

LEARNING OBJECTIVES – SYSTEM 1

Chapter 1 – Travel Expenses – Learn about

- Which travel expenses are deductible.
- Actual cost vs. standard meal allowance – the differences.
- Entertainment expenses – what qualifies.
- How to prove travel expenses.
- The six tests you must meet for entertainment expenses.

Chapter 2 – American Opportunity and Lifetime Learning Credit – Learn about

- Who can and cannot qualify.
- Which expenses are deductible and which ones are nondeductible.
- What is an eligible educational institution.
- Who can claim the dependent's expenses.
- Figuring the credit.

Chapter 3 – Business Expenses – Learn about

- Capital vs. deductible expenses.
- Tests for deducting employee pay.
- The costs of obtaining a lease.
- What type of interest you can deduct.
- Business start-up costs.

Chapter 4 – Office-in-Home – Learn about

- Principal place of business defined.
- Whether separate structures qualify.
- How to figure the deduction and the deduction limits.
- What type of expenses you can deduct.
- Where to deduct.

Chapter 5 – Divorced or Separated Individuals – Learn about

- How to determine filing status.
- Advantages of filing head of household.
- How alimony is treated.
- The effects of divorce on IRA's.
- Community property.

Chapter 6 – Nonbusiness Disasters, Casualties and Thefts – Learn about

- Casualty losses – which one are deductible and which ones are not.
- How to treat a loss on deposits.
- Proof of loss.
- Deduction limits.
- When to report a gain or loss.

Chapter 7 – Like-Kind Exchanges – Learn about

- Can a loss be deducted.
- What qualifies as like-kind.
- Basis of property received.
- Exchange expense(s)
- Personal property – what type qualifies.

Chapter 8 – Partnerships – Learn about

- Types of partnerships.
- Termination of a partnership.
- Distributions.
- Partner's basis.
- Effect of partnership's liabilities.