Itemized Deductions Checklist

Medical Expenses

Medical expenses are generally deductible if they exceed 10% of your income or 7.5% of your income if you are over the age of 65. Some common medical expenses:

- Doctor/Dentist Fees
- Drug/Alcohol Treatment
- Cost of Guide Dogs
- Handicap Access Devices for Disabled
- Hospital Fees
- Insurance Premiums
- Prescriptions
- Laser Eye Surgery
- Lead Based Paint
- Removal Cost
- Life-Care Fees for Medical Treatment
- Long-term Care Insurance Premiums
- Meals/Lodging Related to Hospital Stays
- Medical Devices
- Operations
- Organ Donation
- Physician Diet/Health Programs
- Psychiatric Care
- School and/or Home for Disabled
- Smoking Cessation Program Cost
- Special Life Items (glasses, limbs, dentures, wheelchairs, hearing aids, contacts, etc.)
- Transportation (Medical related)
- Weight Loss Program Costs

Taxes

The following taxes are generally 100% deductible:

- State/Local Taxes
- Property Taxes
- Payments to Mandatory State Funds
- Foreign Income Taxes

- Real Estate Taxes
- Value Based Auto License Fee
- General State/Local Sales Tax

Interest Expense

Most personal interest is non-deductible; the following is a list of deductible interest expenses:

- Home Mortgage Interest
- 2nd Home Mortgage Interest
- Mortgage Loan Interest Premiums Covering Mortgages Purchased in 2007 & beyond
- Interest on Special Assessments (as real estate tax)

- Business Interest
- Investment Interest
- “Points” Paid

Charitable Contributions

Cash and property are generally deductible if donated to qualified organizations. These include:

- Churches
- Non-Profit Schools
- Non-Profit Hospitals
- Public Parks
- Boy & Girl Scouts
- Some Environmental/Conservation Groups

- War/Veterans Groups
- Agencies such as: Red Cross, Salvation Army, Goodwill, United Way, & etc.
- YMCA

Casualty & Theft Losses

Casualty and theft losses are generally deductible to the extent they exceed 10% of your adjusted gross income, are not reimbursable by insurance, and each event exceeds $500.

- Fire
- Theft
- Natural Loss: Tornado, Hurricane, Flood, etc.

- Car Accident
- Vandalism
- Other Accidents

Miscellaneous Deductions

Most of the following miscellaneous deductions are only deductible to the extent they exceed 2% of your adjusted gross income.

- Gambling Losses to Offset Gains
- Handicapped Job Related Expenses
- Work Uniforms
- Un-recovered Annuity Costs
- Job Hunting Expenses
- Safe Deposit Box Cost
- Tax Preparation Fees
- Employee Business Expenses

- Hobby Expense to Offset Gains
- 50% of Business Related Meals; Entertainment
- Classroom Material Expense for Teachers
- Repayments of Income
- Repayments of Social Security
- Investment Related Expense

- In-Home Office Expenses
- IRA/KEOGH Administration Fees
- Business Use Depreciation
- Certain Legal Fees
- Trust Administration Fees
- Job Required Medical Exams
- Job Required Education Expenses