



Tax Cutting Checklist

Below is a checklist of tax deductions that are often overlooked or missed. Some of the deductions listed below have caps, speak with your [tax professional](#) for more information.

Business Deductions

- Allowable amount of transportation and parking benefits provided to employees.
- Business use of your car, actual expenses or mileage.
- Gifts of a nominal value to clients and customers.
- Option to expense a certain amount of equipment purchased each year.
- Yearend bonuses to employees.

Home Deductions

- Exclusion of up to \$250,000 of profit in a home sale for singles; up to \$500,000 for marrieds.
- Home improvements done for medical reasons, such as elevators, spas, swimming pools (to extent property value isn't increased).
- Home-office expenses (strict requirements – get the specific rules).
- Mortgage points paid on new home loans

Investment Deductions

- Fees for investment advice.
- Retirement account fees, if paid separately.
- Worthless investments.

Other Deductions

- Alimony is deductible; child support is not.
- Casualty and theft losses.
- Earned income credit for low-income workers.
- Gambling losses up to the amount of winnings.
- Medical expenses of a parent for whom you provide over 50% support.
- Retirement plan contributions if you qualify.

Work Deductions

- Child care costs while you work or go to school.
- Employment agency fees.
- Job counseling fees.
- Job hunting travel and telephone expenses.
- Job related moving expenses.
- Job skill improvement classes, including travel to them.
- Professional journals.
- Resume preparation costs.
- Small tools used at work.
- Special clothing worn on the job.
- Union or professional association dues.



✚ Additional Deductions to Consider

- To deduct disaster loss in year of disaster or prior year.
- To elect S corporation status for your closely held corporation.
- To file joint or separate returns (especially where one spouse has large medical expenses).
- To forego the net operating loss carryback.