



# Things to Know During Tax Season

For the past few weeks, envelopes marked "Important Tax Information" have been trickling into your mailbox. In addition to keeping your paperwork (or electronic files) organized for your accountant or to make the process easier for yourself, here are some important reminders about preparing to file your taxes:

**State income tax.** State income tax varies, with some states imposing a progressive tax, others a flat tax, and several levying none at all. Currently, Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, and Wyoming do not impose a state income tax. Washington taxes investment income and capital gains, while New Hampshire taxes investment and interest income.

**Income that is taxable.** You will owe federal tax for money, property, or services received in 2022, including:<sup>1</sup>

- Wages, salary, commissions earned, fees, tips, and unemployment benefits
- Investment income such as interest, dividends, and capital gains (different tax

- rules apply depending upon the type of asset and how long it has been owned)
- Up to 85% of your Social Security benefits when your income exceeds the threshold
- Income earned through the gig economy, including profits on eBay sales and freelance work<sup>2</sup>
- The value of fringe benefits provided to you and your family members
- Rental income, including for Airbnb hosts who earned more than \$600 in bookings<sup>3</sup>
- Cash and non-cash prize winnings

Income that is not taxable. Income earned on municipal bonds, life insurance proceeds, alimony and child support, scholarships, and Roth IRA withdrawals are generally not subject to federal income tax.

Deciding when to itemize. Certain expenses (including self-employment business expenses, unreimbursed medical and dental expenses, mortgage interest, deductible IRA contributions, charitable contributions, and the amount you paid for last year's tax preparation) may be tax deductible. If the sum



total of your deductible expenses exceeds the standard deduction, it generally pays to itemize on your tax return. For 2022, there is still no limit on itemized deductions, which was eliminated by the Tax Cut and Jobs Act, and the standard deduction (with a supplement to those who are over the age of 65 or are blind) is:

- \$12,950 for those single or married filing separately
- \$19,400 for heads of household
- \$25,900 for those married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)s

### **2022 Tax Changes**

The IRS made some <u>tax changes for 2022</u> to account for inflation. Changes include increases to the standard deduction amounts and increased exclusions for gifts and estate taxes.

### Reducing your taxes in the future

There may be opportunities to lower your tax bill in the future by employing strategies such as tax-loss harvesting, charitable giving, channeling more funds into tax-deferred investment accounts (such as 401(k)s, IRAs, HSAs, and 529 college savings plans), and investing in municipal bonds.

Your Palisade advisor works with you and your accountant to review your financial picture and recommend the tax-minimization strategies appropriate to your situation. Please reach out to your advisor with any questions you may have about your investment strategy. And if you're not currently working with Palisade, please contact us to learn more.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> What is Taxable and Nontaxable Income, irs.gov

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Gig Economy Tax Center, irs.gov

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Important income tax changes for U.S. Hosts, Airbnb.com,