

COMMONLY USED TAX-DEDUCTIBLE ITEMS

Accelerated cost recovery on business equipment
Accounting and auditing expenses paid for keeping your business books and accounts and preparation of tax returns
Alimony, if it meets certain tax tests
Alterations and repairs on business or income-producing property
Amortization of bond premiums, with some exceptions
Appraisal costs for tax and business purposes
Attorney fees related to:
 Your job or business
 Estate planning
 Libel suits, business reputation
 Obtaining taxable alimony
 Tax advice
Automobile expenses incurred during business trips, job-related moving, trips for charitable organizations, and trips for medical care

Back pay, expenses to collect
Bad debts
Bank deposit loss by failure of bank
Burglary losses
Business expense and losses

Capital asset loss
Capital loss carryover
Casualty losses
Charitable contributions paid to religious, charitable, scientific, literary, educational, and other organizations (including family foundations) which qualify under tax law
Christmas presents and other holiday gifts paid to employees, customers or prospects up to \$25 per person
Clothing – uniforms, costumes, and working clothes – cost, laundering, and cleaning if required by job and not adaptable to regular wear
Collection of income and business debts, expenses connected with commissions paid to agents (press agents, literary agents, booking agents, etc.)
Commissions paid in connection with rented property
Condominium owners' interest and realty taxes
Contributions to IRAs, subject to limits and restrictions
Contributions to disability insurance funds in certain states
Convention expenses
Custodian fees paid to banks or investment counsel, fees incurred in the management of your investments where they produce taxable income

Damage to property held for personal use, as a result of a casualty such as a fire and storm

Debts, uncollectible

Depreciation on business or income-producing property

Directors' expenses

Disability insurance deductions in certain states

Disaster losses

Donations to qualified charities

Drugs and medicines, subject to limitations

Dues to:

Clubs and associations which employer requires you to belong to in order to hold your job

Membership in organized labor unions

Professional societies

Trade associations

Education – tuition fees, books, traveling expenses, etc. – if required to keep your employment or professional standards; carrying charges on installment payments of tuition

Employment agency fees

Entertainment of customers

Estate tax paid on income reported by heirs

Expenses paid for the production and collection of income, and expenses to maintain, manage, and conserve property held for investment

Farm expenses, if operated for profit

Fees paid:

To bank acting as dividend agent in automatic dividend reinvestment plan

To secure employment, within limits of

To secure readmission to organized labor union

For passports on a business trip

Finance charges

Fire insurance premiums (on business or income-producing property)

Flood losses

Food and drinks (for business entertainment)

Forced sales, losses

Foreign taxes paid

Gambling losses (only to extent of gambling gains)

Gifts for business purposes up to certain limits

Home office expenses, subject to limitations

Household or personal assets stolen or destroyed by fire or other casualty
Housing costs while working abroad if self-employed or costs not employer-financed
Hurricane losses

Income tax return, fees for preparation
Income tax, state or city
Individual retirement account (IRA) contributions, subject to limits
Information, cost of obtaining, including cost of standard services for business,
tax, or investment use
Injury benefits to employees (not compensated by insurance)
Interest paid or imputed (subject to limits)
Interest, prepaid, must be allocated over life of loan
Interest, although not stated, on tuition installment plans or personal property
purchases
Interest paid in form of dividends from stock pledged for your loan
Investment counsel fees
Involuntary conversion, loss

Job expenses
Joint venture losses

Keogh plan contributions

Labor union dues
Library expenses used only for business or profession
License and regulatory fees for business
Loans, uncollectible
Lodging on trips to obtain medical care
Losses (except to the extent covered by insurance) arising from:
 Abandoned property
 Abandonment of worthless business machinery
 Bad debts
 Bonds sold or exchanged
 Bonds, worthless
 Business operations
 Capital assets, sale of
 Casualties such as fire, theft, storm, shipwreck
 Deposits in closed banks
 Endorser or guarantor compelled to pay for principal when transaction was
 entered into for profit
 Forced sales
 Foreclosures

Forfeitures
Futures account closed by broker
Gambling to the extent of gains
Goodwill, sale or abandonment
Investments, worthless
Joint ventures, syndicates, pools, etc., participation in
Loans not repaid
Mortgaged property sold (business or investment)
Net operating loss carried over and back
Obsolescence of business asset
Partnership operations
Profit-seeking transactions
Sale of capital assets
Sale of inherited residence
Sales and exchanges of property
Securities, sale or exchange
Securities, worthless
Seizures by the government
Short sales
Stocks, worthless
Transactions entered into for profit, even though not connected with a business
Worthless securities

Magazines, technical or in waiting room of professional
Malpractice, expenses of professional in defense of suit for
Materials and supplies used in your business
Meals and lodging
Medical expenses, subject to limitations
Membership dues
Mortgage foreclosure losses
Moving expense of business property

**National Defense Education Act grants under Title IV to graduate students
preparing for college teaching careers**

Ordinary and necessary business expenses

Penalty paid for prepaying mortgage payments
Periodicals used in your business or profession
Plane fares for business trips
Points paid for loan under certain circumstances
Preparation of tax returns, cost of

Professional dues
Professional's expenses, including books and equipment of short life
Property damage
Property taxes

Real estate, expenses of rental or investment property
Real estate sales losses
Real estate taxes
Religious organizations, contributions to
Rents, including payments for the use of sale deposit box used for business or investment purposes
Repairs of business or income-producing property
Repairs to a residence or property which you can rent to others

Safe deposit box costs for records used in your business or for income-producing or investment property
Salespersons' expenses
Securities as charitable contributions
Security transactions, cost of
Short sale losses
Short selling costs
Simplified employee pension plan contributions
State income and other taxes
Storm damage
Subscriptions to professional or trade journals
Supplies used in profession or business
Support of a student, unrelated to you, in your home, up to \$50 per month

Tax preparation fees
Taxes paid (property, state income)
Teachers' expenses of attending summer school
Technical magazines used in your business
Tenants – payment of real estate taxes, interest or other items for your landlord (if property is leased for income-producing purposes)
Theft losses
Trade associations' dues
Traveling and entertaining expenses
Traveling between two jobs
Traveling to professional convention, subject to limits
Traveling to get medical care
Traveling to look after income-producing property
Trustees' expenses, certain commissions

Uncollectible debts

Uniforms, required for your job and not generally adaptable for ordinary wear

Union assessments

Union dues

Unreimbursed volunteer expenses for charity

Unstated interest

Upkeep, care and maintenance of real estate held for investment or rented to others

Worthless bonds or stocks