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Course Description

The Tax Cuts & Jobs Act ("TCJA") was approved by Congress on December 20, 2017, and signed by President Trump on December 22, 2017. The Act impacts virtually every individual and business in a way not seen in over 30 years. With most provisions effective 2018 and later, it lowers the individual and corporate tax rates, repeals numerous tax credits and deductions, enhances the child tax credit, boosts business expensing, and impacts the Affordable Care Act (ACA) by effectively repealing the individual mandate.

This course is an overview providing reference to selected individual, education, business, retirement, insurance, international and estate tax provisions enacted or indexed for inflation by the TCJA. The resulting major tax changes carry special meaning to the tax practitioner and return

preparer. The course is intended to be a resource for tax professionals and staff alike to gain easy access to the most important major changes enacted by TCJA.

Program Delivery Method: Self-Study (NASBA QAS Self-Study/interactive)

Subject Codes/Field of Study

NASBA (CPA): Taxes.

IRS (EA, OTRP): Federal Tax Law Update

NAPFA: Taxes

Course Level, Prerequisites, and Advance Preparation Requirements

Program Level: NASBA/CPA, IRS: Overview.

This program is appropriate for professionals at all organizational levels.

Prerequisites: General understanding of federal income taxation.

Advance Preparation: None

Course Content

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Final exam (online): Twenty questions (multiple-choice).

Instructions for taking this course

Note: Downloading the PDF of this course will enable Bookmarks for easier navigation (on the left side of the document window, open the bookmarks pane).

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A passing grade of at least 70% is required on the final exam for this course. You may retake the exam if you do not pass it on the first attempt (no charge).

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Learning Objectives

As a result of studying the assigned materials, you should be able to meet the objectives listed below.

ASSIGNMENT

At the start of the materials, participants should identify the following topics for study:

- * Tax bracket modifications and changes
- * Individual & business tax credits, deductions & exclusions
- * Education incentives
- * Saving, pensions, and retirement
- * Corporate & small business taxation
- * Insurance provisions
- * Compensation restrictions
- * International provisions
- * Exempt organization taxation

Learning Objectives

After reading the materials, participants will be able to:

- 1. Apply changes imposed by the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act (TCJA) relating to individual income taxes by identifying:
 - a. modifications to tax rates & the personal exemption,
 - b. AMT exemptions,
 - c. changes to the child tax credit,
 - d. new educational incentives & student loan discharge rules,
 - e. Mortgage interest & suspended deduction provisions, and
 - f. Alimony & estate taxation changes.
- Point out key TCJA business provisions, including new corporate tax rates, expanded §179 expensing, denial of certain entertainment expenses, and business credits.
- 3. Recognize TCJA changes to:
 - a. insurance taxation,
 - b. tax treatment of excess of compensation,
 - c. deferred foreign income provisions, and
 - d. exempt organization and international taxation.

After studying the materials, answer the exam questions 1 to 20.

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