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PREPARATION OF 2018 PERSONAL & BUSINESS INCOME TAX RETURNS AND NON FOR PROFIT RETURNS

Happy New Year! We wish you God's blessings in 2019. To those clients who are returning to us once again for personal, business and/or non for profit tax preparation, we sincerely thank you for your past patronage and ask that you spread the word to your friends and family of our tax preparation services. To our new clients, we thank you in advance for your business and pledge to serve you with quality and professional customer service.

Stay tuned for our next newsletter later for further guidelines on the tax preparation process.

8 BENEFITS OF ENHANCING DAYCARE RECORD KEEPING

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https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/pdf/pubs/tb/tb84.pdf

HOW TO PRICE A PRODUCT OR SERVICE

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TAX REFORM HITS MOBILE EMPLOYEES HARDEST

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DEADLINE FOR BUSINESSES TO FILE W2, W3 AND 1099 FORMS BY JANUARY 31

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TAX LAW CHANGES

- For tax years beginning in 2018 through 2025, the child tax credit deduction has been increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per child.
- Tax law change beginning on 2018 tax return Taxpayers will no longer be able to deduct unreimbursed employee expenses, union dues, tax preparation fees, investment expenses, employee home office, work clothes and uniforms, and work-related education as itemized deductions.
- Medical expenses exceeding 7.5% of income continue to be deductible as itemized deductions in 2018. Starting in 2019, the percentage increases to 10% according to new tax law.
- For divorce/separation agreements executed prior to 2019, alimony payments are still deductible
 by the payer & included in the recipient's income. For agreements executed after 12/31/2018,
 payer deductions & income inclusion by the recipient have been eliminated by new tax law.

S CORP VS LLC: WHAT MAKES THEM DIFFERENT?

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THE EXCESS OF YOUR REAL PROPERTY TAXES, PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES, INCOME, WAR PROFITS, AND EXCESS PROFITS TAXES MORE THAN 10,000 ARE NOT DEDEDUCTIBLE AS ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS ON YOUR 2018 TAX RETURN

https://www.natptax.com/Pages/default.aspx

ON YOUR 2018 TAX RETURN, THE ITEMIZED DEDUCTION FOR MORTGAGE INTEREST PAID ON HOME EQUITY LOANS AND LINES OF CREDIT IS DISALLOWED UNLESS THE PROCEEDS WERE USED TO BUY, BUILD, OR SUBSTANDIALLY IMPROVE YOUR HOME THAT SECURES YOUR LOAN

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FIND OUT IF YOUR MONEY IS SLIPPING AWAY BECAUSE OF SPENDING LEAKS – AND HOW TO PLUG THEM

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ARE SUBPRIME LOANS ALWAYS A BAD IDEA? WHAT IF YOU'RE TIRED OF "THROWING YOUR MONEY" AWAY WITH RENTING BUT YOU'RE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A CONVENTIONAL MORTGAGE?

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WHY YOU SHOULD (AND SHOULD NOT) GET A 30-YEAR MORTGAGE

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401(K) LIMIT INCREASES TO \$19,000 IN 2019

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STARTING TAX YEAR 2018, YOU CAN DEDUCT YOUR PROPERTY TAXES PAID OR \$15,000, WHICHEVER IS LESS. FOR TAX YEARS 2017 AND EARLIER, THE MAXIMUM DEDUCTION WAS \$10,000

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IMPORTANT DATES – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The IRS Tax Calendar for Small Businesses and the Self Employed is follows:

JANUARY 2019

Thursday, 1/3/2019

• Deposit payroll tax for payments on Dec 26-28, 2018 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

Friday, 1/4/2019

- Deposit payroll tax for payments on December 29-31, 2018 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.
- Deposit payroll tax for payments on Jan. 1 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

Wednesday, 1/9/2019

• Deposit payroll tax for payments on Jan 2-4 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

Thursday, 1/10/2019

Employers: Employees are required to report to you tips of \$20 or more earned during Dec 2018

Friday, 1/11/2019

Deposit payroll tax for payments on Jan 5-8 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

Tuesday, 1/15/2019

- Deposit payroll tax for Dec if the monthly deposit rule applies.
- Pay the final installment of your 2018 estimated tax use Form 1040-ES.
- Farmers and fishermen: Pay your estimated tax for 2018. Use Form 1040-ES.

Wednesday, 1/16/2019

• Deposit payroll tax for payments on Jan 9-11 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

Friday, 1/18/2019

Deposit payroll tax for payments on Jan 12-15 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

Thursday, 1/24/2019

Deposit payroll tax for payments on Jan 16-18 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

Friday, 1/25/2019

Deposit payroll tax for payments on Jan 19-22 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

Wednesday, 1/30/2019

Deposit payroll tax for payments on Jan 23-25 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

Thursday, 1/31/2019

- Individuals: File your tax return if you did not pay your last installment of estimated tax by Jan 15th (see Form 1040-ES)
- File Form 720 for the fourth quarter of 2018.
- Furnish Forms 1098, 1099 and W-2G to recipients for certain payments during 2018. Furnish
 Form W-2 to employees who worked for you during 2018. Employers: File Form W-3 along with
 Copy A of all the Forms W-2 you issued for 2018.issued for 2018.
- File Form 730 and pay the tax on wagers accepted during Dec 2018.
- File Form 2290 and pay the tax for vehicles first used in Dec 2018.
- Deposit any FUTA tax owed through Dec 2018.
- File Forms 940, 941, 943, 944 and/or 945 if you did not deposit all taxes when due.

Friday, 2/1/2019

Deposit payroll tax for payments on Jan 26-29 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

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