

EVERYBODY IS TALKING ABOUT THE 2018 TAX CHANGES, BUT WHAT JUST CHANGED FOR 2017?

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Everyone is being inundated with discussions on the new 2018 tax laws. However, 2017 tax returns are currently being prepared, and last week legislation was passed that changed the rules for these returns.

On February 9, 2018, President Trump signed the Bi-Partisan Budget Act into law. Contained in this act were several 2017 tax extenders. The following items were set to expire at the end of 2016 but have now been retroactively extended until the end of 2017:

Individual Extender Provisions

- Exclusion from gross income of discharge of qualified principal residence indebtedness
- Mortgage insurance premiums treated as qualified residence interest
- Above the line deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses

Business Extender Provisions

- Indian Employment Credit
- 7-year write off for Motorsport Racing track facilities
- Expensing election for costs of film and TV production
- Domestic production activities deduction rules for Puerto Rico
- Alternative tax rate for Corporation timber gains
- Empowerment zone tax breaks

Energy Extender Provisions

- Nonbusiness energy property credit
- Residential energy-efficient property credit
- Credit for fuel cell vehicles
- Alternative fuel vehicle refueling property credit
- Credit for 2-wheeled plug-in electric vehicles
- Second generation biofuel producer credit
- Biodiesel and renewable diesel tax credit
- Production credit for Indian coal facilities
- Renewable electricity production credit
- New energy efficient home credit

Miscellaneous Other Business Provisions

- Railroad track maintenance credit
- Mine rescue team training credit
- 3-year depreciation for business property on an Indian reservation
- American Samoa economic development credit
- 3-year depreciation for race horses two years old or younger



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