



## Read Me First: Tax Law Changes

**THIS COVERS ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF THE TAX LAW CHANGES, much less the existing tax law. I have attended seminars on tax law and am aware of the laws, rate changes & deductions that can impact your tax bottom line.**

- Self Employed Business Owners / Schedule C Filers **can deduct health care benefits from Schedule C for 2010 only**
- First-Time Homebuyers Tax Credit up to \$8,000 and \$6,500 for Existing Homeowners (purchase before 04/30/10 and close by 09/30/10). Need copies of Purchase Statement & HUD or Closing Statements
- Payroll Tax Credit up to \$400 for single filers and \$800 for joint filers *extended*
- Indexed Tax Brackets *extended*
- Higher Standard Deductions: married filing jointly \$11,400; Single \$5,700; Head of Household \$8,400
- Education Credits (3 options)
- Child Tax Credit *extended*
- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) *extended*
- Nontaxable Combat Pay Allowed for Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) *extended*
- Kiddie Tax *extended*
- Direct Donations of IRAs to Charity
- Higher Income Limits for Deductible IRAs and for Roth IRAs
- Contribution Limit for 401(k) Plans
- Capital Gains Tax Rates *extended*
- Dividend Tax Rates *extended*
- Estate Tax Exemption (*optional considerations*)
- Annual Gift Tax Exemption remains \$13k through 2013
- Exemptions for the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) *have been increased*
- Income Earned Abroad
- Credit for Residential Energy-Efficient Property up to \$1,500 for **only 2010**
- Refundable Child Tax Credit
- College Savings Plans
- Estimated Tax Relief for Owners of Small Businesses
- **AND MORE.....**

***We will determine how these changes may affect or benefit you when we prepare your tax return.***

For further information on any of these changes please go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

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