

DAY 1 Chat

JANE J.

Question about PMI. Only for loans after 2006?

Correct, per IRS Pub 936 - PMI deduction is for contracts issued after 2006

Ted Manolas

Are premium tax credits repayments waived again for 2021...like last year?

The American Rescue Plan Act (3/2021), suspended repayment of excess PTC for TY2020 only. Congress may act to extend this suspension but has not done so at this time.

Judy Hogan

Will this PowerPoint on Law Changes be available on AZ website, or do you have to go to Portal?

All presentations from the instructor Meeting will be posted on the AZ website, none will be in the AARP portal.

Ted Manolas

Is the Child/Dependent care credit fully refundable this year? Are the Child tax credits for kids under 18 vs 17 previously?

The Child & Dependent Care Credit is refundable if it exceeds the tax liability, and the taxpayer(s) main home is within the 50 US States for more than 6 months during 2021. Qualifying children are dependents under the age of 13 when the care is provided. Pub 503

Ted Manolas

RMD age will not revert to 70.5 years.

JANELLE R.

Ted 4491 page 26-9 Says not all excluded

KIMBERLY A.

Isn't MFS OOS?

The Pacific Region policy for filing MFS in a Community Property State is available on the AZ website > Tax Preparation > Arizona Tax Information > Community Property. We can do a MFS tax return under specific policies set forth in the above document.

Judy Hogan

When will the Service Delivery Model documents be available on the AZ website? The section has been set up, but the links to documents are not there. Thank you

We expect the Service Delivery Model documents to be updated this week.

Cottonwood TaxAide

Practice lab is not reporting the credit as refundable for tp who is eligible.

TaxSlayer Practice Lab continues to be updated every few days. These updates may change input screens and calculations.

JANE J.

All our instructors missed the last test question about Child and Dependent Care Credit. When doing the tax return all of it was used as a nonrefundable credit. Was the test question #35 different on Link & Learn from pub 6744?

Cottonwood TaxAide

Just be aware it makes a difference (lack of Practice Lab update) on a test answer for question 35.

Consult Pub e-4012-page G-10 for the most recent update to answer 6744 Advanced Exam question #35.

JANE J.

Also, question 9

Patricia George

question 5

Same as above, use Pub e-4012 or Pub4491 to verify answers.

Joel Levin

Will Pub-4012-Rel.-1-NTTC-Modified-TY21-2021-11-06 have all these qualifications etc. (eventually)? (It's pretty much my bible when I'm doing taxes)

Yes, the electronic version is updated periodically by the NTTC.

Bob Skalka

Can we take the taxpayer's word for the amount of advance CTC they have received?

The IRS is producing a tax document to show the taxpayer information and the amount of the advanced payment. This should be treated just like any other tax documents issued (W-2, SSA, 1099-R). If they indicate they received ACTC on the Intake Booklet (Part V, #11), they should have a document to support their answer.

Bob Skalka

Higher income isn't always an advantage. Will TaxSlayer pick the best option?

No, there is a checkbox on the Basic screen to choose to use 2019.

Joel Levin

The result of the rule seems to be that if the 2019 income is LOWER, you can't choose it even if it might be advantageous (I assume it probably isn't).

William Dunham

Core exercise Kaczinski uses 2019 earned income and TSO calculates automatically for this. Try it with and without the 2019 earned income.

JANE J.

We ask for 2020 return to be brought back. How many times will we have to ask them to bring back their 2019 as well?

Very few taxpayers bring back multiple years of tax returns. If they feel their income changed substantially from 2019, then they may wish to bring in their 2019 tax return for us to use.

Cristine Kline

Is there a question on the INTAKE form about virtual currency?

Yes, Income section III, question #8 and #15.

Joel Levin

If I do my own personal taxes, do I have to have someone QR it?

Yes, all tax returns require a Quality Review.

Joel Levin

Wow. Two years ago, the return was two pages; last year they added page 3 for charitable deductions; now it's 6 pages?

The AZ tax return is 2 pages, but there are additional supporting schedules that add to the return.

JANE J.

Is April 18, 2022, the federal filing deadline as well?

Yes

Brian Schoeffler

Do we have a breakdown of the specific areas where the AZ returns were in error? Do all of the 2021 deductions listed need to be listed on the AZ return?

No, we can state that the majority were related to incorrectly reporting Recovery Rebate payments also known as EIP.

JANE J.

Are long term care premiums for AZ subject to same limitations of Federal.

AZ does not have a limitation on LTC premiums like the Federal limit. These must be entered on the AZ portion of TaxSlayer as the Federal input will not transfer.

Cristine Kline

Would we amend the AZ TY20 return for Unemployment Compensation not excluded?

Yes, Arizona will not correct these returns.

Joseph Ohrazda

If a TP receives excise tax credit, do we need to ask if they were sentenced for 60 days or more in the tax year?

No, Arizona will adjust.

Cristine Kline

TP are reluctant to provide an email...what would be a "good reason".

Harvey Roberts

Last year there was a matrix concerning the Covid status and the AARP allowed prep model. Is there an equivalent for TY2021?

Yes, it has not been finalized yet.

Regarding the Chat relative to Virtual currency.

Alicia Gutzman

Policy is clear: OOS if taxpayer holds any virtual currency, even if no sale or purchase in 2021.

Ted Manolas

For certification, will AARP provide virtual lessons for Delivery Methods and Scope, or do Instructors have to provide it.

Instructors should provide Scope training to volunteers to provide context to volunteers who may question why we are not training every scenario. Volunteers will take LMS courses for Service Delivery Models in the AARP portal.