# 2015 TAX AND FINANCIAL PLANNING TABLES 

An overview of important changes, rates, rules
and deadlines to assist your 2015 tax planning

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## WHAT YOU WILL SEE IN THIS BROCHURE

2015 Income Tax Changes
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## THE IMPORTANCE OF TAX PLANNING

Careful planning throughout the year can assist you in reducing the taxes you pay - as well as help you achieve your financial goals. This guide provides an overview of tax rates, credits, deductions and related considerations that may apply to you.

Tax planning should not be done in isolation, but instead should be driven by your overall financial goals and integrated with your total financial plan. By developing and implementing appropriate strategies to lessen or to shift current and future tax liabilities, you can improve your prospects of meeting longand short-term objectives. For example, accurately projecting your income taxes can help you determine the cash flow available to you in the coming year.

Keep in mind that tax laws are often complex and frequently change. As a consequence, you should consult your tax advisor before making investment and tax decisions.

## 2015 INCOME TAX CHANGES

The last minute December 16, 2014, passage of the Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2014 temporarily extended some tax benefits retroactive to the beginning of 2014. Those provisions, most notably the qualified charitable contribution from IRAs for those in RMD status, have once again expired for 2015 and left us in the same predicament as 2014, not knowing exactly how to plan for the year. The biggest changes for 2015 are inflation indexing and a couple of notable clarifications in the code from the IRS including IRA rollovers, aftertax to Roth rollovers and the ABLE Act of 2014.

## IRA ROLLOVERS

Starting in 2015, you can only make one rollover from an IRA in a 12-month period. In the past, individuals would take distributions from separate IRAs and make multiple rollovers with the philosophy being each IRA only had one rollover. The IRS has clarified that all your IRAs are counted as one and only one rollover can occur per 12-month period. However, this is different than trustee to trustee transfers. Those movements of money are still unlimited. The ruling applies to individuals receiving a check in their hand, using the money temporarily and then rolling the money back into the IRA within 60 days.

## AFTER TAX 401(K) TO ROTH IRA

Previously if you wanted to roll your after-tax money in a 401(k) to a Roth IRA, you had to navigate through some very complicated rules that even experts could not always agree upon and then keep your fingers crossed that the IRS would bless the transaction. Now, if you have after-tax dollars in a plan and you are able to take a rollover eligible distribution, you may direct those aftertax dollars to a Roth IRA as a tax-free transaction. There are two critical elements to the distributions. First, you must tell the plan administrator how you are allocating the pre-tax and after-tax dollars beforehand. And second, the transfers must occur at the same time.

## ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE ACT OF 2014 (ABLE)

The ABLE Act amended IRC section 529 to allow states to create 529-ABLE accounts for disabled individuals. Currently, a disabled person who could not meet certain income and asset limits risked having to forfeit eligibility for certain government programs. The only way families could get around these rules was to set up special trusts. Families are able to save money for future expenses in a 529A account without having to give up eligibility for public benefits, as long as the funds are spent toward qualified disability expenses which include
education, housing, employment training and support, health care and financial management.
The aggregate annual contribution limit is $\$ 14,000$ per individual, and total contribution limits vary by state. However, only the first $\$ 100,000$ saved in the account is exempted from the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) \$2,000 limit, and beneficiaries with account values greater than $\$ 100,000$ will not receive any SSI benefits (but will still receive Medicaid).

## AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

The Affordable Care Act, which also is known as Obamacare, is entering its second year. The act mandates that all Americans have health insurance or pay a penalty. The penalty started out relatively small and will steadily increase. The rationale for the penalty increases is that the law was new last year and many people did not understand the new law, so the IRS will give them a break. By 2015, the government thinks people should have had enough time to understand the rules, so the penalty is steeper. The penalties are listed below. After 2017, the minimum tax penalty per person will rise each year with inflation.

| ACA Penalties <br> for Uninsured | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Individuals | Greater than <br> $\$ 95$ or $1 \%$ of <br> income | Greater than <br> $\$ 325$ or $2 \%$ of <br> income | Greater than <br> $\$ 695$ or $2.5 \%$ of <br> income |
| Families | Greater than <br> $\$ 285$ or $1 \%$ of <br> income | Greater than <br> $\$ 975$ or $2 \%$ of <br> income | Greater than <br> $\$ 2,085$ or $2.5 \%$ <br> of income |

Individuals or families who fall below certain income thresholds would be exempt from the penalties and would be subsidized to pay for health insurance costs. On the other hand, to offset the cost of providing insurance to low income households, individuals making more than $\$ 200,000$ a year and couples earning above $\$ 250,000$ will have additional health care taxes deducted as payroll taxes. These individuals also will get hit with a $3.8 \%$ tax on investment income.

## FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT LIMITS

The annual limit on employee contributions to flexible spending accounts is now $\$ 2,550$ for qualified health care expenses. You may carry over $\$ 500$ into 2015 . However, if you carry over $\$ 500$ into 2015, you are disqualified from participating in a health savings account for the entire year.

## 3.8\% SURTAX ON UNEARNED INCOME

The $3.8 \%$ surtax on "unearned income" applies to individuals, trusts and estates. "Unearned income" is defined as investment income such as income from interest, dividends, annuities, royalties, capital gains and other passive income.

Two conditions must be met for the $3.8 \%$ surtax to apply. First, the taxpayer must have investment income, and second, the taxpayer's modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) must exceed the limits below, which are not indexed for inflation:

- \$250,000 for taxpayers filing jointly
- $\$ 125,000$ for taxpayers filing married filing separately
- $\$ 200,000$ for other taxpayers

For purposes of the $3.8 \%$ surtax, the MAGI limitation is simply the taxpayer's adjusted gross income (AGI) plus any excluded net foreign income. In general terms, AGI is the number at the bottom of the first page of a taxpayer's 1040 (line 37).

If those two conditions are met, then the $3.8 \%$ surtax applies to the amount of the investment income, or if smaller, the difference between the taxpayer's MAGI and the limits listed above. For example, if a single taxpayer has $\$ 10,000$ of dividend income and MAGI of $\$ 205,000$, then the $3.8 \%$ surtax applies to $\$ 5,000$. If the same taxpayer had MAGI of $\$ 211,000$, the $3.8 \%$ surtax would apply to $\$ 10,000$.

|  <br> Threshold MAGI | $3.8 \%$ Surtax Applies <br> to the Lesser of: |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Married Filing Jointly <br> $\$ 250,000$ | Investment | MAGI minus <br> Income |
| Married Filing Separately | Investment | MAGI minus <br> Inco <br> $\$ 125,000$ |
| Income | $\$ 125,000$ |  |
| All Others - \$200,000 | Investment | MAGI minus |
| Income | $\$ 200,000$ |  |

The $3.8 \%$ surtax does not apply to distributions from tax-favored retirement plans such as IRAs or qualified plans, although distributions from taxfavored retirement plans may increase a taxpayer's MAGI over the limits discussed above and thereby potentially expose investment income to the $3.8 \%$ surtax. In general terms, the $3.8 \%$ surtax does not apply to active trades or businesses conducted by a sole proprietor, S corporation or partnership, or to the gains and losses on the sale of active trades or businesses. However, working capital is not treated as being part of an active trade or business for purposes of the $3.8 \%$ surtax.

## 0.9\% TAX ON WAGES

An additional $0.9 \%$ Medicare tax will be imposed on wages of employees and on earnings of selfemployed individuals. The $0.9 \%$ Medicare tax will apply to wages and self-employment earnings above the limits below, which are not indexed for inflation:

- $\$ 250,000$ for taxpayers filing jointly
- \$125,000 for taxpayers filing married filing separately
- $\$ 200,000$ for other taxpayers

The $0.9 \%$ Medicare tax applies to employees, but not to employers. For joint filers, the tax applies to the spouses' combined wages. For self-employed individuals, the $0.9 \%$ tax is not deductible.

## ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX

The tax rates for computing the AMT tax have remained the same at $26 \%$ and $28 \%$.

| Filing Status | AMT Exemption 2015 | AMT Exemption <br> Threshold 2015 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Married Filing <br> Jointly and <br> Surviving Spouses | $\$ 83,400.00$ | $\$ 158,900.00$ |
| Single Filers and <br> Head of Household | $\$ 53,600.00$ | $\$ 119,200.00$ |
| Married Filing <br> Separately | $\$ 41,700.00$ | $\$ 79,450.00$ |

## 10\% AGI FLOOR FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES

For taxpayers who itemize their deductions, the 7.5\% AGI floor for the deduction of medical expenses was raised to 10\% in 2013. However, if either the taxpayer or the taxpayer's spouse attains the age of 65 before the end of 2013, 2014, 2015 or 2016, then the $7.5 \% \mathrm{AGI}$ floor will remain in place. For example, a person age 64 in 2014 would have a $10 \%$ AGI floor, and then turn 65 in 2015 and have 7.5\% AGI floor. The treatment of the deduction for medical expenses will not change for AMT purposes.

| Age | AGI Limitation |
| :--- | :---: |
| 64 and under for the year | $10 \%$ |
| 65 or over in 2013-2016 | $7.5 \%$ |

## 2015 TAX RATES

Taxable income is income after all deductions, including either itemized deductions or the standard deductions, and exemptions.

Personal Exemption - \$4,000
Standard Deduction - Single \$6,300; Head of Household \$9,250; Joint \$12,600
Extra deduction if blind or over 65 - Single and Head of Household \$1,550; all others \$1,250

## Single

| Taxable Income | Pay | Percentage on | Of Amount |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Above | Not Over | Tax | Excess | Above |
| $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 9,225.00$ | N/A | $10.00 \%$ | $\$ 0.00$ |
| $\$ 9,225.00$ | $\$ 37,450.00$ | $\$ 922.50$ | $15.00 \%$ | $\$ 9,225.00$ |
| $\$ 37,450.00$ | $\$ 90,750.00$ | $\$ 5,156.25$ | $25.00 \%$ | $\$ 37,450.00$ |
| $\$ 90,750.00$ | $\$ 189,300.00$ | $\$ 18,481.25$ | $28.00 \%$ | $\$ 90,750.00$ |
| $\$ 189,300.00$ | $\$ 411,500.00$ | $\$ 46,075.25$ | $33.00 \%$ | $\$ 189,300.00$ |
| $\$ 411,500.00$ | $\$ 413,200.00$ | $\$ 119,401.25$ | $35.00 \%$ | $\$ 411,500.00$ |
| $\$ 413,200.00$ | $\ldots . . . . . . . . . . . .$. | $\$ 119,996.25$ | $39.60 \%$ | $\$ 413,200.00$ |

## Married Filing Jointly/Surviving Spouse

| Taxable Income |  | Pay | Percentage on | Of Amount |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Above | Not Over | Tax | Excess | Above |
| $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 18,450.00$ | N/A | $10.00 \%$ | $\$ 0.00$ |
| $\$ 18,450.00$ | $\$ 74,900.00$ | $\$ 1,845.00$ | $15.00 \%$ | $\$ 18,450.00$ |
| $\$ 74,900.00$ | $\$ 151,200.00$ | $\$ 10,312.50$ | $25.00 \%$ | $\$ 74,900.00$ |
| $\$ 151,200.00$ | $\$ 230,450.00$ | $\$ 29,387.50$ | $28.00 \%$ | $\$ 151,200.00$ |
| $\$ 230,450.00$ | $\$ 411,500.00$ | $\$ 51,577.50$ | $33.00 \%$ | $\$ 230,450.00$ |
| $\$ 411,500.00$ | $\$ 464,850.00$ | $\$ 111,324.00$ | $35.00 \%$ | $\$ 411,500.00$ |
| $\$ 464,850.00$ | ................$~$ | $\$ 129,996.50$ | $39.60 \%$ | $\$ 464,850.00$ |

## Head of Household

| Taxable Income | Pay | Percentage on | Of Amount |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Above | Not Over | Tax | Excess | Above |
| $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 13,150.00$ | N/A | $10.00 \%$ | $\$ 0.00$ |
| $\$ 13,150.00$ | $\$ 50,200.00$ | $\$ 1,315.00$ | $15.00 \%$ | $\$ 13,150.00$ |
| $\$ 50,200.00$ | $\$ 129,600.00$ | $\$ 6,872.50$ | $25.00 \%$ | $\$ 50,200.00$ |
| $\$ 129,600.00$ | $\$ 209,850.00$ | $\$ 26,722.50$ | $28.00 \%$ | $\$ 129,600.00$ |
| $\$ 209,850.00$ | $\$ 411,500.00$ | $\$ 49,192.50$ | $33.00 \%$ | $\$ 209,850.00$ |
| $\$ 411,500.00$ | $\$ 439,000.00$ | $\$ 115,737.00$ | $35.00 \%$ | $\$ 411,500.00$ |
| $\$ 439,000.00$ | $\ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . .$. | $\$ 125,362.00$ | $39.60 \%$ | $\$ 439,000.00$ |

## Married Filing Separately

| Taxable Income | Pay | Percentage on | Of Amount |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Above | Not Over | Tax | Excess | Above |
| $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 9,225.00$ | N/A | $10.00 \%$ | $\$ 0.00$ |
| $\$ 9,225.00$ | $\$ 37,450.00$ | $\$ 922.50$ | $15.00 \%$ | $\$ 9,225.00$ |
| $\$ 37,450.00$ | $\$ 75,600.00$ | $\$ 5,156.25$ | $25.00 \%$ | $\$ 37,450.00$ |
| $\$ 75,600.00$ | $\$ 115,225.00$ | $\$ 14,693.75$ | $28.00 \%$ | $\$ 75,600.00$ |
| $\$ 115,225.00$ | $\$ 205,750.00$ | $\$ 25,788.75$ | $33.00 \%$ | $\$ 115,225.00$ |
| $\$ 205,750.00$ | $\$ 232,425.00$ | $\$ 55,662.00$ | $35.00 \%$ | $\$ 205,750.00$ |
| $\$ 232,425.00$ | $\ldots . . . . . . . . . . . .$. | $\$ 64,998.25$ | $39.60 \%$ | $\$ 232,425.00$ |

## PHASEOUT OF PERSONAL

EXEMPTIONS ("PEP")

| Filing Status | Threshold | Full Phaseout |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Married Filing Jointly | $\$ 309,900$ | $\$ 432,400$ |
| Head of Household | $\$ 284,050$ | $\$ 406,550$ |
| Single | $\$ 258,250$ | $\$ 380,750$ |
| Married Filing Separately | $\$ 154,950$ | $\$ 216,200$ |

## LIMITATIONS ON ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS ("PEASE LIMITATION")

The Pease limitation does not apply to investment interest expenses, medical expenses, casualty and theft losses, and gambling losses. In addition, the Pease limitation does not apply to estates or trusts. For many taxpayers, the Pease limitation will reduce itemized deductions by $\$ 3,000$ for every $\$ 100,000$ of AGI over the threshold amount. The threshold amounts are now indexed for inflation after 2015.

| Threshold AGI |  | Reduction is Lesser Of: |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |

## QUALIFIED DIVIDEND INCOME

The tax law of 2012 indefinitely extended the favorable long-term capital gains tax rates for "qualified dividends." To qualify, the taxpayer must have held the stock for more than 60 days during the 121-day period beginning 60 days before the ex-dividend date, and the dividend must be paid from a domestic corporation or certain qualified foreign corporations.

As such, taxpayers under the $25 \%$ bracket will have a $0 \%$ qualified dividend tax rate. For taxpayers in the $25 \%$ bracket and up, the maximum qualified dividend tax rate will be $15 \%$. However, for taxpayers whose income falls in the $39.6 \%$ bracket, the maximum rate will be $20 \%$. For these latter high-income taxpayers, the additional 3.8\% surtax discussed above will also apply, raising the effective maximum tax rate to $23.8 \%$.

Dividend income that is not qualified dividend income will be taxed at ordinary income rates.

## LONG-TERM CAPITAL GAINS RATES

Taxpayers below the $25 \%$ bracket will have a $0 \%$ long-term capital gains tax rate. For taxpayers in the $25 \%$ bracket and up, the maximum capital gain tax rate will be $15 \%$. However, for taxpayers whose income falls in the $39.6 \%$ bracket, the maximum rate will be $20 \%$. For these latter high-income taxpayers, the additional $3.8 \%$ surtax discussed above will also apply, raising the effective tax rate to $23.8 \%$.

| Holding Period | Maximum <br> Rate | Effective <br> Maximum Rate <br> with 3.8\% Surtax |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets Held One Year <br> or Less | $39.6 \%$ | $43.4 \%^{*}$ |
| Assets Held More <br> Than One Year and <br> Sold by Individuals in <br> the 39.6\% Bracket | $20.0 \%$ | $23.8 \%^{*}$ |
| Assets Held More Than <br> One Year and Sold <br> by Individuals in the <br> $25 \%$ to 35\% Brackets | $15 \%$ | $18.8 \% * *$ |
| Assets Held More than <br> One Year and Sold by <br> Individuals in the 15\% <br> Bracket or Below | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |

* The additional 3.8\% Medicare surtax will apply to these taxpayers.
** The additional 3.8\% Medicare surtax may apply to these taxpayers.


## EDUCATION

Contribution Amounts to Coverdell: $\$ 2,000$ per beneficiary. This amount is phased out from $\$ 190,000$ to $\$ 220,000$ for married filing jointly, and
\$95,000 to $\$ 110,000$ for single filers.
Gifts to 529 Plan: Gifts can be front loaded up to $\$ 70,000$ (5 years x \$14,000 annual exclusion) and $\$ 140,000$ for married couples who split gifts. Front loading uses the annual gift tax exclusion for the current year and the next four years.

American Opportunity Credit: Up to $100 \%$ of the first $\$ 2,000$, and $25 \%$ of the next $\$ 2,000$, for a total of $\$ 2,500$ maximum credit per eligible student per year, with reduction for MAGI between $\$ 80,000$ and $\$ 90,000$ for single filers, and $\$ 160,000$ and $\$ 180,000$ for joint filers.

Lifetime Learning Credit: Up to $20 \%$ of the first $\$ 10,000$ (per taxpayer) of qualified expenses paid in 2015, with reduction for MAGI from \$55,000 to $\$ 65,000$ for single filers and $\$ 110,000$ to $\$ 130,000$ for joint filers.

Student Loan Interest Deduction: \$2,500 "above-the-line" deduction, with reduction for MAGI from $\$ 65,000$ to $\$ 80,000$ for single filers and $\$ 130,000$ to $\$ 160,000$ for married filing jointly.

Modified AGI - U.S. Savings Bond Interest Exclusion: $\$ 77,200$ to $\$ 92,200$ for single filers and $\$ 115,750$ to $\$ 145,750$ for married filing jointly. Bonds must be titled in the name of the parents only, owner must be age 24 or older at the time of issue, proceeds must be used for qualified postsecondary education expenses of the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse or the taxpayer's dependent.

## NETTING PROCESS

Determine whether you have a net short-term or net long-term capital gain or loss on the sale of stock.

1. Net your short-term gains and short-term losses.
2. Net your long-term gains and long-term losses.
3. Net your short-term gain/loss against long-term gain/loss.
4. For gains, you must pay tax on all gains each year. For losses, you may only deduct up to $\$ 3,000$ of excess losses against ordinary income per year.
5. Carry over any remaining losses to future tax years.

Child Tax Credit

| Year | Tax Credit |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2015 | $\$ 1,000$ per eligible child |

## KIDDIE TAX RULES

The Kiddie Tax rules require the unearned income of a child or young adult be taxed at the greater of the child's or parents' marginal tax bracket once the unearned income exceeds \$2,100. Under the Kiddie Tax rules, the first \$1,050 in unearned income is not subject to tax. The next $\$ 1,050$ of unearned income is taxed at the child's rate. Then, any unearned income of more than $\$ 2,100$ is taxed at the parents' marginal rate. The Kiddie Tax rules apply to unearned income of the following:

- A child under age 18 at the end of each tax year
- An 18-year-old whose earned income does not exceed one-half of his or her support
- A 19- to 23-year-old full-time student whose earned income does not exceed one-half of his or her support


## INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

Generally, traditional IRA contributions are fully deductible unless you or your spouse is covered by a workplace retirement plan, in which case the following deduction phaseouts apply. If neither individual nor spouse is covered by a plan, you can deduct up to \$5,500 each or MAGI, whichever is less.

## Traditional IRA: Deductibility of Contributions

| Status | Modified Adjusted <br> Gross Income | Contribution |
| :--- | ---: | :--- |
|  | $\$ 0-\$ 98,000$ | $\$ 5,500$ Maximum |
|  | More than $\$ 118,000$ | None |
| Single Filers <br> and Head of <br> Household | $\$ 98,000-\$ 118,000$ | Partial |
|  | $\$ 61,000$ | $\$ 5,500$ Maximum |
|  | $\$ 183,000-\$ 193,000$ | Partial |
|  | More than $\$ 71,000$ | None |

* Applies to individuals whose spouses are covered by a workplace plan but who are not covered themselves.


## Roth IRA: Eligibility of Contributions

Contributions made to a Roth IRA are not deductible, unlike contributions made to a traditional IRA, and there is no age restriction on making contributions. An individual may contribute up to $\$ 5,500$ to the Roth IRA, subject to income phaseout limits.

| Status | Modified Adjusted Gross Income | Contribution |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Married <br> Filing <br> Jointly <br> and <br> Surviving <br> Spouses | \$0-\$183,000 | \$5,500 Maximum |
|  | \$183,000-\$193,000 | Partial |
|  | More than \$193,000 | None |
| Single <br> Filers and Head of Household | \$0-\$116,000 | \$5,500 Maximum |
|  | \$116,000-\$131,000 | Partial |
|  | More than \$131,000 | None |

## Catch-Up Contributions

If you have either a traditional or Roth IRA and attain age 50 or older during the tax year, an additional $\$ 1,000$ may be contributed.

IRA \& Roth Contribution

| Maximum contribution | Catch-up contribution |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 5,500$ | $\$ 1,000$ |

## 401(k) Contributions

| Employee maximum <br> deferral contribution | Catch-up contribution if <br> age 50 or older |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 18,000$ | $\$ 6,000$ |

## Simple IRA Contribution

| Employee maximum <br> deferral contribution | Catch-up contribution if <br> age 50 or older |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 12,500$ | $\$ 3,000$ |

Individual annual limit (415 for DC plans): \$53,000
Maximum compensation limit: \$265,000
Key EE limit: \$170,000 for less than $1 \%$ owners or \$1 for more than 5\% owners

HCE limit: \$120,000

## SOCIAL SECURITY

Maximum monthly benefit for an individual who reached full retirement age in 2015 and earned the maximum wage base amount or more for the last 35 years is \$2,663.

## Earnings Test Annual Exempt Amount

For those under full retirement age for the entire year: \$15,720*

For months before reaching full retirement age in the year full retirement age will be reached: $\$ 41,880^{* *}$

Beginning with month reaching full retirement age: No limit
*If your earnings exceed this, then $\$ 1$ of benefits is withheld for every \$2 you earn above \$15,720
**If your earnings exceed this, then $\$ 1$ of benefits is withheld for every $\$ 3$ you earn above $\$ 41,880$

## Taxation Thresholds

|  | Up to $50 \%$ taxed | Up to $85 \%$ taxed |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| MD/Joint | $\$ 32,000-44,000$ | More than $\$ 44,000$ |
| Single | $\$ 25,000-34,000$ | More than $\$ 34,000$ |

Taxable wage base: $\$ 118,500$

ESTATE, GIFT AND GST TAX

| 2015 GST Exemption Equivalent Amount | $\$ 5,430,000$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2015 Annual Exclusion | $\$ 14,000$ |
| 2015 Annual Exclusion Non-Citizen Spouse | $\$ 147,000$ |
| 2015 Exemption Equivalent Amount | $\$ 5,430,000$ |
| 2015 Unified Credit Amount | $\$ 2,117,800$ |
| 2015 Estate Tax Applicable Exclusion Amount | $\$ 5,430,000$ |

## Estate and Gift Tax Rates

| Tax Bracket |  |  | Percentage | Of <br> Amount |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Over | Not Over | Pay | On Excess | A bove |
| \$0 | \$10,000 | \$0 | 18\% | \$0 |
| 10,000 | 20,000 | 1,800 | 20\% | 10,000 |
| 20,000 | 40,000 | 3,800 | 22\% | 20,000 |
| 40,000 | 60,000 | 8,200 | 24\% | 40,000 |
| 60,000 | 80,000 | 13,000 | 26\% | 60,000 |
| 80,000 | 100,000 | 18,200 | 28\% | 80,000 |
| 100,000 | 150,000 | 23,800 | 30\% | 100,000 |
| 150,000 | 250,000 | 38,800 | 32\% | 150,000 |
| 250,000 | 500,000 | 70,800 | 34\% | 250,000 |
| 500,000 | 750,000 | 155,800 | 37\% | 500,000 |
| 750,000 | 1,000,000 | 248,300 | 39\% | 750,000 |
| \$1,000,000 |  | \$345,800 | 40\% | \$1,000,000 |

Trusts and Estates Income Tax Rates

| Taxable Income |  | Pay | Percentage on | Of Amount |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Above | Not Over | Tax | Excess | Above |
| $\$ 0.00$ | $\$ 2,500.00$ | N/A | $15.00 \%$ | $\$ 0.00$ |
| $\$ 2,500.00$ | $\$ 5,900.00$ | $\$ 375.00$ | $25.00 \%$ | $\$ 2,500.00$ |
| $\$ 5,900.00$ | $\$ 9,050.00$ | $\$ 1,225.00$ | $28.00 \%$ | $\$ 5,900.00$ |
| $\$ 9,050.00$ | $\$ 12,300.00$ | $\$ 2,107.00$ | $33.00 \%$ | $\$ 9,050.00$ |
| $\$ 12,300.00$ |  | $\$ 3,179.50$ | $39.60 \%$ | $\$ 12,300.00$ |

## BUSINESS

## Corporate Tax Rates

| Taxable income over | Not over | Tax rate |
| :--- | ---: | :---: |
| $\$ 0$ | $\$ 50,000$ | $15 \%$ |
| 50,000 | 75,000 | $25 \%$ |
| 75,000 | 100,000 | $34 \%$ |
| 100,000 | $10,000,000$ | $34 \%$ |
| 335,000 | $15,000,000$ | $35 \%$ |
| $10,000,000$ | $18,333,333$ | $38 \%$ |
| $15,000,000$ | $\ldots \ldots \ldots .$. | $35 \%$ |
| $18,333,333$ |  | $35 \%$ |

## Corporate Dividend Exclusion

Corporations are eligible for a $70 \%$ divi-dends-received deduction for dividends received from domestic corporations whose stock was held for more than 45 days.

## Standard Mileage Rate

Standard mileage rate: . 575 cents per mile for business miles.

TAXABLE YIELD EQUIVALENTS

| Tax <br> Exempt <br> Yields | $15 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $39.6 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4.00 | 4.71 | 5.56 | 5.80 | 6.25 | 6.62 |
| 4.50 | 5.29 | 6.25 | 6.52 | 7.03 | 7.45 |
| 5.00 | 5.88 | 6.94 | 7.25 | 7.81 | 8.28 |
| 5.50 | 6.47 | 7.64 | 7.97 | 8.59 | 9.11 |
| 6.00 | 7.06 | 8.33 | 8.70 | 9.38 | 9.93 |
| 6.50 | 7.65 | 9.03 | 9.42 | 10.16 | 10.76 |
| 7.00 | 8.24 | 9.72 | 10.14 | 10.94 | 11.59 |
| 7.50 | 8.82 | 10.42 | 10.87 | 11.72 | 12.42 |
| 8.00 | 9.41 | 11.11 | 11.59 | 12.50 | 13.25 |

## UNIFORM LIFETIME TABLE

For the majority of IRA participants, the following table is used for determining a participant's required minimum distributions (RMDs). There is an exception when a spousal beneficiary is more than 10 years younger than the participant and is the sole beneficiary on January 1. In this case, a different table is used.

To calculate your RMD, first find the age you will turn in 2015 and the corresponding applicable divisor. Then divide the prior year-end balance of your IRA account by the divisor. The resulting number is the dollar figure you will need to remove from your IRA to meet your RMD for the current year.

For example, if you are now 82 , your applicable divisor is 17.1. If the balance in your IRA as of December 31 of last year was $\$ 235,000$, divide that amount by 17.1 . The result is $\$ 13,742.69$. This is the amount of your RMD for the current year.

| Age | Applicable <br> Divisor | Age | Applicable <br> Divisor | Age | Applicable <br> Divisor |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 70 | 27.4 | 86 | 14.1 | 102 | 5.5 |
| 71 | 26.5 | 87 | 13.4 | 103 | 5.2 |
| 72 | 25.6 | 88 | 12.7 | 104 | 4.9 |
| 73 | 24.7 | 89 | 12 | 105 | 4.5 |
| 74 | 23.8 | 90 | 11.4 | 106 | 4.2 |
| 75 | 22.9 | 91 | 10.8 | 107 | 3.9 |
| 76 | 22 | 92 | 10.2 | 108 | 3.7 |
| 77 | 21.2 | 93 | 9.6 | 109 | 3.4 |
| 78 | 20.3 | 94 | 9.1 | 110 | 3.1 |
| 79 | 19.5 | 95 | 8.6 | 111 | 2.9 |
| 80 | 18.7 | 96 | 8.1 | 112 | 2.6 |
| 81 | 17.9 | 97 | 7.6 | 113 | 2.4 |
| 82 | 17.1 | 98 | 7.1 | 114 | 2.1 |
| 83 | 16.3 | 99 | 6.7 | 115 |  |
| 84 | 15.5 | 100 | 6.3 | and over 1.9 |  |
| 85 | 14.8 | 101 | 5.9 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

## PRESENT VALUE OF A LUMP SUM

What if you know you will need $\$ 10,000$ accumulated 10 years from now? How much money do you need to invest today at an average interest rate of $8 \%$ to obtain your goal? Looking at the table below, go to 10 years and then across to $8 \%$. You see that $\$ 0.463$ invested today at $8 \%$ should yield $\$ 1$ in 10 years. Since you want $\$ 10,000$, multiply $\$ 0.463$ by $\$ 10,000$ to arrive at $\$ 4,630$.

| Years | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10 | .614 | .558 | .463 | .386 | .322 |
| 20 | .377 | .312 | .215 | .149 | .104 |
| 30 | .231 | .174 | .099 | .057 | .033 |
| 40 | .142 | .097 | .046 | .022 | .011 |

## FUTURE VALUE OF A LUMP SUM

If you invest $\$ 10,000$ at an interest rate of $8 \%$, how much will your investment be worth in 10 years? By referring to the table, you find that $\$ 1$ invested today at $8 \%$ would grow to $\$ 2.159$ in 10 years. Since you invested $\$ 10,000$, multiply $\$ 2.159$ by $\$ 10,000$, giving you $\$ 21,590$.

| Years | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10 | 1.629 | 1.791 | 2.159 | 2.594 | 3.106 |
| 20 | 2.653 | 3.207 | 4.661 | 6.727 | 9.646 |
| 30 | 4.322 | 5.743 | 10.063 | 17.449 | 29.960 |
| 40 | 7.040 | 10.286 | 21.725 | 45.259 | 93.051 |

## PRESENT VALUE OF A SERIES OF ANNUAL PAYMENTS

How much money would you need to invest today at an interest rate of $8 \%$ to provide $\$ 10,000$ per year for 10 years? Looking at the chart below, to receive $\$ 1$ per year for 10 years at $8 \%$, you would need to invest $\$ 6.710$. Multiply that figure by $\$ 10,000$ to get $\$ 67,100$, the amount which you would need to invest.

| Years | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10 | 7.722 | 7.360 | 6.710 | 6.145 | 5.650 |
| 20 | 12.462 | 11.470 | 9.818 | 8.514 | 7.469 |
| 30 | 15.372 | 13.765 | 11.258 | 9.427 | 8.055 |
| 40 | 17.159 | 15.046 | 11.925 | 9.779 | 8.244 |

## FUTURE VALUE OF A SERIES OF ANNUAL PAYMENTS

If you deposit $\$ 5,000$ in an annuity at the end of each year for 10 years at an $8 \%$ interest rate, you would have $\$ 72,435$ ( $\$ 5,000 \times \$ 14.487$ ) in your account at the end of the 10th year.

| Years | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10 | 12.578 | 13.181 | 14.487 | 15.937 | 17.549 |
| 20 | 33.066 | 36.786 | 45.762 | 57.275 | 72.052 |
| 30 | 66.439 | 79.058 | 113.283 | 164.494 | 241.333 |
| 40 | 120.800 | 154.762 | 259.057 | 442.593 | 767.091 |

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Quarterly taxes due:
January 15, April 15, June 15, September 15
Corporate return deadline:
March 16 for calendar year filers
RMD deadline:
April 1, 2016, for those turning $701 / 2$ in 2015,
December 31 thereafter.
Tax deadline:
April 15, 2015, for 2014 returns;
October 15, 2015, for extension
SIMPLE IRA establishment:
October 1, 2015
QP establishment:
December 31, 2015
Last day to recharacterize a Roth conversion if you filed your taxes timely: October 15, 2015

Double-down deadline: November 27, 2015 (market closes early)

Last date for conversion, RMD, lock in gains/ losses, make contributions to 529 plans, gift:
December 31, 2015

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