



Tax Strategies for Doctors

Physician Tax Deductions

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Tax planning is all about using proven and effective methods to pay as little in taxes as possible through primary ways:

1. Reduce your taxable income
2. Reduce your actual taxes owed
3. Delay the due date on your taxes for many years to come

Reducing Taxable Income

Tax deductions are the means of reducing taxable income as much as possible. Most taxpayers can deduct the interest they pay on their mortgage from their taxable income. The effect is that there is less income to expense their business purchases prior to calculating their taxable yearly profit. The amount of deductions is hard to quantify. Physicians overpay their taxes consistently by not taking

Personal Tax Deductions Include:

- The value of items or funds given to charity (also considered a business deduction).
- Any interest paid on a first mortgage for your home, and a second home for up to \$1 million.
- Interest paid on second mortgages or home equity loans for your home, and a second home for up to \$1 million.
- Interest paid on **student loans** if your income is within allowable limits.
- Funds contributed to a tax-deferred **retirement plan** (also considered a business deduction).
- Professional fees that exceed 2% of your adjusted gross income, including legal, accounting, and consulting fees.
- Investment losses.
- Travel expenses in connection with a job search.

- Expenses for using your automobile for charitable purposes.
- Continuing education expenses.
- Medical expenses, including health insurance premiums, which may or may not have
- Pre-school or childcare expenses paid for your children so that both spouses can wo

Note: The preceding list of available tax deductions is only a partial representation. It is consult a tax professional with knowledge about your specific needs.

Charitable Gifts

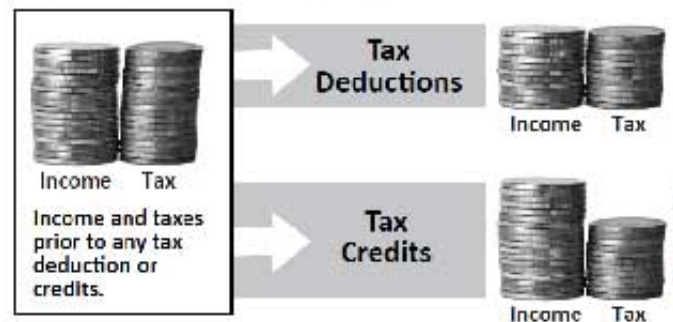
Even though numerous tax strategies exist, a favorite tax strategy is applicable to anyor taxable investment account. In this case, a physician can gift **investments to a charity** ir cash, and will owe less tax when the investment is ultimately sold. This strategy creates

1. You receive a deduction for the full amount of the investments that you gift to the ch
2. The charity can sell the investments tax-free, even if there is a substantial gain.
3. You pay less tax when you ultimately withdraw your cash that has been reinvested.

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In addition to tax deductions, available tax credits can actually reduce your tax bill, doll

Tax Deduction vs. Tax Credits



Items potentially eligible for tax credits include expenses for:

- Higher education
- International or domestic adoptions
- Energy-efficient home improvements
- Each child that you have

- Childcare so that you and your spouse can work

Though tax credits are the most desirable tax benefit, they are often excluded for families with incomes above \$150,000. Tax deductions for planning purposes because their incomes are too high.

Delaying the Due Date

When tax deductions or credits are not available, a third tax planning strategy is to delay the payment of taxes. A respected CPA told us that from day one, a CPA is taught how to keep delaying or deferring tax payments. In many instances it would likely be better to reduce the taxes owed rather than just delay them. However, there is a risk of being delaying their taxes to an even-higher bracket later on.

The problem with delaying taxes is that it usually comes with a cost. Few people understand this. For example, the 401(k) that delays taxes until later. Not only do you eventually owe the taxes, but you also pay more in taxes.

Due to the compound taxation often caused from tax-delay strategies, it is usually better to pay taxes now. An exception to this rule comes with **major real estate investment**. If someone has a large gain from the sale of real estate, they can do what is known as a 1031 exchange, delaying the taxes owed on the sale of the property. This is a technique on their investment property to delay their taxes as long as possible. Provide the cash to pay the taxes without ever having been paid.

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