Forms W-2* showing State(s) wages and State withholding
- Cancelled checks or other records for Federal and state estimated taxes paid
- Amount paid with Extension of Time to File Federal or State income tax returns.

Sales Tax Paid on Large Purchases

- Copy of receipts for building materials, etc,
- Closing statement on vehicle(s) purchased during the tax year

Personal Property Taxes

- Automobile license fees, receipt showing personal property tax portion paid
- State or local property taxes/licenses paid on boats, trailers, aircraft, etc.

Medical and Dental Expenses

- Medical & dental bills or cancelled checks, credit card statements
- Medical & dental insurance paid (if after-tax premiums were made, not through W2)
- Prescription Drugs, Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids, other Medical Equipment
- Mileage records for trips to the doctor, dentist, clinics, pharmacy etc.
- Long term care premiums paid

Charitable Donations (Cash)

- Receipts from recognized charities, or cancelled checks/credit card statements
- Receipts from Qualified Charities for Arizona tax credits – Public Schools, Tuition Organizations, Foster Care Organizations or Qualified Charities (on AZ list)
- Records of vehicle mileage incurred for charitable or volunteer purposes

Donations of Property (Non-Cash)

- Receipts from charitable agency
- Date of donation and estimated value of property given
- General description of property donated
- Copy of Appraisal, and appraisal fees paid for non-cash donations over \$5,000

Other Charitable donations

- Prior years' tax returns if you have unused charitable contributions (carryovers) from earlier years
- Year-end paycheck stub if donations were paid through your wages.

Casualty and Theft Losses

- Description of property damaged or stolen
- Receipts or other records showing cost of property
- Insurance policy and insurance documents showing reimbursements, if any
- Appraisal fees if applicable

Unreimbursed Job Expenses

- Union dues- Paycheck stub for automatic withdrawals
- Gifts to clients etc. Receipts showing date, cost and description
- Misc. Supplies, Cellphone, Internet, etc. work related – receipts or bills
- Assets/equipment purchased for use in your work – invoices, receipts
- Uniform and special clothing costs – bills or paycheck stubs showing deductions
- Seminar or conference fees – receipts or invoices
- Professional publications, subscriptions and books – receipts or invoices
- Business-related licenses & continuing education – receipts or invoices
- Reimbursement from your employer, if applicable, check stubs or other reports

Job-Related Travel Expenses

- Invoices, receipts, ticket stubs for transportation expenses
- Mileage records for business use of your vehicle
- Hotel bills
- Restaurant receipts showing name and location, date & amount paid

Job Search Expenses

- Resume costs (printing, mailing, resume service, etc.)
- Transportation bills and mileage records for vehicle used
- Employment agency fees
- Career counseling costs
- Cellphone or Internet usage related to job search

If You Use Your Home for Business--

- Square footage of your home office area, including closets _____
- Total square footage of your home _____
- Total rent paid, if home is rented _____
- Mortgage interest reported per *Form 1098* _____
- Property tax payments
- Homeowner's or Renters insurance premium payments _____
- Invoices for repairs and maintenance on your home
- Homeowners Association Fees
- Utility bills—both for the entire home and specific to the home office

Other Miscellaneous Itemized Tax Deductions

- Tax return preparation fees – invoices or cancelled checks
- Income tax return preparation software and publications – receipts
- Safe deposit box rental fees from bank invoice or statement
- IRA custodial fees (if paid from a non-IRA account)
- Investment or Advisor management fees, often shown on year-end brokerage statement
- Investment interest paid or carried forward from prior years bank or brokerage statements (margin interest, funds borrowed to make investments)

Affordable Care Act:

- Form 1095-A showing health insurance coverage for each family member & amount of advance payment credit received
- Form 1095-B and/or Form 1095-C showing employer provided health insurance coverage
- Evidence of other health insurance coverage – statements, bills, policies, *Form W2*
- Form 8965 received from Marketplace showing exemption granted from coverage

Tax Credits:

Childcare Costs

- Daycare – Name, EIN, address of daycare center, & payments made per child for the year

Higher Education Tax Credits

- Forms 1098-T showing tuition paid
- Records of amount paid for books, fees, transportation costs for higher education

Energy-saving purchases

- Receipts for qualified energy-saving improvements to your home

Foreign Tax Credit

- Brokerage or other statement showing amount paid and amount of foreign income

Miscellaneous Items:

Information on Household Employees

- Wages paid for the year, including any payroll taxes withheld or paid
- Employee's Social Security Number _____

Advance Child Tax Credit Payment

- Copy of the IRS notice announcing the amount of payment
- Amount of payment received _____

First Time Homebuyer Repayment

- Information on Repayment of First Time Homebuyer Credit, if applicable

Tax Payments:

- Amounts withheld from Forms W2, 1099, etc.
- Quarterly estimated tax payments – Records showing the date paid and amount
- Amount of overpayment from prior year's tax return applied to current year
- If you filed or plan on filing extensions for your tax return – cancelled checks for payments you made with the extension

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