

Potential Tax Changes Under the New Administration

	Current	White House	Representatives Paul Ryan and Kevin Brady
Tax Brackets	Seven Rates	Three Rates	Three Rates
	10% - below \$18,650 15% - \$18,650 to \$75,900	10% - below \$75,000	12% - below \$190,150
	25% - \$75,901 to \$153,100 28% - \$153,101 to \$233,350	25% - \$75,000 to \$225,000	25% - \$190,150 to \$231,450
	33% - \$233,351 to \$416,700 35% - \$416,701 to \$470,700	33% - above \$225,000	33% - above \$231,450
	39.6% - above \$470,701 Above rates are for couples	Above rates are <u>estimates</u> for couples based on prior comments from Trump; thresholds are cut in half for single filers	Above rates are <u>estimates</u> for couples
Standard Deduction and Itemized Deductions	Standard deduction is \$6,350 for single filers and \$12,700 for married couples filing jointly	Standard deduction would be double the current amount Many itemized deductions other than the	Standard deduction would be raised for single filers to \$12,000 and \$24,000 for married couples filing jointly
	Itemized deductions are phased out starting at \$313,800 for married couples filing jointly	home mortgage interest and charitable deductions would be eliminated, including state tax deductions	Many itemized deductions other than the home mortgage interest and charitable deductions would be eliminated
Capital Gains	Current upper limit is 20%; that tax rate is exclusive to single filers earning more than \$413,200 and married couples earning an income above \$464,850	20% capital gains tax rate	Capital gains and dividends and interest would be taxed as ordinary income, <u>but</u> there would be a 50% exclusion of capital gains, dividends <u>and interest</u> income
			Effectively taxed at half the ordinary income tax rates, or 6%, 12.5% and 16.5%
Corporate Tax	Essentially 35%	15% flat tax rate	Rate would be reduced to 20%
	Effective rate, with dividends: 48%	Effective rate, with dividends: 32%	Effective rate, with dividends: 33.2%
	Effective rate, with the Net Investment Income Tax of 3.8%: 51.8%	The corporate AMT would be eliminated	The corporate AMT would be eliminated



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Small Business/ Partnerships	Income items flow through a pass- through entity and are taxed based on the tax rate applicable to the ultimate non-pass through owners of the entity	15% on pass through income - it is not clear the circumstances under which such rate would be applicable (e.g., there may be a requirement to reinvest income in the partnership to obtain such rate) The carried interest is proposed to be eliminated, however it may be unnecessary if the 15% rate is applicable	Income derived from a pass-through business would be taxed at 25%
Business Tax – Corporations and Pass-Through Entities (e.g., partnerships and S corporations)		One time tax on unrepatriated earnings of foreign subsidiaries at a yet to be determined percentage (originally proposed 10%) Creation of a territorial tax system on businesses rather than worldwide taxation Based on previous comments from the Administration: - Businesses would have a choice between the full expensing of capital investment and the deductibility of interest expense - The domestic production activities deduction (section 199) and all other business credits, except for the research and development credit, would be eliminated	Enhanced expensing rather than deductions - no deduction for interest expense (other than against interest income) The domestic production activities deduction (section 199) and all other business credits, except for the research and development credit, would be eliminated Deferred foreign profits would be taxed at a rate of 8.75% for cash and cash-equivalent profits and 3.5% on other profits Deduction for net operating losses would be limited to 90% of net taxable income; further, NOLs could be carried forward indefinitely, and increased by a factor reflecting inflation, but there would be no carry back 100% of dividends from foreign subsidiaries would be exempt from tax All business income taxes would be borderadjustable: companies would no longer be able to deduct the cost of their imported goods (instead taxed at 20%), and the sales of their exports would no longer be subject to U.S. tax



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ACA Taxes	3.8% on "net investment income" (the "NII Tax") and an additional 0.9% medicare employment tax (the "Additional Medicare Tax")	The American Health Care Act ("AHCA") would retroactively eliminate the NII Tax as of January 1, 2017; the Additional Medicare Tax would be terminated too, but not until 2023; the AHCA would also provide for refundable tax credits (subject to a phase out based on income) to buy health insurance, and an increase to Health Savings Account contribution limits The AHCA was originally pulled from the House floor prior to a vote; following changes to its language, it passed the House on May 4 and is now under review, and subject to amendment, in the Senate	
Estate Tax		To be repealed Based on previous comments from the Administration, in lieu of basis step up, assets would be taxable on amounts above a threshold (potentially the current exemption limit \$5/\$10 million)	Proposed to be repealed
Alternative Minimum Tax		To be repealed	Proposed to be repealed
Cost		\$6 - \$7 trillion in the first decade as originally proposed	\$3 trillion over the first decade
Revenue Raisers to Offset Cost		Many current deductions would be repealed, although deductions relating to mortgage interest and charitable giving would be retained One large potential deduction that would be eliminated is the deduction for state taxes Potential for a value added tax (VAT) and possibly a carbon tax to assist in offsetting the cost of tax reform	Border adjustment plan (referenced above) whereby imports are taxed at 20% and exported goods are exempt from tax This plan is at risk based on opposition from the Administration, the Senate and importing businesses; there is also concern that it may violate WTO commitments, although it is similar in nature to the value added tax (VAT) used by other countries



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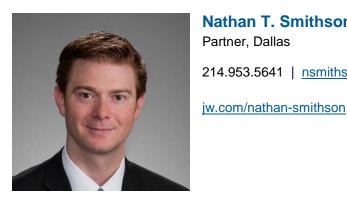
the explanation of such principles was extremely limited in scope, and therefore quite a bit is yet be determined on the realities of the proposed tax changes; throughout the month of May, the Administration will be working to develop the tax reform plan itself; an August deadline has been tentatively set for tax reform; according to both the Administration and House Republicans, there is 80% overlap between the proposals

> It is possible that tax reform and/or the AHCA could be passed via the budget reconciliation process (requiring 51 votes rather than the 60 votes that would be needed in the Senate), in which case such changes in the law and Tax Code would be subject to a 10 year sunset; the Administration is seeking to make the proposed tax reform legislation revenue neutral to maximize its potential to boost business investment

The Administration's "core principles" for tax reform were released on Wednesday, April 26:

It is unclear if tax reform will apply retroactively, although there is precedent for doing so from the George W. Bush era tax cuts; the repeal of the NII Tax would be retroactive based on language from the House bill

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