

Year End Update

December 16th 2021



We are getting ready for a new year

Can you believe it's December already? As we wrap up 2021 and look forward to 2022, like many tax professionals, our thoughts are already on next tax season. We've been busy working as a team to go over all the feedback we have received from our customers this year. This feedback has been essential to help us find the best way to meet your unique needs in these ever-changing and evolving times.

Based on this feedback we are...

- Streamlining the process of signing and completing the engagement process
- Improving our assembly and delivery processes
- Streamlining our document sharing system

We value you as our client and sincerely appreciate your business. Our team is looking forward to working with you in 2022. - Mary Beth Lougen President

NEWS CORNER :

How to Get Started for 2022

You will be receiving your proposed engagement letter for our services this year in mid-January, we are basing your quotes on last year's tax work. Once you have reviewed, signed, and made a deposit for our services you will be set up with your own portal to begin sharing your documents with us. See pg. 2 for more

Had Significant Changes in 2021?

Book a free 20-minute chat with us so we can review your situation and give you a more up to date quote for next year's services as well as advice on next year's filing needs. More information on pg. 2

Tax Considerations in 2022

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If you've had significant changes from last year that may impact next year's tax filing including (but not limited to):

- Had a child
- Bought or sold a house
- Got married or divorced
- Started a business
- Had any significant expenditures (real estate, college tuition payments, etc.)
- Moved to a different country
- Exercised Stock Options

Use these links to book an appointment with us : Individuals with changes ; Entities with changes

Start gathering your documents now, you may have new information we may need due to numerous tax changes this year including information about:

- Economic Impact Payments (EIPs) (Letter 6475)
- Child Tax Credit (Letter 6419)
- Unemployment Compensation
- Information about Teleworking arrangements for those working virtually
- Virtual Currency or Cryptocurrency

Important Tax Considerations based on new legislation:

During the past year the US Government has passed several tax incentives to help American families weather the financial difficulties caused during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Below you will find a list of changes that will potentially impact many of our clients. Please bear in mind that this is not an all-inclusive list. If you have any questions about tax changes you may have heard about that you are concerned may impact you please contact us at:

info@amexpattax.com

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Tax Considerations for 2022

Charitable Donation Deduction without Itemizing

Ordinarily, you must itemize deductions on your US tax return to benefit from donations to charities. For 2021, you can deduct up to \$600 USD (\$300 for married filing separately) of cash donations made to qualified US charities. Donations to similar Canadian, Mexican or Israeli charities may be deductible under the applicable tax treaty.

Advanced Child Tax Credit Payments

In July 2021, the IRS began sending early payments of the Child Tax Credit out to families with young children. The payments are potentially \$250-\$300 USD per month per child. The Child Tax Credit has been increased for families residing at least 6 months of the year in the US from \$2000 USD per child to \$3600 for children under 6, and \$3000 USD for children ages 6-17. This credit is limited for high income families.

Increased Child Care Credit

Great news! Congress has finally increased the credit for child care expenses paid while you work to a maximum of \$8,000 USD for one child, \$16,000 USD for two or more children. The credit is also refundable for families who have lived in the US for at least 6 months during 2021.

Do you need to file FBAR's or 3520/3520a forms this year?

As a thank you to our returning customers we wanted to offer an Early Bird discount for those needing to file a Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR) or any piece of the 3520 and 3520A filings. If you contract us to file these forms for you AND make sure all required documentation for those forms only is uploaded to your portal before 1/31/22 you will receive 10% off the preparation of these forms. If you're unable to get your documents to us before 1/31/22, you can still receive 5% off of the preparation of the forms if you send all needed documentation for us to prepare them for you by 2/8/22.