



Tax Cuts & Jobs Act – Business Provisions



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Many changes!

- Guidance is needed
- Effect on tax provisions
- Effect on financial statements



Overview of business changes

- Corporate rate reduction to flat 21%
- Repeal of corporate AMT
- Special rules for pass-throughs (Sec. 199A)
- Loss limitation for other than C corps (Sec. 461)
- Repeal of Sec.199 (DPD)
- Expensing of assets
 - increases to Sec.179 (\$1 million and threshold \$2.5 million)
- Expanded accounting method exceptions for small businesses
- Changes to various fringe benefits including treatment of meals and entertainment paid by employer
- Limit on use of and carryback of NOL
- Limitation on interest expense deduction for non-small businesses (over \$25 million receipts); limited exceptions
- Corporate shift from worldwide to territorial system

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Corporate rate changes

- Flat rate of 21%
- Effective for years beginning after 12/31/17
- Fiscal year corporations should apply Sec. 15
- Personal service corporations taxed at same rate (no more surtax)
- Corporate AMT has been repealed
- Dividends received deduction reduced

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20% Pass-through Deduction

- 20% of qualified business income (QBI)
- Qualified business income definitions
 - Qualified trade/business income
 - Not a specified trade/business
 - Trade/business involving performance of services
 - Does not include investment income
 - Does not include reasonable compensation paid from S corporation or guaranteed payments paid to a partner
 - Phaseout limitation

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Depreciation

- Additional first year/bonus depreciation- 100% for property acquired after 9/27/17
- Phase down schedule for years after 2022
- Now allowed for new and used property
- Qualified improvement property no longer qualifies
- Luxury auto limits – (note that additional \$8k depreciation has been extended for 2017)
- Increases to Sec. 179 (\$1M and threshold \$2.5M)
- SUV limitation remains at \$25,000
- Limits are indexed for inflation
- Expansion for certain real property (roofs, HVAC)
- Allows residential rental property

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Accounting methods for small taxpayers

- Expanded availability of cash method
- Inventory tracking requirements
- Sec. 263A threshold raised
- Expanded availability of completed contract method

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Restrictions on interest deductions

- Deductible interest limited to
 - Interest income for year plus
 - 30% of taxable income plus
 - taxpayers financing interest for the year
- Limitation at the taxpayer level
- Interest not deductible carries forward indefinitely
- Doesn't apply to taxpayers that meet \$25M gross receipts test

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Changes to fringe benefits/entertainment expense

- Repeal of business entertainment expenses
- Repeal of deduction for qualified transportation fringe benefits
- Repeal of exclusion for bicycle commuting reimbursement
- Repeal of exclusion for employee reimbursed moving expenses
- Other changes to employee fringe benefits

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Net operating loss provisions

- No longer allowed to carryback NOLs
- Carried forward indefinitely
- 80% of taxable income may be reduced by NOL

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Other changes to note

- New limits on executive compensation deduction
- Changes for Sec. 1031 exchanges
- Changes to carried interest rule
- Expenses for employer operating eating facilities is now 50% (rather than fully deductible)
- Lobbying costs no longer deductible
- New credit for paid family and medical leave

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Planning for 2018 and forward

- Guidance needed on Sec. 199A (pass-through deduction)
 - Definitions: qualified business income; qualified trade/business; small business
- Effect of corporate rate reduction to 21% on choice of entity
- Debt structure due to interest limitations
- Entertainment expenses
- Changes to fringe benefits and effect on employees

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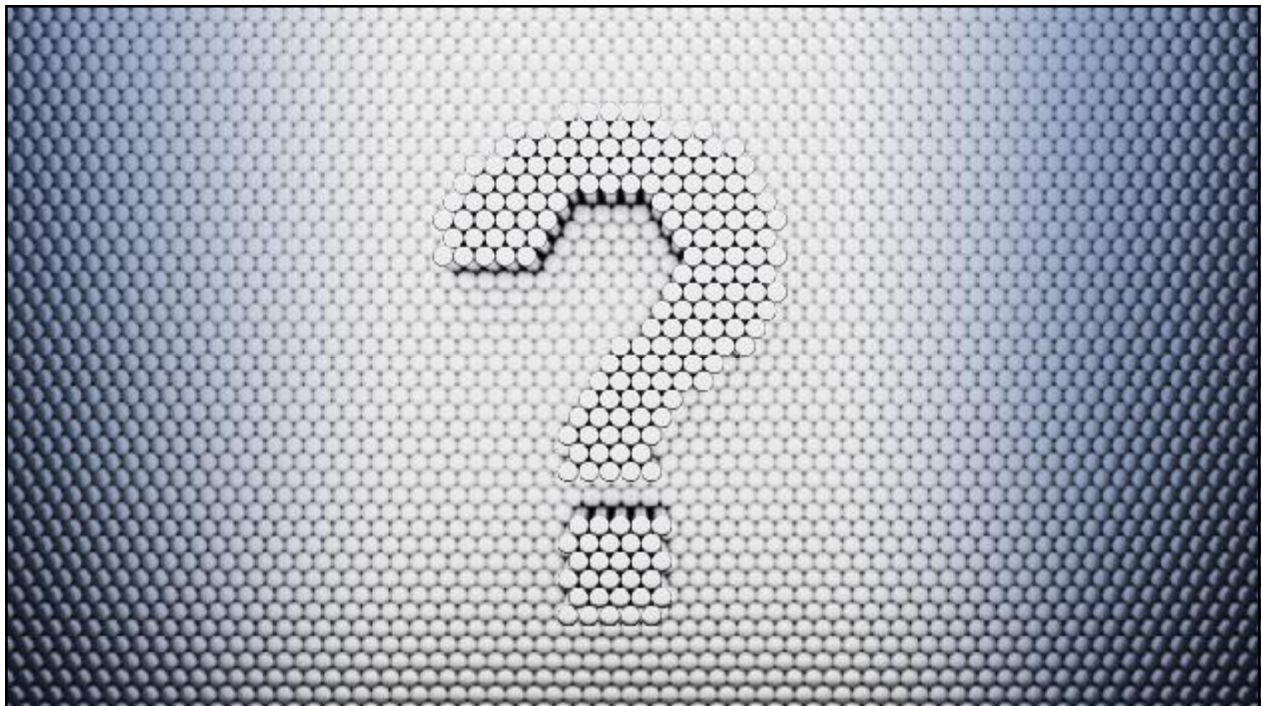
Planning opportunities

Complexity =
possible
savings
opportunities

Consider
evaluating tax
structure

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