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2018 U.S. ESTATE AND TRUST RATES

Base Taxable Income	Tax On Base	% On Excess Over Base
\$ 0	\$ 0	10.0%
2,550.00	255.00	24.0%
9,150.00	1,839.00	35.0%
12,000.00	3,011.50	37.0%

2018 RETIREMENT DEDUCTION LIMITS

Not a Participant in Another Plan - lesser of \$5,500* or compensation/earned income

Active in Another Plan

Joint AGI	Deduction Is	Single AGI
\$0 - \$101,000	\$5,500* max.	\$0 - \$63,000
101,000 - 119,000	phased out	63,000 - 72,000

Contribution must be made before the original due date of the tax return.

*Plus up to \$5,500 for nonworking spouse.

2018 ESTIMATED TAX PAYMENTS

Estimated tax for 2018 must be paid if both of the following apply:

- Taxpayer expects to owe at least \$1,000 in tax for 2018, after subtracting the credit for taxes withheld, and
- Taxpayer expects withholding and credits to be less than the small of:
 - 90% of the tax to be shown on the taxpayer's 2018 tax return or
 - 100% (110% if taxpayer's 2017 AGI exceeded \$150,000) of the tax shown on the taxpayer's 2017 tax return.

Due dates (for calendar year-end individuals)

Installment	Due Date
First	April 16, 2018
Second	June 15, 2018
Third	September 17, 2018
Fourth	January 15, 2019

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2018 POCKET TAX GUIDE

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2018 Estate and Gift Tax Rate Exclusions

The Federal Estate tax exclusion for 2018 is \$11,200,000.
 The Maine Estate tax exclusion for 2018 is \$11,200,000.

2018 Annual Gift Tax Exclusion per Donee

Gifts per person - \$15,000
 Joint gifts by spouses - \$30,000

2018 RETIREMENT PLAN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

Individual Limitations

401(K) Contributions \$18,500
 Catch-up contributions for age 50 and over - \$6,000

Profit Sharing and Money Purchase Plans
 100% of comp ≤ \$275,000 up to \$55,000
 Catch-up contributions for age 50 and over - \$6,000

Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) Plans
 25% of comp ≤ \$275,000 up to \$55,000
 Catch-up contributions for age 50 and over - \$6,000

Simple Plan Contributions \$12,500
 Catch-up contributions for age 50 and over - \$3,000

Employer Plan Limitations

	% Of Compensation*
Profit Sharing or SEP Plan	25%
Money Purchase Plan	25%

*Or net self-employment income after SECA tax deduction and plan contribution.

Individual Retirement Accounts

Contribution Limits - lesser of \$5,500* or compensation/earned income
 Catch-up contributions for age 50 and over - \$1,000

2018 U.S. INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RATES

Married Taxpayers Filing Jointly or Surviving Spouse

Base Taxable Income	Tax On Base	% On Excess Over Base
\$ 0	\$ 0.00	10.0%
19,050	1,905.00	12.0%
77,400	8,907.00	22.0%
165,000	28,179.00	24.0%
315,000	64,179.00	32.0%
400,000	91,379.00	35.0%
600,000	161,379.00	37.0%

Single

Base Taxable Income	Tax On Base	% On Excess Over Base
\$ 0	\$ 0.00	10.0%
9,525	952.50	12.0%
38,700	4,453.50	22.0%
82,500	14,089.50	24.0%
157,500	32,089.50	32.0%
200,000	45,689.50	35.0%
500,000	150,689.50	37.0%

Head of Household

Base Taxable Income	Tax On Base	% On Excess Over Base
\$ 0	\$ 0.00	10.0%
13,600	1,360.00	12.0%
51,800	5,944.00	22.0%
82,500	12,698.00	24.0%
157,500	30,698.00	32.0%
200,000	44,298.00	35.0%
500,000	149,298.00	37.0%

Federal Standard Deduction*

2018

Joint return	\$24,000
Single	12,000
Head of Household	18,000
Married filing separately	12,000
Additional - blind or elderly	
Single	1,600
Married	1,300

* You are allowed to deduct the greater of your standard deduction or your itemized deductions.

2018 U.S. INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RATES

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Long-Term Capital Gains Rates for Individuals

The maximum tax rate on net capital gains for 2018 is 20%. This applies to gains on property held more than 12 months. The reduction in the maximum tax rate on capital gains does not apply to the sale of collectibles, on which the maximum tax rate remains at 28%, or the sale of rental real estate, on which the maximum tax rate is 25%.

The tax rate on qualified dividends is a maximum rate of 20%.

HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS (HSA) CAPS

Individual	\$3,450
Family	\$6,900

*Catch-up contribution for age 55 and over - \$1,000

2018 EDUCATION TAX CONSIDERATIONS

American Opportunity Credit

100% of the first \$2,000 of qualified education expenses; 25% of qualified expenses between \$2,000 and \$4,000 (maximum credit \$2,500). This credit is available for the first four years of a student's post-secondary education, subject to phase-out rules.

Phase-out begins at modified adjusted gross income of \$160,000 for joint return; \$80,000 for all others.

Lifetime Learning Credit

20% of the first \$10,000 of qualified education expenses per qualified student; eligible for only one credit (Hope or Lifetime Learning) per student, subject to phase-out.

Phase-out begins at modified adjusted gross income of \$114,000 for joint return and \$57,000 for all others.

Interest on Education Loans

Maximum interest deduction - \$2,500

Modified adjusted gross income phase-out for married and joint status is \$135,000 - 165,000. Phase-out for all other filing statuses is \$65,000 - \$80,000.

SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME

Maximum Annual Earned Income Limit - 2018

Under Normal Retirement Age (NRA)	\$17,040
During year NRA is attained	45,360
Above NRA	No limit

2018 SOCIAL SECURITY TAX

	Tax Base	Rate	Maximum Tax
Social Security	\$128,400	6.20%	\$7,979.40
Medicare	No Limit	<u>1.45</u> 7.65%	N/A

2018 SELF-EMPLOYMENT TAX RATES*

	Tax Base	Rate	Maximum Tax
Social Security	\$128,700	12.4%	\$15,958.80
Medicare	No Limit	<u>2.9</u> 15.3%	N/A

*Rates in effect on November 16, 2018

2018 STANDARD MILEAGE DEDUCTIONS*

Use	Per Mile
Business	53.5 cents
Charitable	14.0 cents
Medical	17.0 cents
Moving	17.0 cents

2018 SECTION 179 EXPENSE DEDUCTION

Maximum	\$1,000,000
Phase-out	\$2,500,000