2011 Tax Reference Guide

Roth IRAs

AGI Phase-Out Range for Contributions to Roth IRAs:

Married Filing Jointly: $169,000 - $179,000
Single: $107,000 - $122,000

Roth IRA conversion rules:

2010* and later: Unlimited Modified AGI Any tax filing status

**2010 only, conversion can spread income over 2011 and 2012*

Traditional IRA Deductibility Rules

Filing Status	Covered by Employer's Retirement Plan?	Modified AGI 2010	Modified AGI 2011	Deductibility
Single	No	Any Amount	Any amount	Full deduction
	Yes	$56,000 or less $56,001 - $66,000 $66,001 or more	$56,000 or less $56,001 - $66,000 $66,001 or more	Full deduction Partial deduction No deduction
Married Filing Jointly	Neither Spouse Covered	Any amount	Any amount	Full deduction
	Both Spouses Covered	$89,000 or less $89,001 - $109,000 $109,001 or more	$90,000 or less $90,001 - $110,000 $110,001 or more	Full deduction Partial deduction No deduction
	One Spouse Covered	$167,000 or less $167,001 - $177,000 $177,001 or more	$169,000 or less $169,001 - $179,000 $179,001 or more	Full Partial deduction No deduction

Education Incentives

Coverdell Education Savings Accounts (Education IRAs) - Contribution Limit $2,000

Modified AGI Phase-Out Range for Contributions to Coverdell Education Savings Accounts:

Married Filing Jointly	$190,000 - $220,000
Single	$95,000 - $110,000

Qualified Tuition Programs - Section 529 Plans

Distributions for qualified higher education expense are income-tax free.

American Opportunity (Hope) and Lifetime Learning Credits

Hope Credit - 100% of first $2,000 education expenses, 25% between $2,000-$4,000 (max. $2,500)

Lifetime Learning Credit - Up to 20% of tuition paid (max. $10,000); calculated per taxpayer

Modified AGI Phase-Outs:	Hope Credit	Lifetime Learning
Married Filing Jointly	$160,000 - $180,000	$102,000 - $122,000
Others	$80,000 - $90,000	$51,000 - $62,000

Exclusion of U.S. Savings Bond Income

Modified AGI Phase-Outs:	2010	2011
Married Filing Jointly	$105,100 - $135,100	$106,500 - $136,650
Others	$70,000 - $85,100	$71,100 - $86,100

Student Loan Interest Deduction - *Maximum Deduction $2,500*

Modified AGI Phase-Outs:	2010	2011
Married Filing Jointly	$120,000 - $150,000	$120,000 - $150,000
Single	$60,000 - $75,000	$60,000 - $75,000
Deductibility Period	No time limit	No time limit

IRAs

Contribution Limits - Traditional and Roth

	2008-2011
Regular	$5,000
Catch-Up*	$1,000

**Only taxpayers age 50 and over are eligible*

Uniform Lifetime Table

For calculating Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from Qualified Plans and Traditional IRAs

Current Age	Distrib. Period	Current Age	Distrib. Period
70	27.4	85	14.8
71	26.5	86	14.1
72	25.6	87	13.4
73	24.7	88	12.7
74	23.8	89	12.0
75	22.9	90	11.4
76	22.0	91	10.8
77	21.2	92	10.2
78	20.3	93	9.6
79	19.5	94	9.1
80	18.7	95	8.6
81	17.9	96	8.1
82	17.1	97	7.6
83	16.3	98	7.1
84	15.5	99	6.7

Saver's Tax Credit

Contributions to Employer Plans & IRAs
Maximum Credit $2,000 - AGI limits below

Married Filing Jointly	Single	Credit
$0 - $34,000	$0 - $17,000	50% of contribution
$34,001 - $36,500	$17,001-$18,250	20% of contribution
$36,501 - $56,500	$18,251-$28,250	10% of contribution
Over $56,500	Over $28,250	Not Available

Health Savings Accounts - HSAs

An "**eligible individual**" is defined as:

(1) one covered by a high deductible health plan (HDHP), (an annual deductible of $1,200 for single coverage and $2,400 for family coverage where the maximum out of pocket cannot exceed $5,950 for single coverage and $11,900 for family coverage),

(2) is not covered by any other health insurance except for some permitted coverages,

(3) is not eligible for and enrolled in Medicare, and

(4) cannot be claimed as a dependent on someone else's income tax return.

Contribution Limits:

	2010	2011
Single < 55	$3,050	$3,050
Single > 55	$4,050	$4,050
Family	$6,150	$6,150

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Income Taxes

2010

If Taxable Income is:

Over	But Not >	The Tax Is	Of the Amount >
Married Filing Jointly:			
$0	$16,750	$0+10%	$0
16,750	68,000	1,675+15%	16,750
68,000	137,300	9,362.50+25%	68,000
137,300	290,250	26,687.50+28%	137,300
209,250	373,650	46,833.50+33%	209,250
373,650	------	101,085.50+35%	373,650
Single			
$0	$8,375	$0+10%	$0
8,375	34,000	837.50+15%	8,375
34,000	82,400	4,681.25+25%	34,000
82,400	171,850	16,781.25+28%	82,400
171,850	373,650	41,827.25+33%	171,850
373,650	------	108,421.25+35%	373,650
Estates & Trusts			
$0	$2,300	$0+15%	$0
2,300	5,350	345+25%	2,300
5,350	8,200	1,170.50+28%	5,350
8,200	11,200	1,905.50+33%	8,200
11,200	------	2,895.50+35%	11,200

2011

If Taxable Income is:

Over	But Not >	The Tax Is	Of the Amount >
Married Filing Jointly			
$0	$17,000	$0+10%	$0
17,000	69,000	1,700+15%	17,000
69,000	139,350	9,500+25%	69,000
139,350	212,300	27,089.50+28%	139,350
212,300	379,150	47,513.50+33%	212,300
379,150	------	102,574+35%	379,150
Single			
$0	$8,500	$0+10%	$0
8,500	34,500	850+15%	8,500
34,500	83,600	4,750+25%	34,500
83,600	174,400	17,025+28%	83,600
174,400	379,150	42,449+33%	174,400
379,150	------	110,016.50+35%	379,150
Estates & Trusts			
$0	$2,300	$0+15%	$0
2,300	5,450	345+25%	2,300
5,450	8,300	1,132.50+28%	5,450
8,300	11,350	1,930.50+33%	8,300
11,350	------	2,937+35%	11,350
C-Corporations *(for all tax years since 1993)*			
$0	$50,000	$0+15%	$0
50,000	75,000	7,500+25%	50,000
75,000	100,000	13,750+34%	75,000
100,000	335,000	22,250+39%	100,000
335,000	10 million	113,900+34%	335,000
10 million	15 million	3,400,000+35%	10 million
15 million	18,333,333	5,150,000+38%	15 million
18,333,333	-------	6,416,667+35%	18,333,333

Professional Corporation: Flat 35%

Capital Gains

	Taxpayer Bracket: 10, 15%	Other
S-T < 12 mos	Ordinary rate	Ordinary rate
L-T > 12 mos	0%	15%
Qualified Dividends	0%	15%
Non-Qualified Dividends	Ordinary rate	Ordinary rate

Kiddie Tax

Unearned income <18 (<24 & full time student)

	2010	2011	
First	$950	$950	No Tax
Next	$950	$950	10% Tax Amounts
Over	$1,900	$1,900	Parents' Rate

Standard Deductions

		Annual	Additional Age 65 or Older, or Blind
Married Filing Jointly	2010	$11,400	$1,100
	2011	$11,600	$1,150
Single	2010	$5,700	$1,400
	2011	$5,800	$1,450

Personal Exemptions

		Exemption
Married Filing Jointly	2010	$3,650
	2011	$3,700
Single	2010	$3,650
	2011	$3,700

Child Tax Credit

$1,000 per child; phases out $50 for each $1,000 of AGI over $110,000-married filing joint, or $75,000-single.

Limit on Itemized Deductions

The 2001 tax act repealed the Pease limitation on itemized deductions for 2010 and the repeal of the Pease limitation is now extended for an additional two years, through 2012.

Qualified Plans

	2010	2011
Maximum elective deferral to retirement plans, e.g. 401(k), 403(b)	$16,500	$16,500
Maximum elective deferral to SIMPLE IRA and SIMPLE 401(k)	$11,500	$11,500
Maximum elective deferral to 457 plans of tax-exempt employers	$16,500	$16,500
Limit on annual additions to SEP IRA plans	$49,000	$49,000
Annual compensation threshold requiring SEP IRA contribution	$550	$550
Limit on annual additions to defined contribution plans	$49,000	$49,000
Maximum annual compensation taken into account for contributions	$245,000	$245,000
Annual benefit limit under defined benefit plans	$195,000	$195,000
Threshold amount for definition of highly compensated employee	$110,000	$110,000
Threshold amount for definition of key employee in top-heavy plans	$160,000	$160,000
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. monthly pension amt. (age 65, single life)	$4,500	$4,500

Catch-Up Contribution Limits for Other Qualified Plan Types *(catch-up for age 50 and older)*

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
401(k), 403(b), SARSEP & 457 Plans	$5,000	$5,000	$5,500	$5,500	$5,500
SIMPLE IRA & SIMPLE 401(k) Plans	$2,500	$2,500	$2,500	$2,500	$2,500

Estate & Gift Taxes

For Death / Gifts Occurring in 2011

	Exclusion Amount
2002-2003	$1 million
2004-2005	$1.5 million
2006-2008	$2 million
2009	$3.5 million
2010	Estate tax repealed; gift tax remains
2011	$5 million
2012	$5 million

Annual Gift Tax Exclusion: $13,000 *($13,000 in 2010)*

Gift Tax Exemption: $5 million

GSTT Exemption: $5 million *(Unlimited in 2010)*

Social Security

Base Amount of Modified Adjusted Gross Income Causing Social Security Benefits to be Taxable:

	50% Taxable	85% Taxable
Married Filing Jointly	$32,000	$44,000
Single	$25,000	$34,000

Maximum Earnings Before Social Security Benefits are Reduced:

Assumes full retirement age is 65

Under age 65 *(lose $1 for every $2)*	*$14,160*
Age 65 and over	No limit

Maximum Compensation Subject to FICA Taxes:

Social Security Maximum	$106,800
Medicare Maximum	No limit

**Social Security tax rate: 10.4% self-employed; 4.2% employees*
**Medicare tax rate: 2.9% self-employed; 1.45% employees*

Long Term Care Insurance

Maximum Qualified LTC Premiums Eligible for Deduction:

	Age 40 or less	41-50	51-60	61-70	Over 70
2010	$330	$620	$1,230	$3,290	$4,110
2011	$340	$640	$1,270	$3,390	$4,240

Qualified LTC contract per-diem limit $300 ($290 in 2010)

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