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Unpacking the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”

The Impact on Business Owners and Individuals

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FEDERAL IMPLICATIONS



Date of Enactment: July 4

- July 1 | Passed Senate 51-50
- July 3 | Passed House 218 to 214
- July 4 | Signed by President

3 Key Business Provisions

Section 174

- Foreign vs Domestic
- Transition
- Credit Impact

Section 163(j)

- Interest Capitalization
- International Impact

Bonus Depreciation

- Effective Date
- Effective Options
- New Category

Section 174 R&E Capitalization

- Section 174 governs the tax treatment of research and experimental (R&E) expenditures.
- It includes costs associated with developing new or improved products, processes, or software.
- Applies broadly to tech, manufacturing, software, life sciences, and more.
- Does not include capital expenditures (Fixed Assets/PPE).
- Key driver of how R&D investments are reflected on your tax return.

Pre-Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) Landscape

- Before 2022, businesses could deduct R&E expenses in the year they were incurred.
- Alternatively, companies could elect to amortize over a 5-year period(both domestic and foreign expenses).
- There was no requirement to capitalize or differentiate domestic from foreign research.
- This flexibility supported early-stage innovation and helped manage cash flow effectively.

TCJA Impact (Tax Years 2022 - 2024)

- The TCJA amended §174 to require capitalization of all research and experimentation (R&E) costs incurred in tax years beginning after December 31, 2021.
- Domestic R&E expenditures must be amortized over a 5-year period and international R&E expenditures must be amortized over a 15-year period.
- Depending on the scoring method used, this amendment was intended to generate between \$15 and \$150 billion in additional revenue over a 10-year period.

The Simple Math

With First Year Expensing

Net Income	\$2,500,000
Deducted §174 Expenses	(\$1,000,000)
Taxable Income	\$1,500,000
Tax (@21%)	\$315,000

With Required Amortization

Net Income	\$2,500,000
Deducted §174 Expenses*	\$0
1st Year Amortization	(\$100,000)
Taxable Income	\$2,400,000
Tax (@21%)	\$504,000

* Taxpayer has \$1,000,000 in §174 Expenses but they must be capitalized

OBBBA: Legislative Overview

- Adds IRC §174A, allowing taxpayers to fully expense domestic R&E expenses paid in tax years beginning after December 31, 2024.
- Foreign research expenditures remain subject to capitalization and amortization.
- Transition options for previously capitalized 174 R&E Expenses:
 - Deduct remaining unamortized amounts in full in tax year 2025.
 - Amortize remaining unamortized amounts over a two-year period (2025 & 2026).
- Retroactive Election for Eligible Small Businesses
 - Less than \$31M average prior 3 years Gross Receipts based on first tax year beginning after December 31, 2024
 - Taxpayers may elect to apply full expensing retroactively to 2022, 2023, and 2024.
 - This election allows 2024 domestic R&E to be expensed, but only if accompanied by amended prior-year filings.
 - Election must be made by July 4th, 2026.

Section 163(j) - Interest Expense Limitation

- Pre TCJA - interest paid or accrued on business debt was generally fully deductible, with no cap based on income or EBITDA.
 - The only limitation under old 163(j) applied primarily to corporations with foreign affiliates
- TCJA - New §163(j) was enacted as part of the TCJA in December 2017.
 - Limitation based on 30% of adjusted taxable income (ATI)
 - For tax years 2018–2021, ATI was defined similarly to EBITDA.
 - Beginning in 2022, ATI was calculated based on EBIT (i.e., depreciation and amortization are not added back), which often results in a stricter limit.
- OBBBA – 163(j) modified
 - Taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024 ATI is defined similarly to EBITDA

Section 163(j) – OBBBA Impact

2022-2024 (TCJA)

Taxable income before interest limit	\$700,000
Interest income	(\$50,000)
Interest Expense	\$400,000
ATI	\$1,050,000
Interest Limitation	\$315,000
Taxable Income after interest limit	785,000
Tax (@21%)	\$164,850

2025 (OBBBA)

Taxable income before interest limit	\$700,000
Interest income	(\$50,000)
Interest Expense	\$400,000
Depreciation and Amortization	\$300,000
ATI	\$1,350,000
Interest Limitation (no limit)	\$405,000
Taxable Income after interest limit	700,000
Tax (@21%)	\$147,000

Bonus Depreciation

Pre-TCJA

Bonus depreciation for equipment, computer software, and certain improvements to nonresidential real property allows an immediate deduction of 50% for equipment placed in service in 2017, 40% in 2018, and 30% in 2019.

Post-TCJA

TCJA temporarily allows 100% expensing for business property acquired and placed in service after Sept. 27, 2017 and before Jan. 1, 2023. The 100% allowance generally decreases by 20% per year in taxable years beginning after 2022 and expires Jan. 1, 2027.

Bonus Depreciation

- Under the OBBBA - 100% bonus depreciation permanently restored for property acquired and placed into service after January 19, 2025
- New elective 100% depreciation allowance for qualified production property allowed for construction beginning after January 19, 2025
 - A qualified production activity includes the manufacturing of tangible personal property, agricultural production, chemical production, or refining.

Other Business Changes

- Section 179 – deduction increased to \$2.5 million with a phaseout threshold of \$4 million for assets placed in service after 2024
- Filing thresholds for Forms 1099-NEC and 1099-MISC increased from \$600 to \$2,000
- TIPS credit
 - Previously applied to the food and beverage industry only; provides a credit for the FICA paid by the employer on tips
 - OBBBA expanded to include beauty service industry starting in 2025.

Qualified Small Business Stock

Pre-OBBBA

- An active domestic C Corporation with gross assets not exceeding \$50 million immediately after stock issuance
- 100% capital gain exclusion for qualified stock held five years
- Exclusion Limited to the greater of \$10 million or 10 times basis

Post-OBBBA

- An active domestic C Corporation with gross assets not exceeding \$75 million immediately after stock issuance
- 100% capital gain exclusion for qualified stock held five years, 50% after three years, 75% after four years
- Exclusion Limited to \$15 million

Foreign Tax Changes

- Global Intangible Low-Taxed Income (GILTI)
 - Renamed to “Net CFC Tested Income” (NCTI)
 - Rate Change – reduced to 40% from 50%
- Foreign Derived Intangible Income (FDII)
 - Renamed to “Foreign-Derived Deduction Eligible Income” (FDDEI)
 - Rate Change – reduced to 33.34% from 37.5%

Foreign Tax Changes

- Base Erosion Anti-Abuse Tax (BEAT)
 - Repeals the scheduled rise to 12.5% and instead sets the BEAT rate at 10.5%, while retaining the existing credit-offset mechanics that reduce the BEAT base.
- Section 899
 - Removed due to agreements with G7 countries to exempt U.S. from Pillar Two

Energy Credits

Terminated after Sept. 30, 2025

- Commercial Clean Vehicle Credit
- Previously-owned Clean Vehicle Credit
- Clean Vehicle Credit

Terminated after Dec. 31, 2025

- Energy-efficient Home Improvement Credit
- Residential Clean Energy Credit
- Sustainable Aviation Fuel Credit

Energy Credits

Terminated after June 30, 2026

- Energy Efficient Home Credit
- Alternative Vehicle Refueling Credit
- Energy-efficient Commercial Building Deduction
- Clean Fuel Production Credit

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- Clean Electricity Production Credit
- Clean Hydrogen Production Credit
- Advanced Manufacturing Production Credit
- Clean Electricity Investment Credit (ITC)



Deductions & Credits

- Meals
 - 100% Fishing Activities
 - 50% Otherwise

- Employee Retention Credit
 - Prevention of payment for certain claims

199A: Qualified Business Income Deduction

TCJA Expiration

- Full expiration after 2025
- 20% of qualified business income exempt from taxation
- Phaseout for SSTBs
- Limits based on taxable income, wages paid and UBI

Post-OBBA

- Permanent 20%
- Higher \$100k-150k MFJ Phase-Out for SSTBs
- \$400 minimum for taxpayers with \$1k of QBI
- Starting 1/1/26

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Passthroughs

- 461(l) Excess business loss limitation
- Opportunity Zones
- Disguised sale treatment

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INDIVIDUAL HIGHLIGHTS

Individual Income Tax – Tax Brackets

- Permanent extension of the lower TCJA income tax rate schedules for individuals. Adds an additional year of inflation adjustment for the 10% and 12% brackets. Effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025

2025 Tax Rate	Single Filers (Income Over)	Married Filing Jointly (Income Over)
10%	\$0	\$0
12%	\$11,925	\$23,850
22%	\$48,475	\$96,950
24%	\$103,350	\$206,700
32%	\$197,300	\$394,600
35%	\$250,525	\$501,050
37%	\$626,350	\$751,600

Individual Income Tax – Standard Deduction

- The higher standard deduction established under the TCJA is here to stay and will be increased with inflation

Filing Status	Standard Deduction (2025)
Single	\$15,000
Married Filing Jointly	\$30,000
Head of Household	\$22,500

Individual Income Tax – SALT deduction

Pre-TCJA SALT deduction

- No cap on SALT deductions — full amount deductible
- Included state/local income or sales taxes **and** property taxes
- Primarily benefited taxpayers in high-tax states (e.g., NY, CA, NJ)
- Must itemize deductions to claim SALT
- Significantly reduced taxable income for high earners

Post-TCJA SALT deduction

- Deduction capped at **\$10,000**
- Same types of taxes deductible, but subject to the cap
- Limited benefit for high-income taxpayers in high-tax states
- Still requires itemizing, but fewer taxpayers do so due to higher standard deduction
- Cap reduces the overall impact on federal tax liability

Individual Income Tax – SALT deduction

- Under the OBBBA – SALT deduction cap raised to **\$40,000** starting in 2025
- Phase-out begins at \$500,000 MAGI (single/joint) and \$250,000 (separate)
- Reduction formula: 30% of income above threshold – fully phased out at \$600,000
- Deduction cannot fall below old limits (\$10,000 / \$5,000)
- Applies from 2025 through 2029; expires after 2029
- Benefits taxpayers in high-tax states and middle-income households

Individual Income Tax – SALT deduction

- The increased SALT cap reduces need for PTE tax workaround in many cases
- PTE tax elections are still beneficial for high-income taxpayers above phase-out thresholds
- Planning opportunities to coordinate PTE tax payments, timing of income recognition with new SALT deduction limits

Itemized Deductions - 2026

- Unreimbursed Educator Expenses
- Phaseouts
- Charitable deductions



Family Related Credits

- Child Tax Credit
- Trump Accounts
- 529 Plan

New Temporary Deductions (2025 – 2028)

- **Tip Income Deduction:**
 - Individuals may deduct up to \$25,000 in qualified tip income (\$25k cap regardless of filing status).
 - Must be occupations deemed by the IRS to be customarily receiving Tips.
- **Overtime Pay Deduction:**
 - Individuals with qualified pay may deduct the premium (half-time portion) up to \$12,500 per Individual (\$25,000 for MFJ).
- **Phase-out for both deductions begins at MAGI over \$150,000 (Single) or \$300,000 Joint.**

New Temporary Deductions (2025 – 2028)

- **Car Loan Interest Deduction:**
 - Above-the-line deduction for up to \$10,000 of interest on qualified passenger vehicle loans originated from 2025 – 2028.
 - Vehicle must be new, assembled in the U.S., and for personal use (leases excluded).
 - Phase-out begins at MAGI over \$100,000 (single) / \$200,000 (Joint).
- **Senior Deduction:**
 - Individuals over age 65 may claim an additional deduction of \$6,000 per individual (\$12,000 if both qualify).
 - Phase-out begins at MAGI over \$75,000 (single) / \$150,000 (Joint).

Estate & Gift Tax Exemption

- \$30M MFJ exemption
 - Set to sunset at end of 2025 and revert to \$14M MFJ.
 - Permanently extended with OBBBA and continued to be indexed for inflation.
- \$19k gift threshold.
 - Will continue to be indexed for inflation.



Q&A

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