

Income-Related Deductions: Maximize Your Savings

W-2 Income

- Verify withholding details to ensure you're not overpaying taxes.
- Explore state-specific deductions that could apply to your W-2 income.
- **Pro Tip:** Did you know some states allow you to deduct work-related expenses like uniforms or professional dues?

Self-Employment Income

- Deduct business expenses like office supplies, equipment, and travel (see our **Business Deductions** section for more details).
- Claim health insurance premiums if you're self-employed.
- Don't forget to deduct half of the self-employment taxes you paid!
- **Pro Tip:** Keep detailed records of every expense to ensure you don't miss out on valuable deductions.

Investment Income

- Deduct broker fees, account management fees, and investment advisory costs.
- Claim margin loan interest for investments to reduce taxable income.
- **Pro Tip:** Even small fees associated with investment accounts can add up. Make sure you track them!

Rental Property Income

- Deduct mortgage interest, property taxes, and depreciation.
- Claim expenses for property maintenance, advertising, and insurance.
- Travel expenses for managing rental properties can also be deducted.
- **Pro Tip:** Use a mileage tracker app to record travel related to your rental properties.

Learn More & Take Action

- Not sure what deductions you qualify for?

 Schedule Your Appointment Today to let us help you maximize your tax benefits.
- Explore IRS Resources:
 - IRS Guide for Self-Employed Individuals.
 - o IRS Publication 527: Residential Rental Property.
- Download Your Checklist:

Access our <u>Comprehensive Tax Deduction Checklist</u> for individuals and businesses to simplify your tax preparation process.

Why Work with Us?

- Personalized tax strategies tailored to your financial needs.
- Expert guidance to ensure every eligible deduction is captured.
- Peace of mind knowing you're maximizing your tax savings.
- "Don't leave money on the table—schedule your appointment today!"



Tax Deduction Checklist for Individuals & Businesses

For Individuals

1. Income Adjustments

- Retirement Contributions:
 - IRA Contributions
 - o 401(k) Contributions
 - o Roth IRA Contributions
- Health Savings Account (HSA) Contributions:
 - Contribution limits for 2024: \$3,850 for individuals, \$7,750 for families (+\$1,000 catch-up for 55+)
- Student Loan Interest:
 - o Up to \$2,500, subject to income limits
- Tuition and Fees:
 - Eligible for higher education expenses
- Educator Expenses:
 - o Up to \$300 for classroom supplies
- Self-Employment Tax:
 - o Deductible up to 50%
- Alimony Paid:
 - For agreements finalized before 2019
- Moving Expenses:
 - Only for active-duty military

2. Itemized Deductions

- Medical and Dental Expenses:
 - o Deductible if they exceed 7.5% of AGI
 - Includes prescription medications, doctor visits, medical equipment, and long-term care premiums
- Taxes Paid:
 - State and local income taxes
 - Property taxes (up to \$10,000 SALT cap, including sales tax)
 - Real estate taxes
 - Personal property taxes
- Interest Paid:
 - Mortgage interest
 - o Points paid on a mortgage
 - Investment interest

• Charitable Contributions:

- Cash donations
- Non-cash donations (e.g., clothing, household items)
- o Mileage for charitable work (\$0.14 per mile in 2024)
- Casualty and Theft Losses:
 - o Only in federally declared disaster areas
- **Miscellaneous Deductions** (subject to 2% AGI floor):
 - Unreimbursed employee expenses (e.g., uniforms, travel)
 - Tax preparation fees
 - o Investment expenses

3. Tax Credits

- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- Child Tax Credit:
 - o Up to \$2,000 per qualifying child
- Child and Dependent Care Credit
- Education Credits:
 - American Opportunity Credit (up to \$2,500 per student)
 - Lifetime Learning Credit (up to \$2,000 per return)
- Retirement Savings Contributions Credit (Saver's Credit)
- Adoption Credit
- Residential Energy Credits:
 - For solar panels, energy-efficient windows, etc.



For Businesses

1. Operating Expenses

- Rent or Lease Payments:
 - o Office space
 - o Equipment rental
- Utilities:
 - Electricity
 - o Water
 - o Internet and phone services
- Office Supplies:
 - o Consumables (e.g., paper, pens)
 - Software and subscriptions
- Insurance:
 - o Business liability insurance
 - o Workers' compensation
 - o Health insurance for employees

2. Employee Expenses

- Salaries and Wages
- Employee Benefits:
 - Health insurance
 - o Retirement plans
- Payroll Taxes
- Training and Education

3. Professional Services

- Legal Fees
- Accounting and Bookkeeping Fees
- Consulting Fees

4. Travel and Entertainment

- Business Travel:
 - Airfare
 - Hotel accommodations
 - o Meals (50% limit)
- Vehicle Expenses:
 - o Mileage (\$0.655 per mile for 2024)
 - Gas and maintenance

• Entertainment:

 Subject to 50% limit for business purposes

5. Depreciation and Amortization

- Depreciation of Business Assets:
 - o Machinery, equipment, and buildings
- Amortization of Intangible Assets:
 - Patents and trademarks

6. Home Office Deduction

- Direct Expenses:
 - o Office furniture
 - o Office supplies
- Indirect Expenses:
 - o Mortgage interest
 - Utilities
 - o Home insurance

7. Other Deductions

- Advertising and Marketing:
 - o Online ads, print media, promotional materials
- Interest on Business Loans
- Bad Debts:
 - Unrecoverable amounts from customers
- Business Licenses and Permits
- Bank Fees and Charges

8. Tax Credits

- Research and Development Credit
- Work Opportunity Credit
- Small Employer Health Insurance Premiums Credit
- Energy Efficiency Credits