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● **THE SEASON TO PREPARE YOUR 2014 INCOME TAX RETURNS HAS BEGUN**

Happy New Year, and wishing you God's blessings in 2015. To those clients who are returning to us once again for 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.

● **PREPARATION OF 2014 PERSONAL INCOME TAX RETURNS**

The cutoff to file your 2014 personal income tax return is Wednesday, April 15, 2015. Please contact our office for preparation of your 2014 tax return at your earliest convenience, after you have received all necessary supporting documentation to prepare your return. Note that all federal and state tax returns prepared by our company will be electronically filed to the federal and state governments.

Important - Starting on January 1, 2014, residents must maintain minimum essential health coverage or pay a penalty. Minimum essential coverage includes government sponsored programs (Medicare, Medicaid), eligible employer-sponsored plans, plans in the individual market, certain grandfathered group health plans and other coverage as recognized by the Department of Health and Human Services. See 2(f) below for forms to be completed by all tax clients.

Please refer to our website at www.jptfinancial.com and open the tab labeled "**Documents**" to obtain a list of specific information and forms that are required to prepare your 2014 income tax return. Your returns will be prepared solely on the basis of information submitted to us by you, the tax client. If you do not have access to the web please contact our office and we will mail you a set of forms to be completed as needed.

- 1.) Both new and existing clients are asked to complete the **Client Data Form** http://www.jptfs.com/forms/client_data.pdf to ensure that we have complete up to date information for all our clients. New clients are also required to provide our office with a copy of your 2013 prior year income tax return (federal and states as applicable), as well as a driver's license for

the taxpayer and spouse and social security cards for the taxpayer, spouse and dependents for identify verification.

2.) Refer to the “2014 Tax Season” documents found under **Personal Tax Preparation Resources**:

- (a) Completion of the tax return **Engagement Contract** http://www.jptfs.com/forms/pers_tax_rep_let_2011.pdf is required from **all** clients **prior** to the preparation of your income tax return. Please review the contract, sign and date, and return the acknowledged copy to our office.
- (b) The **Tax Checklist for Preparing Personal Tax Returns** http://www.jptfs.com/forms/Tax_Checklist_2014.pdf is a general recap of information and supporting documentation that is needed for tax preparation. Please provide our office with all relevant forms and information noted in this checklist to prepare your tax return.
- (c) Complete the **Personal Data** form http://www.jptfs.com/forms/personal_data_2014.pdf to include filing status, taxpayer and spouse social security numbers, and any estimated tax payment information for 2014 if applicable. New clients are required to supply our office with the driver's license and social security card for the taxpayer and spouse.
- (d) Complete the **Dependents** form http://www.jptfs.com/forms/dependents_2014.pdf to include relevant information for all dependents that you claim on your tax return. New clients are required to supply our office with the social security card for all dependents.
- (e) **All** clients (new and returning clients) are required to complete the form labeled **Direct Deposit & Electronic Funds Withdrawal Information** <http://www.jptfs.com/forms/EFILEINFO2011.pdf> to set up the direct deposit of your tax refund (if applicable) as well as the electronic funds withdrawal from your bank account or credit card for the payment of any income tax liability (if desired).
- (f) **All clients are required** to complete the **Health Insurance Coverage** forms http://www.jptfs.com/forms/healthcare_2014.pdf for all members of your “tax family”, defined as individuals for whom you are claiming a personal exemption on your tax return (generally you, your spouse with whom you are filing a joint return, and your dependents). As stated above, all residents must maintain minimum essential health coverage or pay a penalty.
- (g) All clients eligible to claim the Earned Income Credit are required to complete the **Earned Income Credit Due Diligence** forms for **Head of Household** http://www.jptfs.com/forms/EIC_HOH_2014.pdf , **Income** http://www.jptfs.com/forms/EIC_INC_2014.pdf , and **Qualifying Child** http://www.jptfs.com/forms/EIC_QC_2014.pdf .
Note - The IRS has significantly increased the responsibility of tax preparers to ensure that information being provided by the taxpayer to calculate the earned income tax credit appears to be complete and correct. As such, we will interview all clients who claim the EIC to provide our office with adequate information to comply with this IRS mandate.
- (h) Complete the **Child & Dependent Care** form http://www.jptfs.com/forms/2441_2014.pdf if you had any child or dependent care expenses in 2014.
- (i) Complete the **Profit or Loss from Business** forms http://www.jptfs.com/forms/C_2014.pdf if you operated a business as a sole proprietor in 2014.

- (j) Complete the **Small Employer Health Insurance Credit** form http://www.jptfs.com/forms/8941_2014.pdf to provide information for the calculation of the small business health insurance credit if applicable for your sole proprietorship in 2014.
- (k) Complete the **Auto Expense Worksheet** http://www.jptfs.com/forms/Auto_2014.pdf to deduct expenses of your automobile for business in 2014.
- (l) Complete the form labeled **Expenses for Business Use of Your Home** http://www.jptfs.com/forms/8829_2014.pdf if a portion of your home was used for a sole proprietor business in 2014.
- (m) Complete the **Employee Business Expenses** form http://www.jptfs.com/forms/2106_2014.pdf to identify any non-reimbursed employee business expenses that you incurred in 2014.
- (n) Complete the **Sale of Capital Assets** form http://www.jptfs.com/forms/D_2014.pdf for any sale of stocks, bonds, etc. in 2014. As an alternative, you can provide copies of statements that you may have which provide information that is stated on the forms.
- (o) Complete the **Sale of Home** form http://www.jptfs.com/forms/Home_2014.pdf if you sold your home in 2014. As an alternative, you can provide copies of statements that you may have which provide information that is stated on the forms.
- (p) Complete the **Energy Credits** forms http://www.jptfs.com/forms/ENERGYCREDITS_2014.pdf if you have incurred expenses related to special energy related deductions in 2014.
- (q) Complete the **Casualty and Theft Losses** form http://www.jptfs.com/forms/4684_2014.pdf if you had any casualty or theft loss in 2014.
- (r) Complete the **Rental Real Estate & Royalties** form http://www.jptfs.com/forms/E_2014.pdf if you had a rental income or loss activity in 2014.
- (s) **Issuing 1099-MISC Forms for Real Estate Property**

Form 1099-MISC needs to be issued by you as the owner of a rental property or business enterprise for certain types of payments made in 2014 which are more than \$600 to an individual recipient. This form needs to be issued to each recipient by February 2, 2015. Review this document for further details and information to complete this requirement.
<http://www.jptfs.com/forms/1099instructions2014.pdf>
- (t) Complete the **Installment Sales** form http://www.jptfs.com/forms/6252_2014.pdf if you had an activity related to a sale set up on an installment basis in 2014.
- (u) Complete the **Non-Cash Charitable Contributions** form http://www.jptfs.com/forms/NONCASHCONTRIB_2014.pdf if you had non-cash related charitable contributions in 2014.
- (v) Complete the **Household Employment Taxes** form http://www.jptfs.com/forms/H_2014.pdf if you had any household employees in 2014.

Payment to JPT Financial Solutions for your tax return is due **upon receipt or notification of the completed tax return**. In order for our firm to satisfy IRS requirements to sign-off and electronically file your return as a “paid preparer”, it is required that clients remit payment for services prior to electronic transmission of your tax return.

Thank you in advance for your kind assistance and for letting us be of service to you. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

● **PREPARATION OF 2014 BUSINESS INCOME TAX RETURNS**

The IRS cutoff to file your 2014 business income tax return is as follows:

1.) Corporations & LLCs filing as Corporations

Generally, a corporation must file its Form 1120 income tax return by the 15th day of the 3rd month after the end of its tax year. For calendar-year filers, the cutoff date for 2014 corporation returns is Monday, March 16, 2015.

2.) S-Corporations

Generally, an S-corporation must file its Form 1120-S income tax return by the 15th day of the 3rd month after the end of its tax year. For calendar-year filers, the cutoff date for 2014 S-corporation returns is Monday, March 16, 2015.

3.) Partnerships & LLCs filing as Partnerships

Generally, a domestic partnership must file Form 1065 by the 15th day of the 4th month following the date its tax year ended as shown at the top of Form 1065. For calendar-year filers, the cutoff date for 2014 partnership returns is Wednesday, April 15, 2015.

4.) Sole Proprietors & LLCs filing as Sole Proprietors

Sole proprietors generally file schedule C as included in their Form 1040 personal income tax return which is due to be filed by Wednesday, April 15, 2015.

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Please refer to our website at www.jptfinancial.com and open the tab labeled “Documents” to obtain a list of specific information and forms that are required to prepare your 2014 income tax return. Your returns will be prepared solely on the basis of information submitted to us by you, the tax client. If you do not have access to the web please contact our office and we will mail you a set of forms to be completed as needed.

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2.) Refer to the “2014 Tax Season” documents found under **Business Financials & Tax Preparation Resources**:

(a) Completion of the tax return **Engagement Contract**

http://www.jptfs.com/forms/bus_fin_tax_rep_let_2011.pdf is required from **all** clients **prior** to the preparation of your income tax return. Please review the contract, sign and date, and return the acknowledged copy to our office.

(b) Forms required to prepare **Corporation income tax returns**:

General Data - http://www.jptfs.com/forms/General_Corporation_2014.pdf

Income - http://www.jptfs.com/forms/Corporation_Income_2014.pdf

Deductions - http://www.jptfs.com/forms/Corporation_Deductions_2014.pdf

(c) Forms required to prepare **S-Corporation income tax returns**:

General Data - http://www.jptfs.com/forms/S_Corp_2014.pdf

Income - http://www.jptfs.com/forms/S_Corp_Income_2014.pdf

Deductions - http://www.jptfs.com/forms/S_Corp_Deductions_2014.pdf

(d) Forms required to prepare **Partnership income tax returns**:

General Data - http://www.jptfs.com/forms/Partnership_2014.pdf

Income - http://www.jptfs.com/forms/Partnership_Income_2014.pdf

Deductions - http://www.jptfs.com/forms/Partnership_Deductions_2014.pdf

(e) Complete the **Profit or Loss from Business** forms http://www.jptfs.com/forms/C_2014.pdf if you operated a business as a sole proprietor in 2014.

(f) Complete the **Small Employer Health Insurance Credit** form

http://www.jptfs.com/forms/8941_2014.pdf to provide information for the calculation of the small business health insurance credit if applicable for your sole proprietorship in 2014.

(g) **All** clients (new and returning clients) are required to complete the form labeled **Direct Deposit & Electronic Funds Withdrawal Information**

<http://www.jptfs.com/forms/EFILEINFO2011.pdf> to set up the direct deposit of your tax refund (if applicable) as well as the electronic funds withdrawal from your bank account or credit card for the payment of any income tax liability (if desired).

(h) **Issuing 1099-MISC Forms for Business Enterprise**

Form 1099-MISC needs to be issued by you as the owner of a business enterprise for certain types of payments made in 2014 which are more than \$600 to an individual recipient. This form needs to be issued to each recipient by February 2, 2015. Review this document for further details and information to complete this requirement.

<http://www.jptfs.com/forms/1099instructions2014.pdf>

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>

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● **IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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

➤ **JANUARY 2015**

01/05/2015

- Deposit payroll tax for payments on Dec 27-30 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

01/07/2015

- Deposit payroll tax for payments on Dec 31-Jan 2 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

01/09/2015

- Deposit payroll tax for payments on Jan 3-6 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

01/12/2015

- Employers: Employees are required to report to you tips of \$20 or more earned during Dec 2014

01/14/2015

- Deposit payroll tax for payments on Jan 7-9 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

01/15/2015

- Individuals: Pay the final installment of your 2014 estimated tax. Use Form 1040-ES.
- Farmers and fishermen: Pay your estimated tax for 2014. Use Form 1040-ES.
- Employers: Deposit payroll tax for Dec 2014 if the monthly deposit rule applies.

01/16/2015

- Deposit payroll tax for payments on Jan 10-13 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

01/22/2015

- Deposit payroll tax for payments on Jan 14-16 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

01/23/2015

- Deposit payroll tax for payments on Jan 17-20 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

01/28/2015

- Deposit payroll tax for payments on Jan 21-23 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

01/30/2015

- Deposit payroll tax for payments on Jan 24-27 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

➤ **FEBRUARY 2015**

02/02/2015

- File Form 720 for the fourth quarter of 2014.
- Furnish Forms 1098, 1099 and W-2G to recipients for certain payments during 2014.
- Furnish Form W-2 to employees who worked for you during 2014.
- File Form 730 and pay the tax on wagers accepted during Dec 2014.
- Deposit any FUTA tax owed through Dec 2014.
- File Form 2290 and pay the tax for vehicles first used in Dec 2014.
- File Forms 940, 941, 943, 944 and/or 945 if you did not deposit all taxes when due.
- File your tax return if you did not pay your last installment of estimated tax by January 15th

02/04/2015

- Deposit payroll tax for payments on Jan 28-30 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

02/06/2015

- Deposit payroll tax for payments on Jan 31-Feb 3 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

02/10/2015

- Employers: Employees are required to report to you tips of \$20 or more earned during Jan.
- File Forms 940, 941, 943, 944 and/or 945 if you timely deposited all required payments.

02/11/2015

- Deposit payroll tax for payments on Feb 4-6 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

02/13/2015

- Deposit payroll tax for payments on Feb 7-10 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

02/17/2015

- File a new Form W-4 if you claimed exemption from income tax withholding in 2014.
- Furnish Forms 1099-B, 1099-S and certain Forms 1099-MISC to recipients.
- Deposit payroll tax for Jan if the monthly deposit rule applies.

02/18/2015

- Begin withholding on employees who claimed exemption from withholding in 2014 but did not file a W-4 to continue withholding exemption in 2015.

02/19/2015

- Deposit payroll tax for payments on Feb 11-13 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

02/20/2015

- Deposit payroll tax for payments on Feb 14-17 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

02/25/2015

- Deposit payroll tax for payments on Feb 18-20 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

02/27/2015

- Deposit payroll tax for payments on Feb 21-24 if the semiweekly deposit rule applies.

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