

#### SAVE TIME - READ THIS FIRST

This organizer is designed to assist and remind you of information that is needed to prepare your tax return. The goal is not to overlook anything so you can maximize your legal deductions, comply with government reporting requirements, and avoid problems with the IRS after the return is filed.

Taxes are complicated and the rules change constantly. This organizer was designed specifically for the 2015 tax year and certain items may not apply to other years. Although care has been taken to accommodate most taxpayers' needs, please note questions that are related to issues not included here under "Questions You May Have" in Section D6.

**Section Categories –** To help you collect your information quickly, this organizer is organized into four general areas. Information required from:

- everyone Sections A1 A13 (Pages 2 & 3)
- those who itemize their deductions Sections B1 B11 (Pages 4 & 5)
- everyone Health Care reporting Section D1 (page 6)
- those who have relocated, sold their home, made home energy improvements or have debt relief income Sections D2 D5 (Page 6)

The instructions provided in the header of each section will help you determine if you are required to complete the information in that section.

Before proceeding, please take a moment to review the purpose of the SPECIAL MARKERS used throughout this organizer.



Your tax information from the prior year is automatically transferred to this year's tax return. Therefore, not all taxpayer data and contact info needs to be recorded. The marker signifies that returning clients need only enter data in that section if it has changed since the prior year or if there is new information.



This marker notes areas where the IRS can match the entry on their computer and incomplete or incorrect information can trigger government correspondence or, worse yet, an office audit. Pay particular attention to sections or individual entries with this symbol.



This flag symbol denotes areas where a deduction or item of income is to be treated differently when computing the alternative minimum tax (AMT). The AMT is another way of computing your tax liability, which applies more restrictive limits on certain deductions and preference income. If higher than the regular tax, the AMT applies.



This marker indicates payments that may require the issuance of a 1099 if the annual amount paid to an individual is \$600 or more. Failure to file 1099s can lead to a loss of the tax deduction for that expense and failure to timely file the forms with the IRS and furnish copies to payees can result in substantial penalties.

#### YOUR TAX APPOINTMENT

Please complete and sign this organizer prior to your appointment.

- O Please call to schedule your appointment. Try to call early before the calendar is booked up.
- O Please mail the completed organizer to this office prior to your appointment.
- O Please mail the completed organizer along with required documentation, W2s,1095s,1099s,1098s, K-1s, etc., to this office so your return can be prepared by correspondence.

O Your tax appointment is scheduled for:

Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

Time:\_\_\_\_\_

Please notify this office promptly if you are unable to keep this appointment.

If you are a new client, be sure to provide a copy of last year's tax return.

## Referrals are Always Appreciated.

If you know someone who would like a tax appointment, please have them call this office.

Do not be concerned that your business, personal or financial matters will be discussed with clients whom you refer.

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#### TAXPAYER INFORMATION

The information on this page is required for every taxpayer. Please review each section on this page and report items that are applicable to you, your spouse or dependents.

	A4 TAYPAYER INCORNA	TION							
	A1 - TAXPAYER INFORMATION Returning clients can skip this section			A6 - INCOME & ADJUSTMENTS					
	Filer Name				You	Spouse			
	(Must Match SS Admin)			W-2 Wages – Please provide W-2 forms (retain copy "C" for your rec Partnership, Trust or S-Corporation K-1s (provide complete K-1 copie					
	Social Security No.	Birth D	Date / /	Were you the beneficiary of an inheritance? If so, please verity	,				
	Occupation		✓ If Legally Blind	with executor or trustee if you will be receiving a K-1.	O Yes	O Yes			
	Contact Phone	_	Day O Evening	State Tax Refund (provide 1099-G)					
	E-Mail Address		2 2 2 2 2 1 3 1 3 1 3 1 3 1 3 1 3 1 3 1	Social Security or RR (provide SSA-1099 or RRB-1099)					
	Spouse Name			Pension Income (provide all 1099-Rs)					
	(Must Match SS Admin)			Alimony Received (IRS matches with alimony paid)  Alimony Paid (provide name and SSN below)					
	Social Security No.	Birth D	Date / /		SS#:				
	Occupation		✓ If Legally Blind	Tips (not included in W-2)					
	Contact Phone		Day O Evening						
	E-Mail Address		, ,	Gambling Winnings (provide W-2Gs)					
				A7 - IRA & SE PLANS		·			
	A2 - ADDRESS			A7 - IRA & SE PLANS	You	Spouse			
	Returning clients can skip this section	n except for changes.	54 I A	Retirement Plan with your Employer?	O Yes	O Yes			
	Street	Apt	/Unit No	Did you or your spouse convert a traditional IRA into a	O Yes	O Yes			
	City	State	Zip	Roth IRA during 2015?	3 103	3 103			
	Home Phone Number			Traditional IRA, Keogh & SEP Plans Contributions					
				Withdrawals (1099-R) (1)					
	A3 - STATUS CHANGES FO			Rollovers (2) (3)					
•	Check any that apply and enter the e	mective date.		Basis (Total of prior year non-deductible contributions)					
	O Married /	O Moved	/	Roth IRA					
	O Separated /	O Home Sold	/	Contributions					
	O Divorced /	O Spouse Deceased	/	Withdrawals (1099-R) (1)					
	O Retired /	O Dependent Deceased	/	Rollovers <sup>(2) (9)</sup> (1) Show reason if under age 59 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> (2) Must be reported even if not tax	under are 50 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> (2) Must be reported even if not tayable unless s				
				(3) Rollovers from Traditional to a Roth IRA may be taxable.	able utiless uii	rectly transferred			
A4 - ESTIMATED TAXES PAID  This office cannot assume that all estimated taxes were paid as originally scheduled or on time. Therefore, please enter the amounts				A8 - SPECIAL QUESTIONS & INFORMATION					
			04-4-	Coverdell Education Account <b>Distribution</b> (provide 1099-Q)					
		e Paid Federal	State	Qualified Tuition Plan (Sec. 529) <b>Distribution</b> (provide 1099-Q)					
	Applied from Last Year's Refund			Student Loan Interest paid (provide 1098-E)					
	First Quarter April 15, 2015			HSA Distributions (provide 1099-SA)  Adoption Expenses   ✓ If "special needs child"					
	Second Quarter June 15, 2015			CAUTION – Review the following questions carefully. There are	severe penaltic	es associated			
	Third Quarter Sept. 15, 2015			with failing to report an interest in or signature authority over Please call our attention to any dealings related to foreign acc	a foreign bank	k account.			
	Fourth Quarter Jan. 16, 2016			✓ If you or your spouse have signature authority or are named a	as a co-owne	er e			
	AS DESIND DIDECT DE	DOOLT		on a bank account in a foreign country even if the funds are		<u> </u>			
	<b>A5 - REFUND DIRECT DEF</b> Complete this section to have your re		ed into	✓ If you received an inheritance from someone in a foreign could write you or your spouse have a foreign bank account (over \$10,		<u> </u>			
	your bank account. Doing so will spe	eed up the refund and elim	✓ If you or your spouse received a distribution from, or were the grantor,						
	danger of a check being lost or stoler to up to 3 separate accounts. Entries			or transferor to, a foreign trust	wast in				
	below. If you wish to make multiple de	posits, please provide the a		If at any time during the year you or your spouse held an inte a foreign financial asset	rest in	0			
	account information and how you wis	h to allocate the refund.		✓ If you have been denied Earned Income Credit by the IRS					
	Bank Name			✓ If you have been re-certified for the Earned Income Credit					
	Bank Routing Number (Exactly 9 Digits)			✓ If you bought, sold, or gifted real estate in 2015.  If you have, please call in advance to discuss what documents are needed.					
				If you made a gift of money or property to any individual in excess of   ✓					
	Account Number (include hyphens - omit space:	s & special characters – 17 digits r	nax)	\$14,000 (\$28,000 for joint gifts by a married couple)					
				✓ If you employ household workers		<u>O</u>			
	✓ Account Type: O Checking O Savir	ngs Allocation:		✓ If you sold jewelry, gold, coins, or other precious metals durin ✓ If you wish to contribute to the Presidential campaign fund:	g the year •• You	O Spouse			
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#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The information on this page is required for every taxpayer. Please review each section on this page and report items that are applicable to you, your spouse or dependents.

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A9 - DEPENDENTS Return			mes						
and any changes. Enter all the in	formation for new c				Enter S	-Son, D-Daughter, F-Fa	ther, M-Mother, G-	Grandchild, or	enter other relationship
First Name	Last Name (If Different)		Mandatory)	<b>\</b>		Months in Home (Your Home)	Birth Date	If or Income	ver the age of 18
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A40 INTEREST INCOM	AE-						All !		
A10 – INTEREST INCOMIRS matches payer and amount.		er name listed c	on 1099 even if n	ot the orig	ginal s		aution: All intere	st must be rej	oorted even if tax-free
Name of Payer Please provide all forms 1099INT and 10	Banks	s, Credit Union, o Bonds, etc.	Seller Finance Mortgages	d I	Direct	<b>U.S Obligations</b> Bonds, T-Bills, etc.	Home Sta Municipal B		Other State (Federal Tax-Free)
(Entries are not needed when 1099s are p	provided)		Note College		(S	tate Tax-Free)	(Generally Tax	-Free)	
			Note: Seller finan						
			name, SS# and ad						
			of the payer. See						
Payer Name:	SS#:		special line belo		dress:				
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Forfeite	ed Interest					Federal Tax Withhol	ding on Interest 8	Dividends	
AAA DIMIDEND INGGA									
A11 – DIVIDEND INCOMIRS matches payer and amount.		ame listed on 1	099 even if not th	ne original	sour	ce. Some institutio		<u> </u>	
use substitute 1099s and caution									
Name of Payer – Please provide (Entries are not needed when 1099		Foreign Taxes Paid	Ordinary Dividends	Quali Divide		Capital Gains	Source U.S. Obligations (2)	Taxable State On	
(Littles are not needed when 1095	are provided)	laxes I alu	Dividends	Divide	iius	uanis	obligations	State on	Julie & Federa
(1) Qualified dividends receive special tax t	treatment and are include	I d in the "Ordinary Div	vidends" total. (2) Incl	Ludes income	e from s	avings bonds, T-Bills, etc	., which are state ta	ıx-free.	
A12 - INVESTMENT SAI IRS matches gross proceeds fron		00-R All transf	actions must bo r	anartad c	won if	thora is no profit		<b>Y</b>	
If broker provides a summary of tr									
Desc	cription		√ If	Dat	te	Date	Selling	Cost or Otl	ner Profit
(Please provide all forms 1099B and an		ovided by broker)	Inherited	Acqui		Sold	Price	Basis (1)	(Memo Only)
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			O	/	/	/ /			
			0	/	/	/ /			
			0	/	/	/ /			
			0	/	/	/ /			
(1) The basis from which gain is determine	ed may not be the original	cost and must accou	unt for stock splits, reve	rse splits, m	ergers,	reinvested dividends, wa	sh sales, etc.		
A13 - CHILD OR DEPEN	IDENT CARE	EVDENCE	•						
Care must enable you to work (or				must be	for a	child under age 13	3 or an individu	al who is	
physically or mentally incapable of reporting of care provider.									
			Provider's SSN	or Employe	r ID#	Daymo	nts MUST Be All	ocated Ry Ch	ild/Denendent
○ ✓ If you have employer pro	O 🗸 If you have employer provided dependent care benefits 👪		MANDATORY unl	ess it is an	exempt	Child/Depnd.'s Nam			Child/Dependent  Child/Depnd.'s Name
Paid To	Address & Ph	one Number	organization. Ched	ck circle if e	exempt.				
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## ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS

Taxpayers may choose between itemized or standard deductions. This page and the adjoining page are for recording your expenses, which are needed when itemizing your deductions. If you are certain that you cannot itemize your deductions, you can skip this page and

the next one except for B10. CAUTION: If you are married and filing separately and either you or your spouse itemize your deductions, then the other spouse must also itemize their deductions. The law does not allow one to itemize and the other to take the standard deduction. O If filing married separate and your spouse is itemizing deductions.

#### **B1 - MEDICAL EXPENSES B3 - TAXES PAID** Although for Federal purposes medical expenses are only deductible Do not list any taxes associated with a business or rental activity. adjusted gross income (AGI) for the year (10% of AGI if taxed by the Real Estate – Primary Residence Do not include interest & Real Estate - 2nd Home your medical expenses. Do not list expenses reimbursed by insurnenalties ance or expenses and premiums paid with pre-tax funds. Real Estate - Investment Property (Land, etc.) **CAUTION** – Some tax bills include non-deductible special services. Please provide copies of the tax bills. INSURANCE PREMIUMS for Medical, Dental, Vision & Hospital Vehicle License Fees (Tax portion only): (1) (2)Personal Property Tax (Boat, plane, etc.) Medicare Insurance Premiums (Not payroll tax) Sales Tax – Receipted Filer This deduction expired in 2014. (Leave blank for standard amount) Long-Term Care Insurance Complete only if extended for 2015. Sales Tax - Cars, Boats, Home, Etc. Spouse Doctors, Dentists (1) (No discretionary cosmetic surgery) Income Taxes Paid to Another State State Acupuncture & Chiropractic Care City, County, Local Taxes (not listed in another category) Other. Hospital (2) Prescription Drugs (Not over-the-counter drugs) State Income Tax Paid During 2015 (please provide proof of payment) Do not include taxes withheld; they are automatic from the source documents. O ✓ If in-home care Nursing Care Other Year's Tax Balance Due 2014 Return Or Adjustment Eye Exam, Glasses, Contact Lenses, Contact Lens Solution Extension Payment 2014 4th Qtr. Estimate Hearing Aids & Batteries 2014 Return Paid Jan. 2015 Ambulance & Paramedics **B4 - HOME MORTGAGE INTEREST** Auto Travel (To and from medical treatment) Enter only interest on loans **secured** by your primary residence Parking & tolls (For medical treatment) and designated second residence. This deduction is limited to Taxi, Shuttle, Air Fare, Etc. (To reach medical treatment) second residence. Equity debt interest is not deductible for AMT Lodging (For medical treatment) No. of days purposes. IRS matches the interest paid on home mortgages. Amount Telephone (Medical-related toll charges only) Please **CAUTION** — if paid to an individual, ✓ check box — √ If and enter the PAYEE's address and Social Security provide 2nd Equity Therapy & Special Schooling (3) Form 1098 Home Loan number in **Box A** below to avoid IRS correspondence. Supplies & Equipment Handicapped Placard Paid to: Handicapped Home Modifications П Paid to: Rentals (crutches, wheelchair, walker, oxygen equipment, etc.) П Other: Paid to: Other: (1) Includes Christian Science practitioner and psychological counseling. **CAUTION** – If Form 1098 was issued using a co-owner's SSN, (2) Includes nursing homes for individuals medically incapable of self care. Also includes hospital or enter that individual's name & SSN to avoid IRS correspondence. nursing home meals. (3) Includes physical therapy and psychotherapy; special schooling for physically or mentally handicapped. Name: Box Α If your home or 2nd home is a qualified motor home, **B2 – INVESTMENT INTEREST** boat, etc., list the name of the payee here: **PLEASE** ✓ **ANY OF THE FOLLOWING THAT APPLY:** Brokerage Margin Accounts ☐ Has the original home loan ever been refinanced? Vacant Land ☐ Did you refinance any of these loans this year? (If so, provide escrow closing statements) Other: ☐ Have you exceeded the \$100,000 equity debt limit? Other: ☐ Does the total of all your home loan balances exceed \$1 million?

## **ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS**

B5 - CASH CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS	B9 – MISCELLANEOUS  The expenses listed in this section are only deductible	to the		
All cash contributions MUST be documented with either a bank	u vot	extent they exceed 2% of your AGI, and are generally	not	
record or written verification from the charity. Personal benefits m be excluded from the donation.	lust	deductible at all when computing the alternative minim Employee Business Expenses Don't include amounts that COULD BE or were reimbursed by your employer.	You Name:	Spouse Name:
House of Worship		ву убит еттрюует.		
Payroll Deduction (Filer)		One One Hore Od		
Payroll Deduction (Spouse)		Auto Travel See Section C1		
Other:		Business Gifts – Limited to \$25 per recipient per year.  Must be ordinary & necessary.		
Other:		Continuing Education See Section	1 <b>C4</b>	
Other:		Employment Seeking & Resume Fees		
outi.		Entertainment & Meals (Enter 100% of expense)		
<b>B6 - NON-CASH CONTRIBUTIONS</b> Household and clothing items must be in good or better condition	on.	Equipment – Include individual items with a useful life of one year or more in Section B11.		
Items of minimal value such as underclothing are not counted.		Insurance – Malpractice, E&O, Etc.		
A written receipt is required for donations of \$250 or more.  An itemized list should be included with your return if the total		Occupational Licenses, Fees, Credentials, Etc.		
exceeds \$500. Deductions are limited to the lesser of your cost or the fair market value (FMV) for each item contributed.		Publications & Journals		
Clothing & Household Items		Telephone (Business calls only)  Tools – Include individual items with a useful life of		
Automobile Travel	miles	one year or more in Section B11. Supplies	+	
Volunteer Expenses - Explain:		Uniform Purchases (Not including street wear)		
		Uniform Cleaning		
Vehicle Donation (Provide Form 1098-C)		Union & Professional Dues		
Other:		Other:		
Other:		Other Miscellaneous Deductions		
out.		Attorney Fees (To protect or produce taxable income only)		
B7 - OTHER DEDUCTIONS		IRA or SE Plan Fees Paid By You (Not deducted from the plan)		
The expenses listed in this section are part of the "miscellaneous itemized deductions but are listed separately because they are n		Tax Preparation & Consulting Fees		
subject to the 2% of AGI limit.	Ot _	Credit/Debit Card Fees to Make Tax Payments		
Gambling Losses (Only to the extent of gambling winnings)		Other:		
Impairment (Handicapped) Related Work Expenses				_
Unrecovered Pension Basis (Deceased taxpayer)		B10 - INVESTMENT EXPENSES  The investment expenses listed in this section are use  Determine how much investment interest is deduct		
B8 - CASUALTY LOSSES Generally, to be deducted, casualty losses, after insurance reimb	pursement	<ul> <li>Add to miscellaneous deductions subject to the 29</li> <li>Reduce the net investment income tax.</li> <li>Complete this section whether itemizing deductions or</li> </ul>	% of AGI limitat	tion.
must exceed 10% of your adjusted gross income (AGI) and then amount that exceeds the 10% is deductible. There are exception certain theft, embezzlement and designated disaster area losses	ns for	Investment Expenses – DIRECTLY connected with the production of Do not include purchase or sales costs. Include interest in Section B2.		ONLY!
O ✓ If the loss was in a presidentially declared disaster area		Investment Advisory Fees		
✓ If the loss was from theft or embezzlement		Safe Deposit Box Fees		
○ ✓ If the loss was the result of a Ponzi scheme		Legal & Accounting (Related to investments)		
Casualty Description		Other:		
Date of Casualty	/ /			
Insurance Reimbursement		B11 - ITEMS WITH A USEFULE LIFE C		
Property Damaged – or provide a list in the same format		OR MORE Equipment, tools, computers, etc., pu used in business having a useful life of more than one		
	arket Value	differently for tax purposes.		
,	ty After Casualty	Description of Property Date	te Acquired	Cost

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# HEALTH CARE, RELOCATION, HOME SALE, DEBT RELIEF, ENERGY CREDITS

D1 - HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE IRS requires that you report, on your tax return, certain information related to your health care coverage □ ✓ If you had health care coverage with a government Marketplace (Exchange) during 2015. If so provide the Form 1095-A issued by the Marketplace. In some family situations you may have more than one 1095-A. □ ✓ If you are claiming someone on your return who was included on another taxpayer's policy with a Marketplace. If so, you will also need a copy of that taxpayer's 1095-A. ☐ ✓ If a dependent filed a return for 2015. Provide a copy of the return. □ ✓ If you had compliant health insurance through an employer plan, private policy or with a government plan and provide Form 1095-B, 1095-C or other proof of insurance document. □ ✓ And complete the information below if you or any individual included in your "tax family" did NOT have insurance coverage for any month of 2015. Check boxes for months NOT insured. Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec □ ✓ If you were issued a hardship exemption by the Marketplace (Exchange). Provide all applicable exemption certificate numbers issued for each member of your family. D2 - HOME SALE If you sold your home, abandoned it, or D4 - MOVING DEDUCTIONS To qualify for a moving expenses deduction, the distance to the new job from the old home O ✓ If employer reimbursed any amount of moving expense or home sale assistance and Address of Home Sold provide the reimbursement statement from the employer (Form 3903 or a substitute statement) A - Miles from Old Residence to New Job / Date Purchased B - Miles from Old Residence to Old Job miles Purchase Price (including purchase escrow costs) A minus B - if less than 50 miles, stop: no deduction allowed miles ✓ If you deferred gain from a home sale made prior to 5/7/1997. Temporary Storage Commercial Mover If so, please provide the Form 2119 for the year of sale. (up to 30 days) Truck Rental Lodging en route (no meals) Improvements to Home Sold (not maintenance) Date of Sale Trailer Rental (Please bring final closing escrow Highway Tolls statement. This document will have the Sales Price Rental Fuel Costs Airfare information needed for these entries.) Sales Expenses miles # of owned vehicles driven to new home Auto Travel ✓ If you owned and used the home as your primary residence for two Boxes/Tape/Supplies Other: of the prior five years (counting back from the sale date) **D5 - DEBT RELIEF & FORECLOSURE** ✓ If your spouse (if married) owned and used the home as his/her primary residence for two of the prior five years debt relief income. This includes real estate mortgages, credit card If owned and used less than two years, give reason for sale: debt, vehicle loans, etc. Debts discharged in bankruptcy are not included. Please call the office in advance to discuss what additional documentation may be required. ✓ If the home was ever used for business (such as a rental, home office or day care center) ☐ ✓ If you had any amount of credit card debt forgiven and provide a copy of the 1099-C ✓ If any of the business use in the prior question was before 5/7/97 you received from the financial institution ✓ If the home was acquired by tax-deferred (Sec 1031) exchange after 10/22/04 ☐ ✓ If you abandoned your home and provide a copy of the 1099-A and/or the 1099-C you received from the financial institution (also complete Section D2 home sale information) ✓ If you (and spouse if married) have excluded gain from the sale of a prior residence within two years of the date of sale of this residence □ ✓ If your home was foreclosed upon or you sold it under a "short sale" agreement with the lender and provide a copy of the 1099-A and/or the 1099-C you received from the financial ✓ If the home was inherited (including from a deceased spouse) institution (also complete Section D2 home sale information) ✓ If the home was not used as your primary residence for any period after 2010 ✓ If you previously claimed the new or long time resident homeowner credit D6 - QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE D3 - HOME ENERGY CREDITS Enter only items certified by the manufacturer to meet Government energy standards. ☐ ✓ If you installed any of the following that meet Government energy standards: solar electric generation, solar water heating, fuel cell, wind energy or geothermal heat systems for any residence of yours located within the U.S. □ ✓ If primary residence. Provide description of energy property and cost. D7 - SIGNATURE To the best of my knowledge, all the information contained within this document is true, correct and complete

Date

Spouse's Signature

Date

Filer's Signature