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Course Information

Course Title: Auto Rules #492219

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CPA 2 (All states)

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Course Description

Operating costs for vehicles used in the course of a taxpayer's business are deductible. Thus, when taxpayers use their vehicles in their businesses or employment, they can deduct that portion of the cost of operating their vehicle. Such costs that can be deducted are property taxes that are paid on their vehicle if deductions are itemized on Schedule A. This mini-course reviews apportionment of personal and business use, the actual cost method and the standard mileage method, and expensing. Moreover, this presentation informs practitioners about topics such as the benefits and costs of leasing versus owning, and working condition fringe benefits.

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

Subject Codes/Field of Study

NASBA (CPA)Taxes; IRS (EA, OTRP): Federal Tax Law.

Course Level, Prerequisites, and Advance Preparation Requirements

Program Level: Overview.

This program is appropriate for professionals at all organizational levels.

Prerequisites: Basic familiarity with federal taxation

Advance Preparation: None

Course Content

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

Instructions for taking this course

You must complete this course within one year of the date of purchase (if you do not complete the course within one year, contact us to determine whether an updated edition of the course is available, in which case we will provide you with a PDF of the updated course and the online exam at no charge).

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).

Complete the course by following the learning objectives listed on the following page, studying the text, and studying the review questions at the end of each major section (or at the end of the course). Once you have completed studying the course and you are confident that the learning objectives have been met, answer the final exam questions (online).

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Learning Assignment & 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:

- * Apportionment of personal & business use
- * Deduction limitations using the actual cost method
- * Expensing §179
- * Predominate business use rule
- * Auto leasing
- * Standard mileage method
- * Auto trade-in vs. sale
- * Employer-provided automobile
- * Nonpersonal use vehicle
- * Reporting of an employer-provided automobile

Learning Objectives

After reading the materials, participants will be able to:

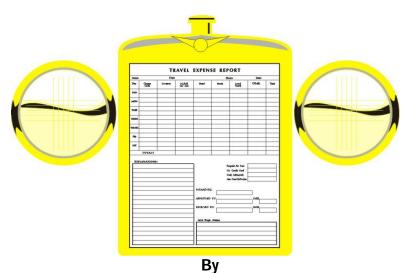
- 1. Recognize tax vehicle depreciation (§168) and expensing (§179) methods including their requirements and limitations under MACRS and recognize basis, business use and deduction computations.
- 2. Specify the predominate business use rule recognizing the result of less than 50% qualified business use, cite the pros and cons of auto leasing and determine how to estimate monthly lease payments indicating what factors affect payments so clients may recognize leasing costs and know common leasing terms.
- **3.** Identify items included under the standard mileage method recognizing items that may be separately deducted, determine the taxable fringe benefit value of an employer provided automobile using the general and special valuation methods and specify several qualified nonpersonal use vehicles stating what reporting standards apply.

After studying the materials, answer the exam questions 1 to 10.

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