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Tax Cuts and Jobs Act What Do I Need to Know?

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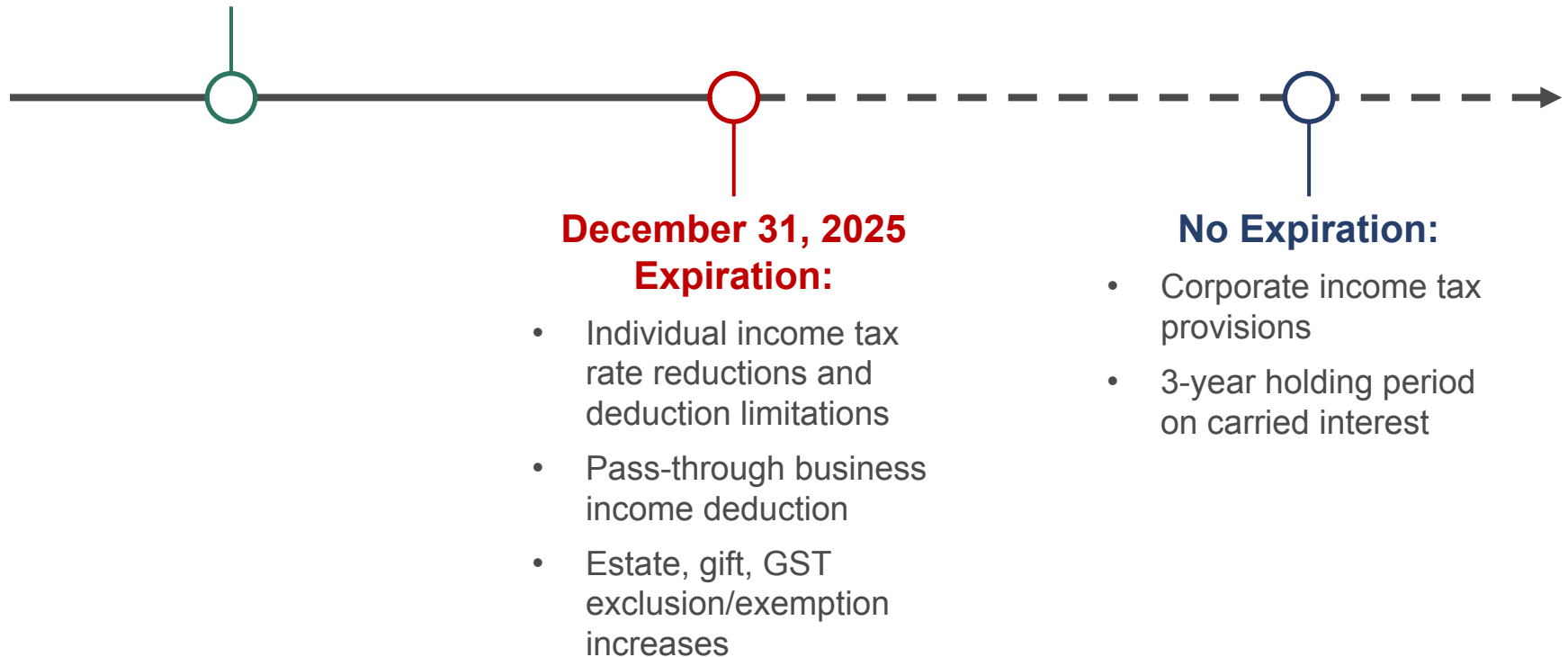
Summary

Permanent Law v. Temporary Law

PROVISION SUNSET DATES

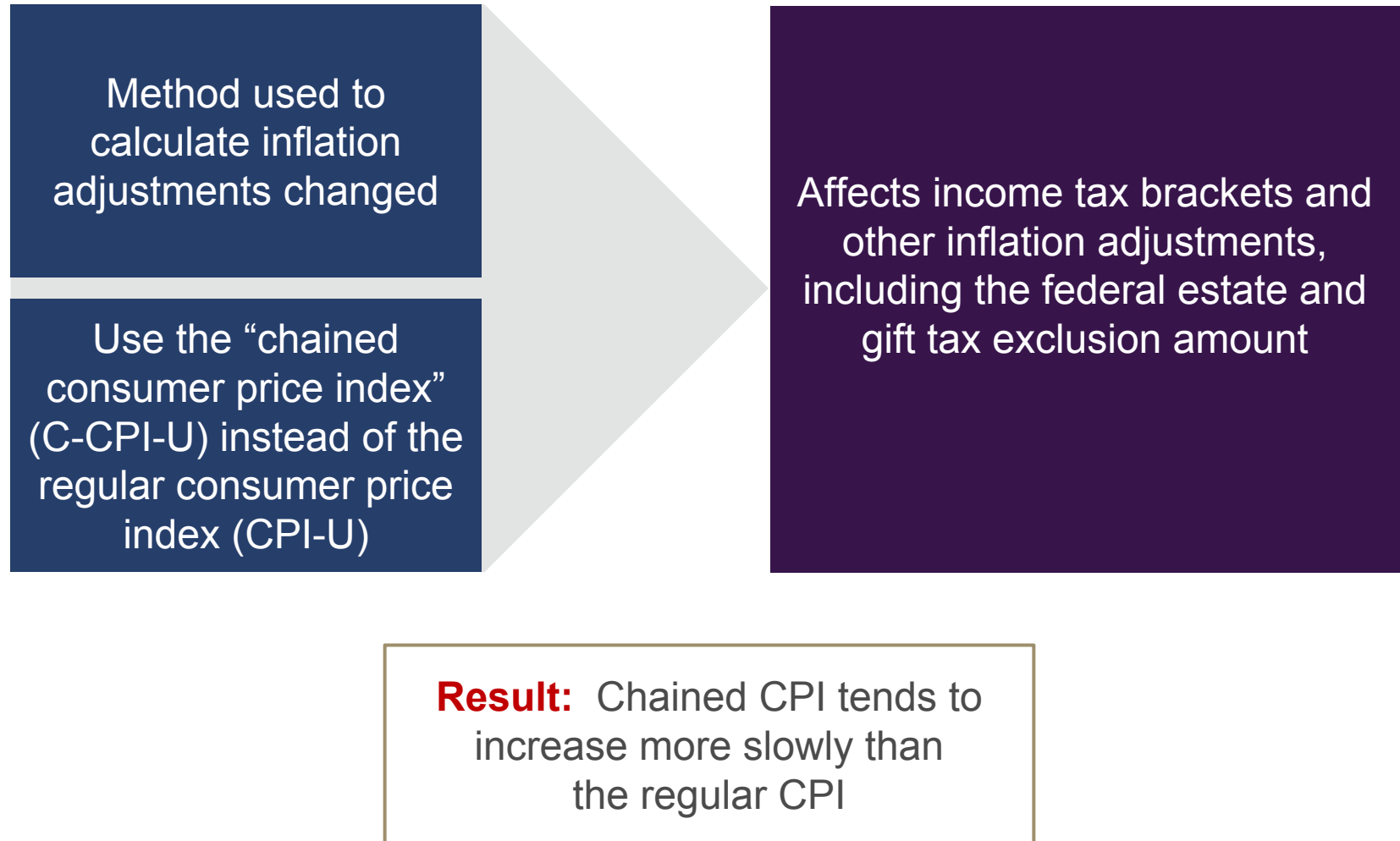
Effective date for
many Tax Cuts and
Jobs Act provisions

January 1, 2018



Chained Consumer Price Index (C-CPI-U)

SLOWER RATE OF INFLATION



Tax Cuts and Jobs Act¹

HIGHLIGHTS COMPARED TO PRIOR LAW

| Tax Item | Prior Law | Tax Cuts and Jobs Act ^{1,2} |
|---|--|--|
| Corporate Tax Rate | Top rate of 35% | Top rate of 21% ³ |
| Partnership & Other Pass-Through Entities | Taxed at individual rates | Taxed at individual rates but allowed a 20% deduction ⁴ |
| Individual Ordinary Income Tax Rate | 7 brackets: 10%-39.6% | 7 brackets: 10%-37% ⁵ |
| Long-Term Capital Gains & Qualified Dividends | 3 brackets: 0%/15%/20% (+ 3.8% NIIT) | Unchanged ⁶ |
| Taxable Interest Income & Short-Term Capital Gains | Taxed as ordinary income | Unchanged ⁶ |
| Carried Interest | Taxed at capital gains rates | Unchanged but must hold investment for more than 3 years ⁷ |
| AMT | Imposes minimum tax | Corporate AMT repealed ⁸ Individual AMT remains ⁸ |
| Standard Deduction | Single: \$6,500 (2018) Joint: \$13,000 (2018) | Single: \$12,000 (2018) ⁹ Joint: \$24,000 (2018) ⁹ |
| Itemized Deductions | Various | Eliminate all deductions except for mortgage interest, state & local taxes, medical expenses, investment interest expense and charitable contributions ¹⁰ |
| Estate / Gift / GST Tax | Top rate: 40% Exemption: \$5,600,000 (2018) | Top rate: 40% Exemption: \$11,200,000 (2018) ¹¹ |

¹ Source: <https://www.congress.gov/115/bills/hr1/BILLS-115hr1eas2.pdf>. The official name of the bill was changed prior to the final vote but is known as the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act."

² Corporate tax rate is permanent, but most provisions related to pass-through income, individuals and estates sunset at the end of 2025.

³ IRC § 11, 13001

⁴ IRC § 1, 199A, 11001

⁵ IRC § 1, 11001

⁶ IRC § 1, 1222, 11001

⁷ IRC § 83, 1061

⁸ IRC § 55, 12001, 12003

⁹ IRC § 63, 11021

¹⁰ IRC § 11027 (medical expenses), 11023 (charitable contributions), 11042 (SALT), 11043 (mortgage interest).

¹¹ IRC § 2001, 11061

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act¹

TOP CHANGES

Corporate

- 21% tax rate & permanent
- Automatic expensing
- Interest deduction limitation

International

- Repatriation
- Territorial system
- Base Erosion Anti-abuse Tax (BEAT)

Pass-Through

- 20% qualified business income deduction
- Decoupled from individual
- Higher than corporate rate

Individual

- Lower rates
- Fewer itemized deductions
- Higher standard deduction

Estate

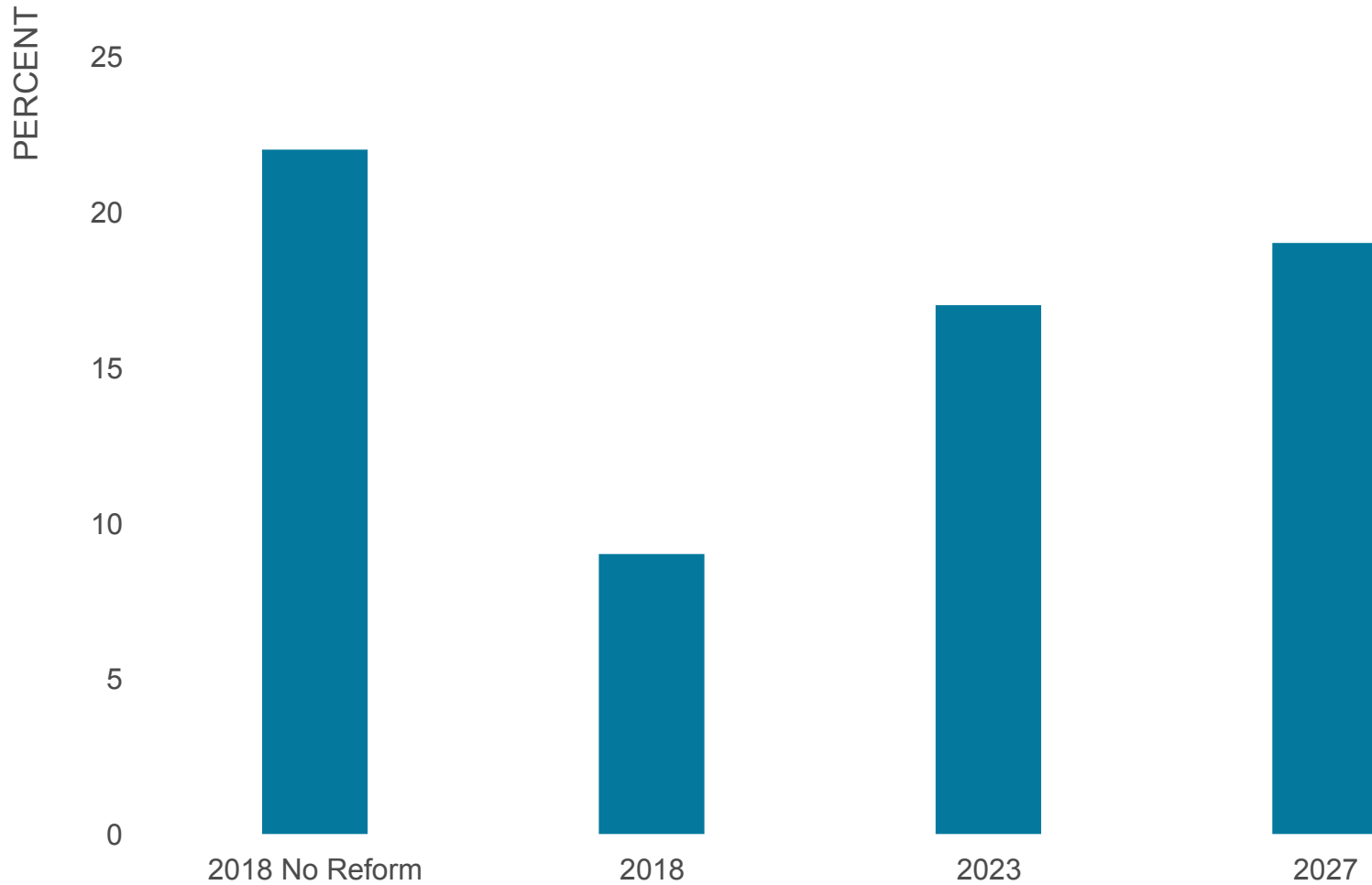
- Doubling of exemption
- Temporary – clawback?

Corporate



The Benefits of the Tax Bill are Front-Loaded

EXPECTED AVG EFFECTIVE TAX RATE FOR THE US CORPORATE SECTOR



Elimination of Business Entertainment Expenses

RETENTION OF DEDUCTION FOR BUSINESS-RELATED MEALS

Prior Law

Taxpayers can generally deduct 50% of expenses for business-related meals and entertainment

Meals provided to an employee for the convenience of the employer on the employer's business premises are 100% deductible by the employer and tax-free to the recipient employee

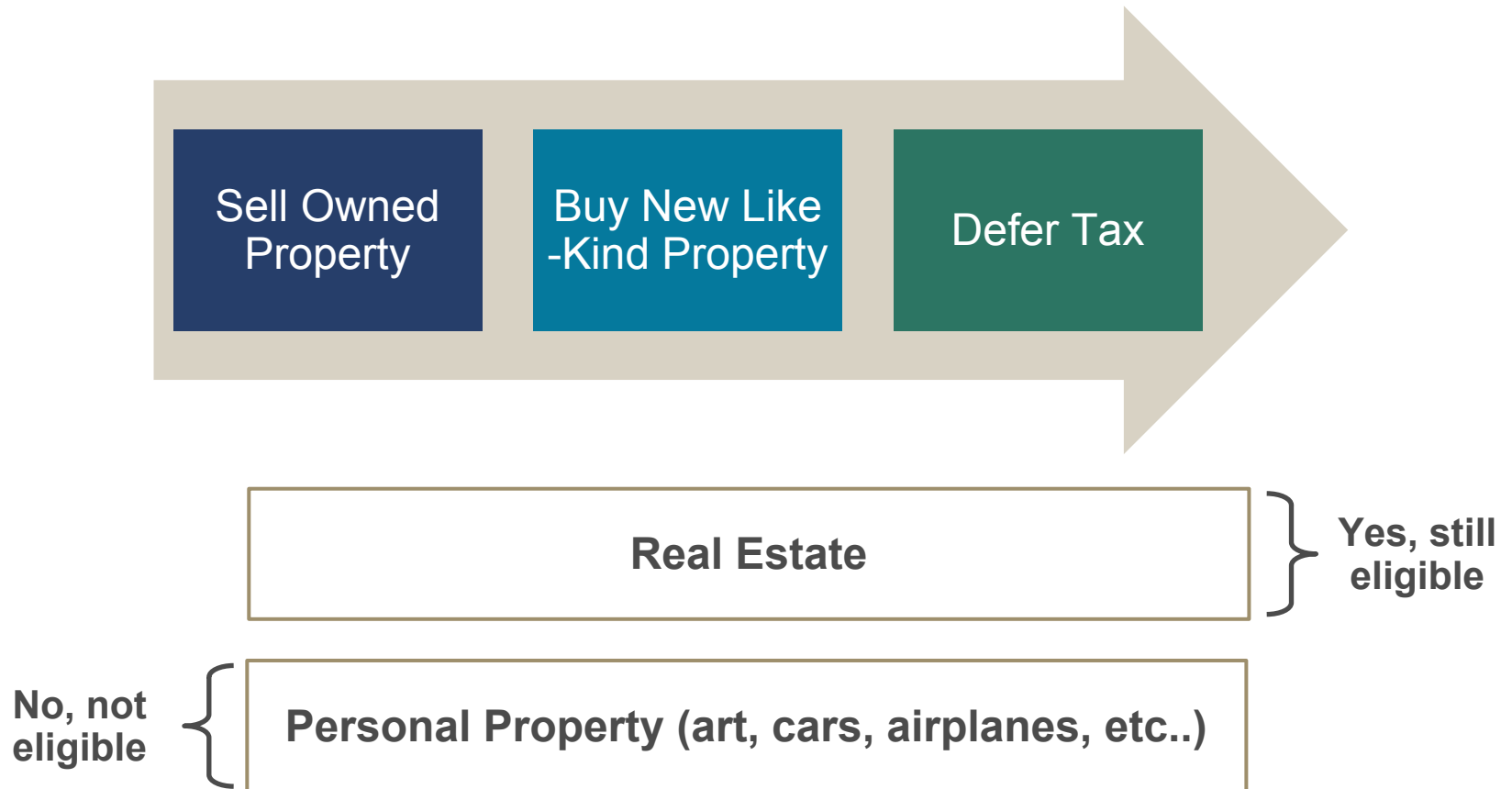
New Law

For amounts paid or incurred after Dec. 31, 2017, deductions for business-related entertainment expenses are completely disallowed

Deduction for 50% of meal expenses associated with operating a business is generally retained

1031 Like-Kind Exchanges

EXCHANGE PROPERTY FOR SIMILAR PROPERTY ON TAX-DEFERRED BASIS



Pass-Thru

Income From Pass Through Entities

DEDUCTION FOR QUALIFIED BUSINESS INCOME

Deduction equals **LESSER** of:

1. Qualified Business Income x 20% or
2. Net Income x 20%

OR if taxable income exceeds the “**Phase-Out**”:

3. The **GREATER** of:

- W-2 wages x 50%
- W-2 wages x 25% + 2.5% of property’s unadjusted basis

Phase-Out:

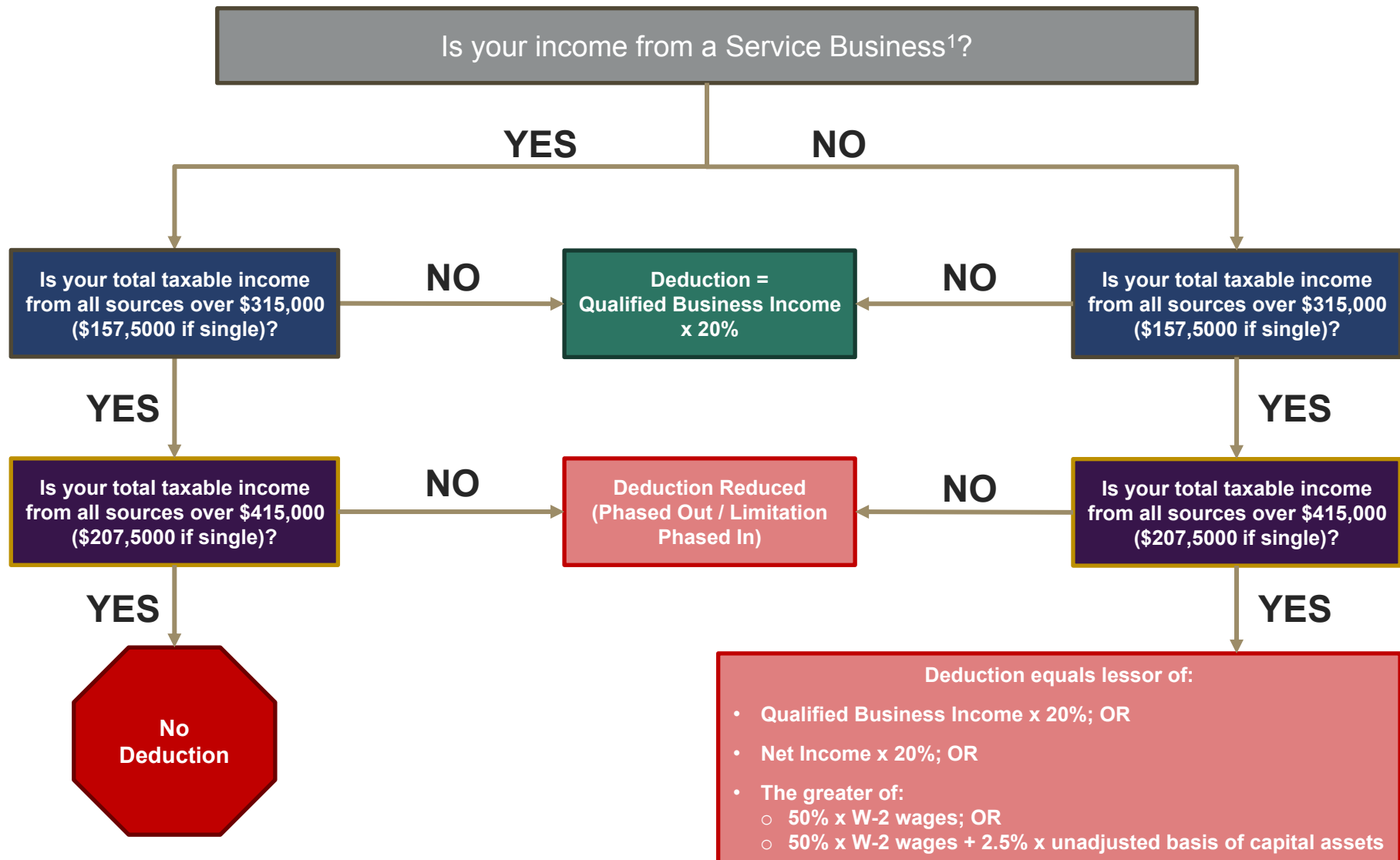
- Single: \$157,000-207,000+
- MFJ: \$315,000-415,000+

EXCEPT, specified services business owners can’t take any deduction after Phase-Out

IT’S THE OPPOSITE OF “SIMPLIFICATION”

Do You Get a Deduction for Your Pass-Thru Income?

DEDUCTION FOR QUALIFIED BUSINESS INCOME



QBI Deduction

EXAMPLE

Fred and Margie are partners in a Barracks Real Estate LLP, \$600,000 of Pass-Through income. \$75,000 of earnings, itemized deductions of \$50,000 (\$10,000 of state income and real estate tax). Barracks has \$100,000 of wages and \$3 million in assets.

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Net Pass-Thru Income | \$600,000 |
| Earnings (not pass-thru) | \$ 75,000 |
| AGI | \$675,000 |
| Itemized Deductions | <u>(50,000)</u> |
| Taxable income | \$625,000 |
| QBI — Deduction | \$100,000 |

QBI deduction = Lesser of:

(1) 20% net pass-thru income: **\$120,000**

(2) 20% of taxable income: **\$125,000** or

(3) Greater of:

— 50% of wages: **\$50,000** or

— \$25% of W-2 (\$25,000) + 2.5% of unadjusted cost basis (\$75,000):
\$100,000

QBI Deduction

EXAMPLE

| Example Of Wage Limit | |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| QBI | \$800,000 |
| Deduction 20% | (\$160,000) |
| | |
| Wages W-2 | \$250,000 |
| 50% | (\$125,000) |
| | |
| QBI | \$800,000 |
| 199A | \$125,000 |
| Taxable Bus Income | \$675,000 |
| | |
| Tax 37% | \$249,750 |
| Effective rate | 31.2% |

Individual

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act¹

INDIVIDUAL ORDINARY INCOME TAX TABLES – NEW VERSUS OLD

| TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT ^{1, 2, 3} | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Rate | Single (no children) | Head of Household | Married Filing Separately | Married Filing Jointly |
| 10% | \$0 - \$9,525 | \$0 - \$13,600 | \$0 - \$9,525 | \$0 - \$19,050 |
| 12% | \$9,525 - \$38,700 | \$13,600 - \$51,800 | \$9,525 - \$38,700 | \$19,050 - \$77,400 |
| 22% | \$38,700 - \$82,500 | \$51,800 - \$82,500 | \$38,700 - \$82,500 | \$77,400 - \$165,000 |
| 24% | \$82,500 - \$157,500 | \$82,500 - \$157,500 | \$82,500 - \$157,500 | \$165,000 - \$315,000 |
| 32% | \$157,500 - \$200,000 | \$157,500 - \$200,000 | \$157,500 - \$200,000 | \$315,000 - \$400,000 |
| 35% | \$200,000 - \$500,000 | \$200,000 - \$500,000 | \$200,000 - \$300,000 | \$400,000 - \$600,000 |
| 37% | \$500,000+ | \$500,000+ | \$300,000+ | \$600,000+ |

¹ The official name of the bill was changed prior to the final vote but is known as the “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.”

² Tax brackets listed here are scheduled to sunset at the end of 2025 and revert back to current law in 2026.

³ IRC § 1, 11001

| PRIOR LAW | | | | |
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| 15% | \$9,525 - \$38,700 | \$13,600 - \$51,850 | \$9,525 - \$38,700 | \$19,050 - \$77,400 |
| 25% | \$38,700 - \$93,700 | \$51,850 - \$133,850 | \$38,700 - \$78,075 | \$77,400 - \$156,150 |
| 28% | \$93,700 - \$195,450 | \$133,850 - \$216,700 | \$78,075 - \$118,975 | \$156,150 - \$237,950 |
| 33% | \$195,450 - \$424,950 | \$216,700 - \$424,950 | \$118,975 - \$212,475 | \$237,950 - \$424,950 |
| 35% | \$424,950 - \$426,700 | \$424,950 - \$453,350 | \$212,475 - \$240,025 | \$424,950 - \$480,050 |
| 39.6% | \$426,700+ | \$453,350+ | \$240,025+ | \$480,050+ |

Comparison of Married Filing Jointly Rates

SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON

| Income Range | Prior Law | New Law |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------|
| \$1 - \$19,050 | 10% | 10% |
| \$19,051 - \$77,400 | 15% | 12% |
| \$77,401 - \$156,150 | 25% | 22% |
| \$156,151 – \$165,000 | 28% | 22% |
| \$165,000 - \$237,950 | 28% | 24% |
| \$237,951 - \$315,000 | 33% | 24% |
| \$315,001 - \$400,000 | 33% | 32% |
| \$400,001 - \$424,950 | 33% | 35% |
| \$424,951 - \$480,050 | 35% | 35% |
| \$480,051 - \$600,000 | 39.6% | 35% |
| Over \$600,000 | 39.6% | 37% |

Changes in Certain Deductions

MANY DEDUCTIONS WILL BE LIMITED OR REPEALED

| Deduction | 2018 |
|--|--|
| SALT Deduction (§ 164, § 11042) | Limited to \$10,000 (married filing jointly and single) |
| Mortgage Interest Deduction (§ 163, § 11043) | Limited to interest on up to \$750,000 of acquisition indebtedness (pre-12/15/2017 debt grandfathered in); Repeals deduction for home equity indebtedness |
| Charitable Contributions (§ 170, § 11023) | Percentage limit increased from 50% to 60% (for cash) |
| Medical Expenses (§ 213, § 11027) | Expanded for two years by setting the deduction threshold to 7.5% of AGI for all taxpayers (down from 10%) |
| Job Expenses & Miscellaneous Deductions (§ 67, § 11045) | All deductions subject to the 2% floor repealed; Many above-the-line deductions retained |
| Alimony Paid (§ 71, § 11051) | Repealed for any divorce or separate instrument executed after 12/31/18 |
| Personal Exemptions (§ 151, § 11041) | Repealed |
| Pease Limitation (§ 68, § 11046) | Repealed |

Job Expenses & Miscellaneous Itemized Deductions

ELIMINATED



2017 Miscellaneous Itemized:

- Tax Prep Fees, Investment Management Fees and other expenses
- Used to be deductible to the extent that they exceed 2% of your adjusted gross income
- Not allowed for AMT purposes

2018 Miscellaneous Itemized:

- No longer deductible

Individual Income Tax Impact – State Comparison

2017

| | New Jersey Res. | California Res. | Texas Res. | New Jersey Res. |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Wages | \$1,500,000 | \$ 800,000 | \$ 800,000 | \$250,000 |
| Interest | \$ 500,000 | \$ 200,000 | \$ 200,000 | \$ 50,000 |
| Total Income | \$2,000,000 | \$1,000,000 | \$1,000,000 | \$300,000 |
| Charitable Contributions | \$ 200,000 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 30,000 |
| State/Property Taxes | \$ 341,461 | \$ 168,794 | \$ 90,000 | \$ 39,431 |
| 3% AGI Floor | (\$50,586) | (\$20,586) | (\$20,586) | \$ 0 |
| Personal Exemption | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 8,100 |
| Total Deductions | \$ 490,875 | \$ 248,208 | \$ 169,414 | \$ 77,531 |
| Taxable Income | \$1,509,125 | \$ 751,792 | \$ 830,586 | \$222,469 |
| Tax | \$ 542,844 | \$ 242,940 | \$ 274,143 | \$ 57,630 |
| AMT | 0 | \$ 5,304 | \$ 0 | \$ 6,645 |
| NIIT | \$ 28,716 | \$ 11,951 | \$ 12,550 | \$ 1,809 |
| Total Federal Tax | \$ 571,560 | \$ 260,195 | \$ 286,693 | \$ 57,630 |
| State Income Tax | \$ 161,461 | \$ 78,794 | \$ 0 | \$ 14,431 |
| Total Tax | \$ 733,021 | \$ 338,989 | \$ 286,693 | \$ 72,061 |
| Effective Rate | 36.7% | 33.9% | 28.7% | 24.0% |

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| Charitable Contributions | \$ 200,000 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 30,000 |
| State/Property Taxes(Limited) | \$ 10,000 | \$ 10,000 | \$ 10,000 | \$ 10,000 |
| 3% AGI Floor (Suspended) | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| Personal Exemption (Suspended) | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| Total Deductions | \$ 20,000 | \$ 10,000 | \$ 110,000 | \$ 40,000 |
| Taxable Income | \$1,790,000 | \$ 890,000 | \$ 890,000 | \$260,000 |
| Tax | \$ 601,679 | \$ 268,679 | \$ 268,679 | \$ 50,979 |
| AMT | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| NIIT | \$ 30,155 | \$ 12,474 | \$ 12,474 | \$ 1,837 |
| Total Federal Tax | \$ 631,834 | \$ 281,153 | \$ 281,153 | \$ 52,816 |
| State Income Tax | \$ 161,461 | \$ 78,794 | \$ 0 | \$ 14,431 |
| Total Tax | \$ 793,295 | \$ 359,947 | \$ 281,153 | \$ 67,247 |
| Effective rate | 39.7% | 36.0% | 28.1% | 22.4% |

Individual Income Tax Impact – State Comparison

2017 V. 2018

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| Total Tax - 2017 | \$733,021 | \$338,989 | \$286,693 | \$ 72,061 |
| Total Tax - 2018 | \$793,295 | \$359,947 | \$281,153 | \$ 67,247 |
| Increase/(Decrease) | \$ 60,274 | \$ 20,958 | (\$5,540) | (\$4,814) |
| Effective Rate - 2017 | 36.7% | 33.9% | 28.7% | 24.0% |
| Effective Rate - 2018 | 39.7% | 36.0% | 28.1% | 22.4% |
| Increase/(Decrease) | 2.0% | 2.1% | (0.6%) | (1.6%) |

State and Local Tax Deduction

STATE RANKINGS - % OF TAXPAYERS THAT ITEMIZE

| Rank | State | AGI Per Filer | % of Itemizers | Deduction as % of AGI | State Share |
|------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Maryland | \$72,746 | 45.20% | 7.70% | 3.20% |
| 2 | Connecticut | \$93,806 | 41.20% | 8.30% | 2.60% |
| 3 | New Jersey | \$81,344 | 41.10% | 8.70% | 5.90% |
| 4 | Virginia | \$72,151 | 37.20% | 5.50% | 3.00% |
| 5 | Massachusetts | \$85,408 | 36.80% | 6.30% | 3.50% |
| 13 | Colorado | \$70,342 | 32.60% | 4.00% | 1.40% |
| 44 | New Mexico | \$50,743 | 22.70% | 3.10% | 0.30% |
| 45 | Alaska | \$67,212 | 22.20% | 1.50% | 0.10% |
| 46 | Wyoming | \$77,370 | 21.90% | 1.60% | 0.10% |
| 47 | Tennessee | \$54,997 | 20.00% | 1.90% | 0.60% |
| 48 | North Dakota | \$73,499 | 17.70% | 1.60% | 0.10% |
| 49 | South Dakota | \$60,690 | 17.30% | 1.60% | 0.10% |
| 50 | West Virginia | \$50,401 | 17.10% | 3.00% | 0.20% |

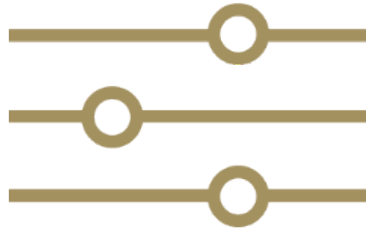
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STATE RANKINGS – DEDUCTION AMOUNT AS % OF AGI

| Rank | State | AGI Per Filer | % of Itemizers | Deduction as % of AGI | State Share |
|------|--------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 1 | New York | \$79,268 | 34.20% | 9.10% | 13.30% |
| 2 | New Jersey | \$81,344 | 41.10% | 8.70% | 5.90% |
| 3 | Connecticut | \$93,806 | 41.20% | 8.30% | 2.60% |
| 4 | California | \$73,938 | 33.90% | 7.90% | 19.60% |
| 5 | Maryland | \$72,746 | 45.20% | 7.70% | 3.20% |
| 31 | Colorado | \$70,342 | 32.60% | 4.00% | 1.40% |
| 44 | Texas | \$67,253 | 23.00% | 2.50% | 3.90% |
| 45 | Nevada | \$58,745 | 24.60% | 2.40% | 0.40% |
| 46 | Tennessee | \$54,997 | 20.00% | 1.90% | 0.60% |
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Standard Deductions and Exemptions

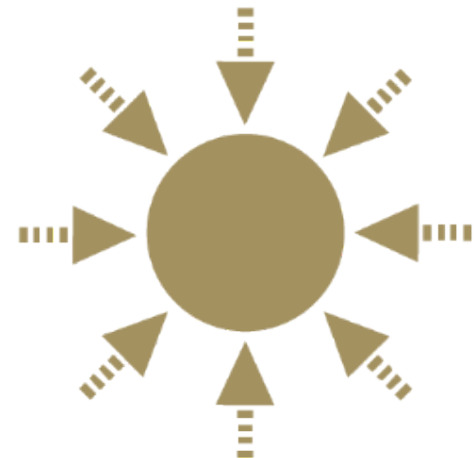
BUNCHING ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS



Tax benefit gained by implementing simple timing tax-planning strategy:

- Taxpayers with itemized deductions that fall just short of the standard deduction amount
- These itemized deductions do not produce any tax benefit

Rather than deduct the standard deduction every year, time deductions (when possible) and bunch together in one year



Standard Deductions and Exemptions

BUNCHING ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS

Married couple with following deductions can maximize their available deductions by grouping expenses into the same year.

| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| State Income Taxes | \$15,000 | \$15,000 | \$15,000 |
| Property Taxes | \$15,000 | \$15,000 | \$15,000 |
| Mortgage Interest | \$4,000 | \$4,000 | \$4,000 |
| Charitable Gifts | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | \$10,000 |

Deductions limited to \$10,000

If couple does not group expenses they are limited to \$24,000 a year

- If couple groups charitable gifts into single year, they can take the following deductions:
 - 2018: \$24,000 (standard deduction)
 - 2019: \$44,000
 - 2020: \$24,000 (standard deduction)

Individual Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT)

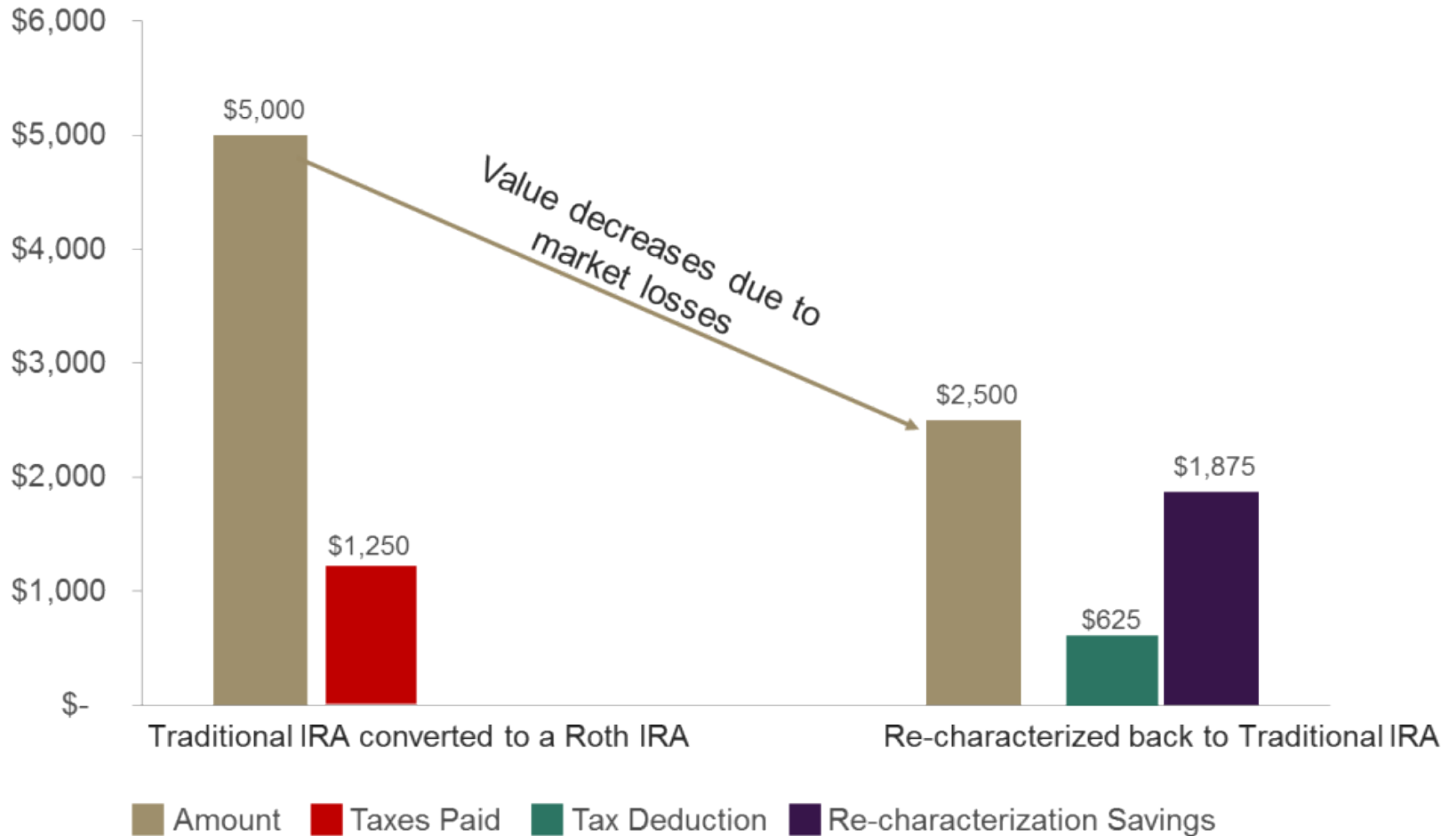
NEW EXEMPTION & THRESHOLDS

| AMT Exemption Amounts | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| | 2017 | 2018 |
| Single or Head of Household | \$54,300 | \$70,300 |
| Married Filing Jointly | \$84,500 | \$109,400 |

| AMT Threshold Amounts (phase out of exemption amounts) | | |
|--|-----------|-------------|
| | 2017 | 2018 |
| Single or Head of Household | \$120,700 | \$500,000 |
| Married Filing Jointly | \$160,900 | \$1,000,000 |

Traditional IRA to Roth IRA and Re-Characterized Back

LESS FLEXIBILITY UNDER NEW LAW



Elimination of Deduction for Alimony Payments

CHANGES IMPACT THE STRUCTURING OF DIVORCE SETTLEMENTS



- **Alimony not deductible by payor**
- **Alimony not included in payee's gross income**
- **Section 682 alimony trusts repealed**

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- **Provisions effective after December 31, 2018**
 - **Agreements executed before January 1, 2019 grandfathered**



EXPANDED USE

In addition to the federal tax benefits of 529 plans, 34 states offer parallel tax deductions for contributions to the accounts.

MAP 1

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Estate & Gift

Estate Tax Exemptions

CHANGES AND IMPACTS

**Federal Estate Tax Exemption increased to approximately
\$11.2 million per person**

- Importance of portability decreased

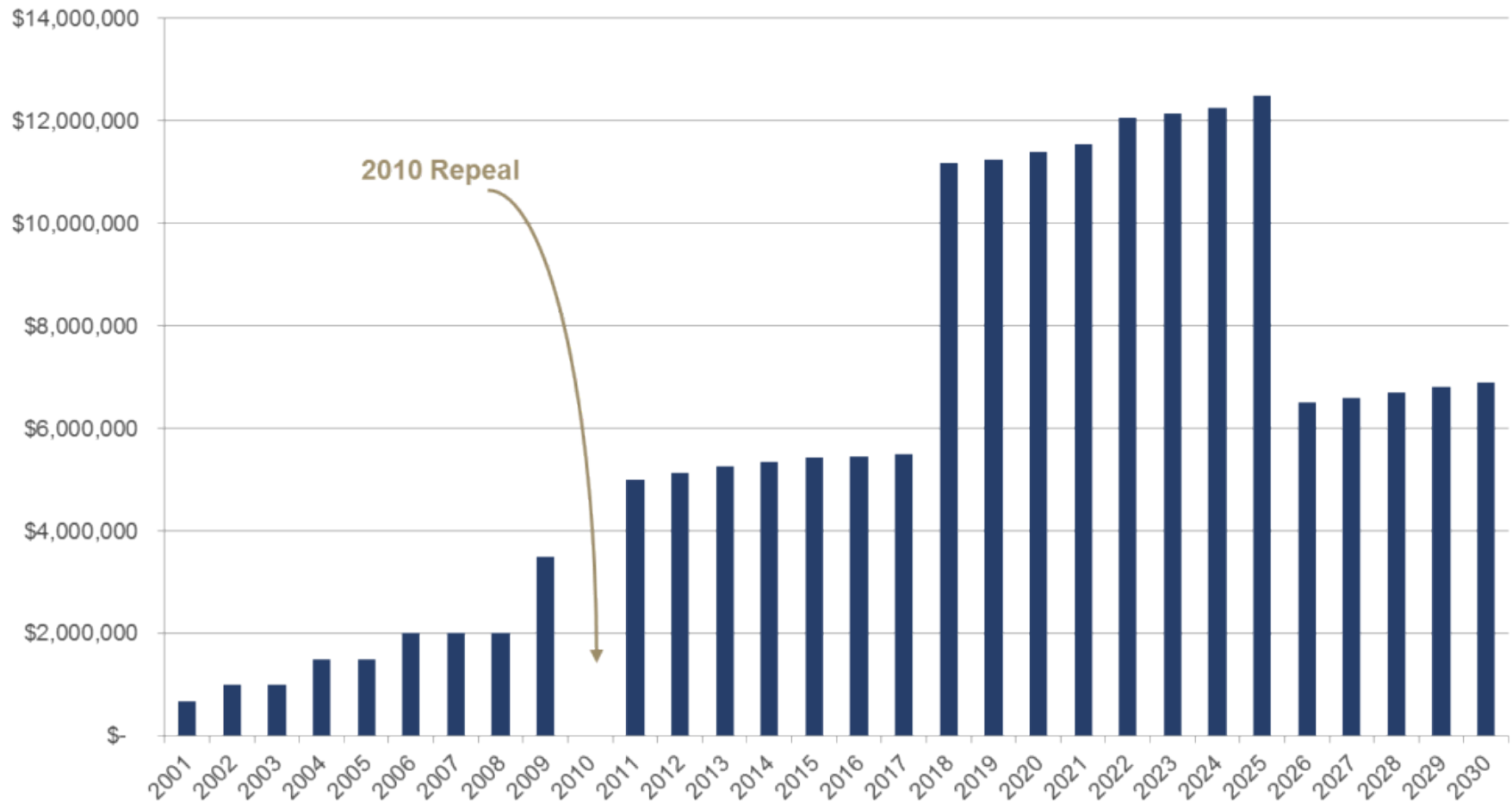
Sunsets after December 31, 2025

- Claw back potential?
- Gives Treasury authority to issue regulations

Step-up in basis and automatic long-term holding period retained

U.S. Estate Tax Exemption — Past & Projected Over Time

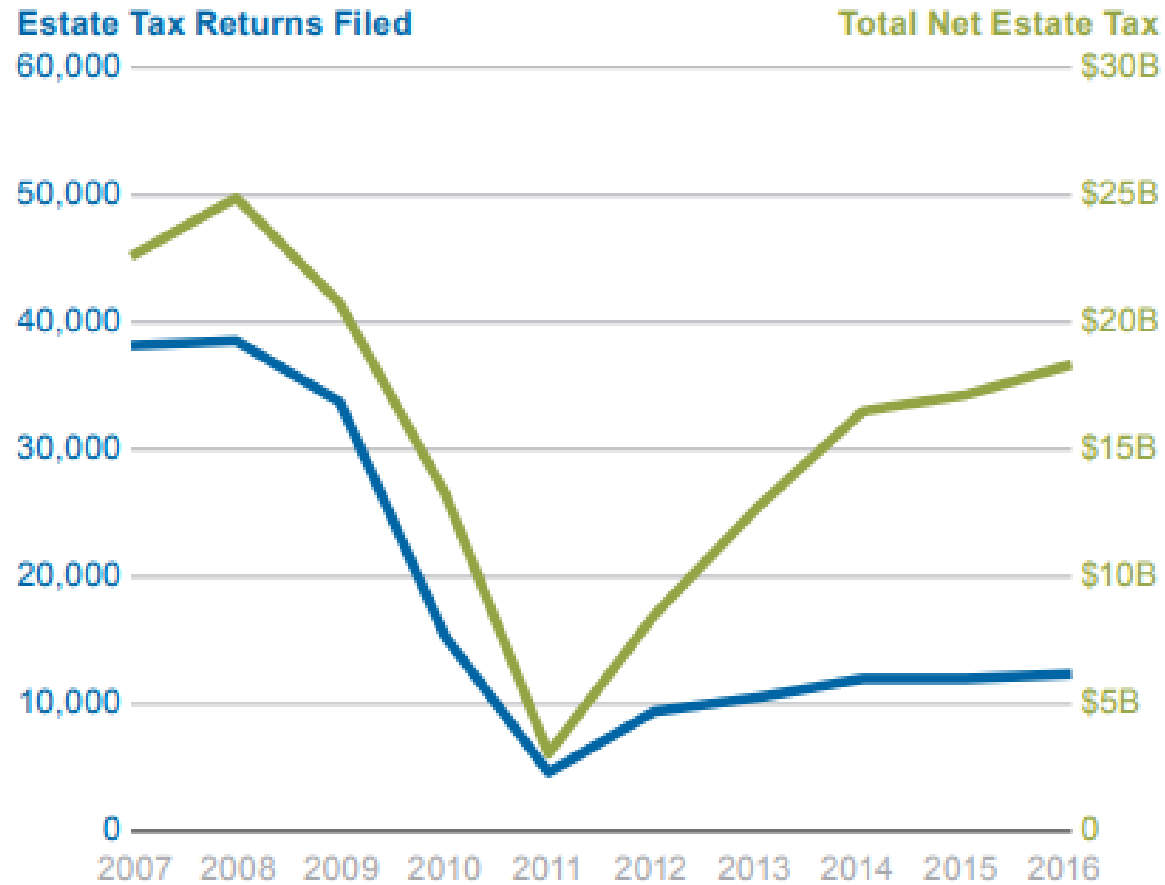
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Estate Tax Exemptions

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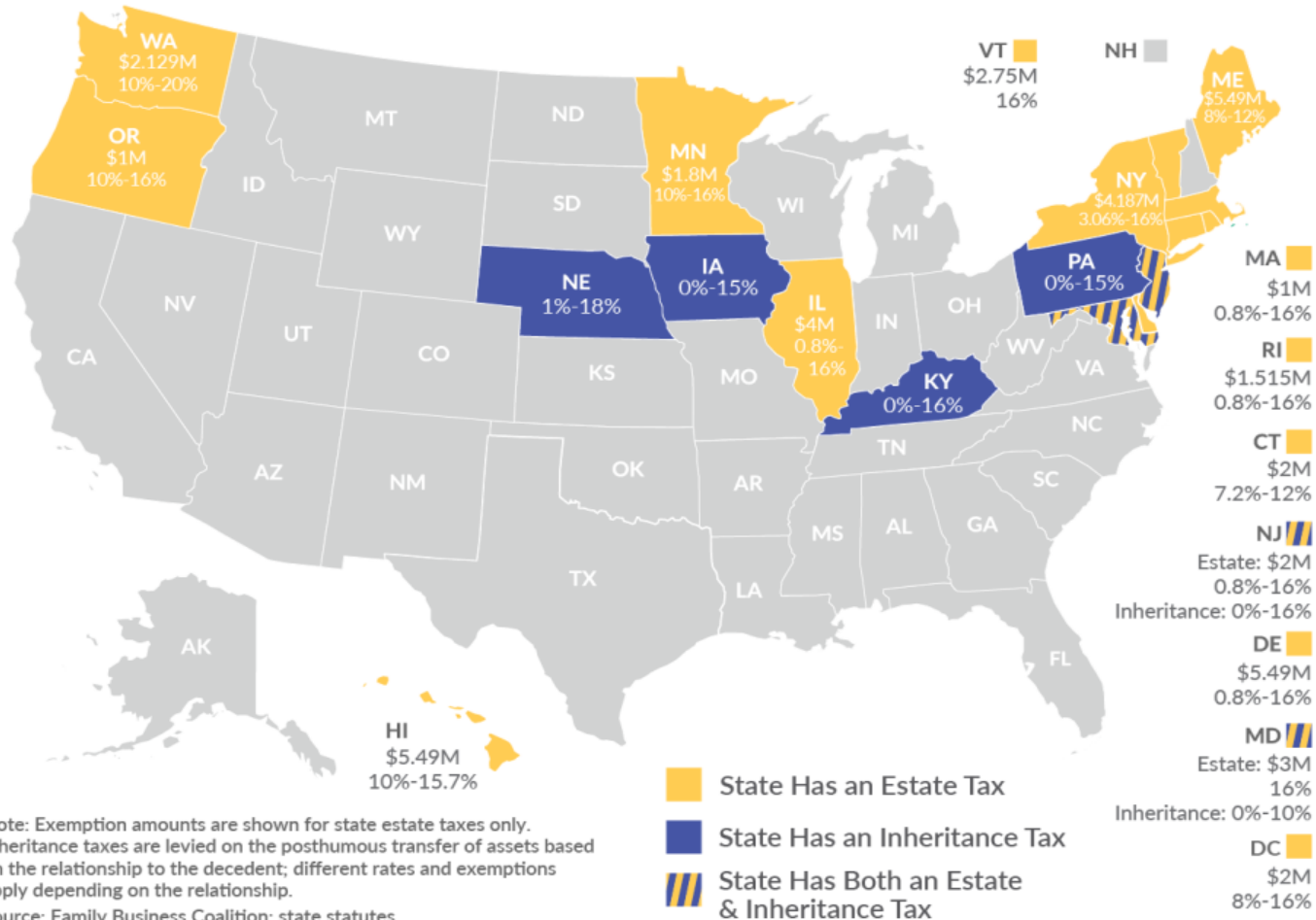
Estate Tax Returns Filed and Total Net Estate Tax, 2007–2016



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State Estate and Inheritance Tax Rates and Exemptions (2017)

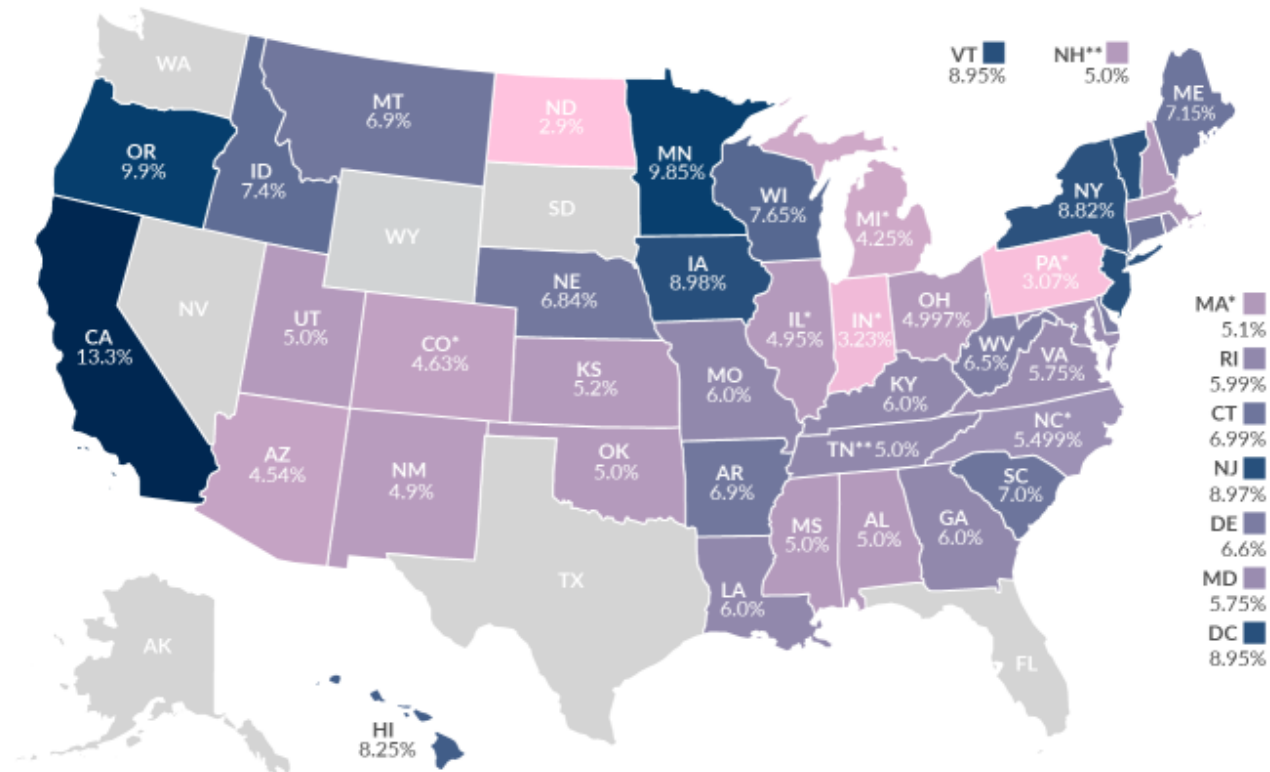


Estate Tax Exemptions

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How High Are Income Tax Rates in Your State?

Top State Marginal Individual Income Tax Rates as of July 1, 2017



Note: (*) State has a flat income tax. (**) State only taxes interest and dividends income. Map shows top marginal rates: the maximum statutory rate in each state. This map does not show effective marginal tax rates, which would include the effects of phase-outs of various tax preferences. Local income taxes are not included.

Source: Tax Foundation; state tax statutes, forms, and instructions; Bloomberg BNA.



Estate Tax

PLANNING UNDER NEW LAW

- 1. Spousal Lifetime Access Trust (SLAT)**
- 2. Non-Grantor Trusts** (Nevada, Delaware, Wyoming, Alaska?)
- 3. Upstream Gifts**
- 4. Allocating GST**
- 5. Reviewing Formula Clauses**
- 6. Portability**
- 7. Clawback**

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