The Fiscal Cliff and Other 2013 Tax Updates

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KEY PERSONAL TAX PROVISIONS FOR 2013



CEMENTS BUSH LOWER TIERED TAX RATES BRACKETS ADDS 39.6% HIGHER EARNERS

- Lower Tax Rates Remain in Effect and Adjusted for Inflation
- 39.6% on the taxpayer's taxable income that's in excess of:
 - \$450,000 Married Filling Jointly
 - \$400,000 Single
 - \$425,000 Head of Household
 - \$225,000 Married Filing Separately
 - Maintains 15% rate for joint filers (providing some relief from the "marriage penalty" within the rate structure)



PAYROLL TAX HOLIDAY EXPIRES

- 2% Increase to Employee's Portion of Social Security Contribution
- Increases from 4.2% to 6.2%
- **2013** Base \$113,700

DON'T FORGET ADDITIONAL OBAMA CARE TAXES

- Unearned Income Medicare Contribution Tax
- 3.8% surtax is imposed on net investment income:
 - Interest, dividends, royalties, rents, capital gains, nonqualified annuities, passive income from a trade or business or income from the business of trading in commodities or financial instruments
- Excluded items:
 - Wages, unemployment compensation, interest on tax-exempt bonds, Social Security, alimony, non-taxable gain on the sale of a principal residence, non-passive trade or business income, S/E income
- Top tax bracket for Unearned Income will be : 39.6%+3.8%=43.4% (Combined with State 48%)
- The NIIT applies to taxpayers whose modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) exceeds \$250,000 MFJ/SS, \$125,000 MFS, and \$200,000 in all other cases(Single....)
- Income Derived From Self Rental Is Not Passive.



DON'T FORGET ADDITIONAL OBAMA CARE TAXES - PHASE II

- Additional Medicare tax on High Income Workers
- .9% Increase for those earning over \$250,000 Joint/\$200,000 Single
- Employer is required to withhold on wages over \$200,000



TIERED CAPITAL GAIN RATE

- 0% and 15% capital gain rates are made permanent; 20% rate is added for high-income taxpayers after 2012
- the 20% capital gain rate applies to taxpayers whose income exceeds the Threshold which Begins the 39.6% rate.
- Taxpayers who are subject to a greater than 25% but less than 39.6% rate threshold, will continue to be subject to a 15% capital gain rate.
- For taxpayers whose ordinary income is taxed at a rate below 25%, capital gains will permanently be subject to a 0% rate.
- Obama Care Provision Starting in 2013
 - 3.8% net investment income tax (NIIT) applies to most capital gains starting in 2013, the overall capital gain rate for some high-income taxpayers will be 23.8% (20% + 3.8%).

QUALIFIED DIVIDENDS ARE TAXED AT 0%, 15%, AND 20% RATES AFTER 2012

- Qualified dividends will be taxed at the same 0%, 15%, and 20% rates that apply to capital gain.
- Obama Care Starting in 2013
 - Because the 3.8% net investment income tax (NIIT) applies to dividends, the overall tax rate on qualified dividends for some highincome taxpayers will be 23.8% (20% + 3.8%).



PERSONAL EXEMPTION PHASEOUT (PEP)

- Personal exemption phaseout (PEP) applies when AGI exceeds \$300,000 (joint returns) and \$250,000 (single filers) for tax years beginning after Dec. 31, 2012
- For 2013, the personal exemption amount is \$3,900.
- A taxpayer has all personal exemptions completely phased out at incomes of: \$372,501 (singles); \$397,501 (heads of household); \$422,501 (joint filers); and \$211,251 (marrieds filing separately



LIMITATION ON ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS

- Starting in 2013
- The total amount of itemized deductions allowed is reduced by 3 cents for each dollar of AGI in excess of \$250,000 (S), \$275,000 (HH), \$300,000 (MFJ) and \$150,000 (MFS).
- But a taxpayer can't lose more than 80% of his deductions as a result of the limitation



AMT PATCHED PERMANENTLY!!!!!

Married?	2011 Exemption	2012 Exemption	The Cliff
Single	\$48,450	\$50,600	\$33.750
Married Filing Jointly	\$74,450	\$78,750	\$45,000

Exemptions begin phase-out \$150,000 (MFJ) \$112,500 (S)



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	2012	2013	The Cliff
Married with 3 Children			
Wage	700,000.00	700,000.00	700,000.00
Capital Gain	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
Net Rental Income(Passive)	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Ordinary Dividend(Qualified Divdends)	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
	800,000.00	800,000.00	800,000.00
Mortgage	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
State Taxes	32,000.00	32,000.00	32,000.00
Property Taxes	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Contributions	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Itemized	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00
Exemptions	19,000.00		
Allowed Itemized Deductions	75,000.00	60,000.00	56,345.00
Taxable Income	706,000.00	740,000.00	743,655.00
Net Federal Income Tax	201,200.00	226,000.00	246,900.00
Payroll Tax/Medicare Tax	14,800.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
State Tax	34,200.00	35,700.00	35,900.00
Total Personal Taxes	250,200.00	286,700.00	307,800.00
Employer Payroll Tax	17,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00
Total Taxes	267,200.00	303,700.00	324,800.00
Total Combined Rate	33.4%	38.0%	40.69
Tax Increase		36,500.00	57,600.00

WHAT CAUSED THE INCREASE				
Tax Rate Increase from 35% to 39.6%	7,700			
Capital Gain/Dividend Increase 15%-20%	3,750			
Obama Care Tax On Inv/Passive Income-3.8%	3,800			
Additional Obama Care Tax on Wage-(.9%)	4,050			
Additional FICA Tax-(2%)	2,200			
Effect of Limitation of Personal Exemption	7,500			
Effect of Limitation of Itemized Deduction	6,000			
Increase in State Tax	1,500			
TOTAL INCREASE IN TAXES	36,500			

ALLOWED ROTH CONVERSIONS

- Allows any Amount in a Non-Roth Account to be Converted to a Roth Account.
- Congress thinks this is a good Deal?



KEY BUSINESS TAX INCENTIVES

SECTION 179

- Restores for 2012 and 2013 limits to 2011 Threshold
- **\$500,000 Limit**
- **\$2,000,000 Phase-out Begins**
- \$250,000 for Qualified Leasehold Properties/Restaurants/Retail



BONUS DEPRECIATION

- Allows 50% Bonus Depreciation for Qualified Property
- Eligible for Qualified Property Placed in Service by 1/1/2014;
- First-year depreciation on Luxury Vehicles for 2013 of no more than \$11,160.
- The property's original use generally must begin with the taxpayer after Dec. 31, 2007. (NEW)
- Disregard of certain bonus depreciation in applying the percentage of completion method is allowed for an additional time period



RESTAURANT AND BUILDING IMPROVEMENT DEPRECIATION

15-year MACRS depreciation for certain building improvements and restaurants is extended to apply to property placed in service before Jan. 1, 2014



ESTATE TAX PROVISIONS

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- Increased and indexed estate, gift and GST tax exemption of \$5 million (\$5,250,000 in 2013, as indexed for inflation),
- Allows for the portability rules.
- Using the exemption amount, a married couple may transfer a total of \$10.5 million in 2013 without incurring any transfer tax.



TOP ESTATE TAX RATE INCREASED

■ Top Rate Increased From 35% to 40%

Taxable Estate	Estate Tax Rate
First \$500,000	31%
Next \$250,000	37%
Next \$250,000	39%
In Excess of \$1,000,000	40%

