necessary to prevent the abuse of the purposes of this subsection.


§ 115. Income of States, municipalities, etc.

Gross income does not include—
(1) income derived from any public utility or the exercise of any essential governmental function and accruing to a State or any political subdivision thereof, or the District of Columbia; or
(2) income accruing to the government of any possession of the United States, or any political subdivision thereof.


AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94–455 struck out "[(a) General rule]" before "Gross income does not include", struck out subsection (b) and (c) which related to contracts concerning public utilities made before Sept. 8, 1916, and contracts concerning bridge acquisition made before May 29, 1928, respectively, and in par. (1) of former subsection (a), struck out "or territory" after "accruing to a State".

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 94–455 applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1976, see section 1901(d) of Pub. L. 94–455, set out as a note under section 1901 of this title.

TAX TREATMENT OF STATE OWNERSHIP OF RAILROAD REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST


"(a) IN GENERAL.—If a State owns all of the outstanding stock of a corporation—

"(1) which is a real estate investment trust on the date of the enactment of this Act [Aug. 10, 2005],

"(2) which is a non-operating class III railroad, and

"(3) substantially all of the activities of which consist of the ownership, leasing, and operation by such corporation of facilities, equipment, and other property used by the corporation or other persons for railroad transportation and for economic development purposes for the benefit of the State and its citizens, then, to the extent such activities are of a type which are an essential governmental function within the meaning of section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, income derived from such activities by the corporation shall be treated as accruing to the State for purposes of section 150 of such code.

"(b) GAIN OR LOSS NOT RECOGNIZED ON CONVERSION.—Notwithstanding section 337(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986—

"(1) no gain or loss shall be recognized under section 336 or 337 of such Code, and

"(2) no change in the basis of the property of such corporation shall occur, because of any change of status of a corporation to a tax-exempt entity by reason of the application of subsection (a).

"(c) TAX-EXEMPT FINANCING.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Any obligation issued by a corporation described in subsection (a) at least 95 percent of the net proceeds (as defined in section 150(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) of which are to be used to provide for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of railroad transportation infrastructure (including railroad terminal facilities)—

"(A) shall be treated as a State or local bond (within the meaning of section 103(c) of such Code), and

"(B) shall not be treated as a private activity bond (within the meaning of section 103(b)(1) of such Code) solely by reason of the ownership or use of such railroad transportation infrastructure by the corporation.

"(2) NO INFERENCE.—Except as provided in paragraph (1), nothing in this subsection shall be construed to affect the treatment of the private use of proceeds or property financed with obligations issued by the corporation for purposes of section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and part IV of subchapter B of chapter 1 of such Code.

"(d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

"(1) REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST.—The term 'real estate investment trust' has the meaning given such term by section 856(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

"(2) NON-OPERATING CLASS III RAILROAD.—The term 'non-operating class III railroad' has the meaning given such term by part A of subtitle IV of title 49, United States Code (49 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.), and the regulations thereunder.

"(3) STATE.—The term 'State' includes—

"(A) the District of Columbia and any possession of the United States, and

"(B) any authority, agency, or public corporation of a State.

"(e) APPLICABILITY.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), this section shall apply on and after the date on which a State becomes the owner of all of the outstanding stock of a corporation described in subsection (a) through action of such corporation's board of directors.

"(2) EXCEPTION.—This section shall not apply to any State which—

"(A) becomes the owner of all of the voting stock of a corporation described in subsection (a) after December 31, 2003, or

"(B) becomes the owner of all of the outstanding stock of a corporation described in subsection (a) after December 31, 2006.''


EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1986, see section 612(c) of Pub. L. 99–514, set out as an Effective Date of 1986 Amendment note under section 301 of this title.

§ 117. Qualified scholarships

(a) General rule

Gross income does not include any amount received as a qualified scholarship by an individual who is a candidate for a degree at an educational organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).

(b) Qualified scholarship

For purposes of this section—

(1) In general

The term ‘qualified scholarship’ means any amount received by an individual as a scholarship or fellowship grant to the extent the indi-
individual establishes that, in accordance with the conditions of the grant, such amount was used for qualified tuition and related expenses.

(2) Qualified tuition and related expenses

For purposes of paragraph (1), the term “qualified tuition and related expenses” means—

(A) tuition and fees required for the enrollment or attendance of a student at an educational organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii), and

(B) fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for courses of instruction at such an educational organization.

(c) Limitation

(1) In general

Except as provided in paragraph (2), subsections (a) and (d) shall not apply to that portion of any amount received which represents payment for teaching, research, or other services by the student required as a condition for receiving the qualified scholarship or qualified tuition reduction.

(2) Exceptions

Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any amount received by an individual under—

(A) the National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program under section 338A(g)(1)(A) of the Public Health Service Act, or

(B) the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship and Financial Assistance program under subchapter I of chapter 105 of title 10, United States Code.

(d) Qualified tuition reduction

(1) In general

Gross income shall not include any qualified tuition reduction.

(2) Qualified tuition reduction

For purposes of this subsection, the term “qualified tuition reduction” means the amount of any reduction in tuition provided to an employee of an organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) for the education (below the graduate level) at such organization (or another organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)) of—

(A) such employee, or

(B) any person treated as an employee (or whose use is treated as an employee use) under the rules of section 132(h).

(3) Reduction must not discriminate in favor of highly compensated, etc.

Paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to any qualified tuition reduction provided with respect to any highly compensated employee only if such reduction is available on substantially the same terms to each member of a group of employees which is defined under a reasonable classification set up by the employer which does not discriminate in favor of highly compensated employees (within the meaning of section 414(q)). For purposes of this paragraph, the term “highly compensated employee” has the meaning given such term by section 414(q).


(5) Special rules for teaching and research assistants

In the case of the education of an individual who is a graduate student at an educational organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) and who is engaged in teaching or research activities for such organization, paragraph (2) shall be applied as if it did not contain the phrase “(below the graduate level)”.

“(B) research, 
“(C) clerical help, or 
“(D) equipment, 
which are incident to such a scholarship or to a fellow- 
ship grant, but only to the extent that the amount is so expended by the recipient.”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99–514, §123(a), in amending sub- 
sec. (b) generally, substituted qualified scholarship pro-
vision for former limitations provision, which related in 
par. (1) to individuals who were candidates for de-
grees, and in par. (2) to individuals who were not can-
didates for degrees, describing in subpar. (A) conditions for exclusion and in subpar. (B) extent of exclusion, 
such detailed provision now covered in subsec. (c).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 99–514, §123(a), in amending sub-
sec. (c) generally, substituted limitation provision for 
former provision relating to Federal grants for tuition 
and related expenses not includable merely because 
there was requirement of future service as Federal em-
ployee.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 99–514, §123(a), in amending sub-
sec. (d) generally, substituted “reduction” for “reduc-
tions” in heading and inserted “(within the meaning of 
section 414(q))” after “highly compensated employees” 
in par. (3).

“officer, owner, or” after “with respect to any” and 
“officers, owners, or” after “in favor of” and inserted 
at end “For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘high-
ly compensated employee’ has the meaning given such term by section 414(q).”

(4).


1976—Subsecs. (a)(1)(A), (b)(1), (2). Pub. L. 94–455, 
§1901(b)(8)(A), substituted “educational organization 
described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)” for “educational insti-
tution as defined in section 151(e)(4))” after “‘scholarship at an’.”

out “a territory” after “or a State’’.

Subsec. (b)(2)(B). Pub. L. 94–455, §1901(b)(8)(A), sub-
stituted “educational organization described in section 
170(b)(1)(A)(ii)” for “educational institution as defined in 
section 151(e)(4))” after “‘degree at an’.”

where the grantor of the scholarship or fellowship grant is a foreign government, an international organi-
ization, or a binational or multinational educational and 
cultural foundation or commission created or con-
tinued pursuant to the Mutual Educational and Cul-

Effective Date of 1988 Amendment
Amendment by section 101H(a)(31)(B) of Pub. L. 100–647 effective, except as otherwise provided, as if in-
cluded in the provision of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, 
Pub. L. 99–514, to which such amendment relates, see 
section 101H(a) of Pub. L. 100–647, set out as a note 
under section 1 of this title.

Section 4001(c) of Pub. L. 100–647 provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this 
section and section 127 of this title] shall apply to taxable 
years beginning after December 31, 1987.”

Effective Date of 1986 Amendment
Amendment by section 123(a) of Pub. L. 99–514 applicable 
to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1986, but only in the case of scholarships and fellowships granted 
after Aug. 16, 1986, see section 151(d) of Pub. L. 99–514, 
set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

Amendment by section 1114(b)(2) of Pub. L. 99–514 app-
licable to years beginning after Dec. 31, 1987, see sec-
ction 1114(c)(2) of Pub. L. 99–514, set out as a note 
under section 414 of this title.

Amendment by section 1151(g)(2) of Pub. L. 99–514 app-
licable, with certain qualifications and exceptions, to 
years beginning after Dec. 31, 1988, see section 1151(k) of 
Pub. L. 99–514, as amended, set out as a note under sec-
tion 79 of this title.

Effective Date of 1984 Amendments
Section 522(b) of Pub. L. 98–369, as amended by Pub. L. 
99–514, §2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2905, provided that: 
“The amendment made by this section [amending this 
section] shall apply to qualified tuition reductions (as 
defined in section 117(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue 
Code of 1986 (formerly I.R.C. 1954)) for education fur-
nished after June 30, 1985, in taxable years ending after 
such date.”

Provisions of subsec. (d) treated as in effect on and 
after Jan. 1, 1984, in case of education described in sec-
tion 127(c)(8) of this title, see section 1(g)(5) of Pub. L. 
98–611, set out as a note under section 127 of this title.

Effective Date of 1980 Amendment
Section 50(a)(2) of Pub. L. 94–541 provided: “The amen-
dment made by paragraph (1) [amending this section] 
shall apply to taxable years beginning after De-
cember 31, 1980.”

Effective Date of 1976 Amendment
Amendment by Pub. L. 94–455 applicable with respect to 
taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1976, see sec-
tion 1901(d) of Pub. L. 94–455, set out as a note under 
section 2 of this title.

Effective Date of 1961 Amendment
Section 110(h)(1) of Pub. L. 87–256 provided that: “The 
amendments made by subsections (a), (b), and (c) of 
this section [amending this section and sections 871 and 
872 of this title] shall apply to taxable years beginning 
after December 31, 1961.”

Regulations
Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate to issue be-
fore Feb. 1, 1988, final regulations to carry out amend-
ments made by section 1114 of Pub. L. 99–514, see sec-
section 1141 of Pub. L. 99–514, set out as a note under 
section 401 of this title.

Nonenforcement of Amendment Made by Section 
No monies appropriated by Pub. L. 101–136 to be used 
to implement or enforce section 1151 of Pub. L. 99–514 
or the amendments made by such section, see section

APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN AMENDMENTS BY PUBLIC LAW 99–514 IN RELATION TO TREATY OBLIGATIONS OF UNITED STATES

For nonapplication of amendment by section 122(a) of Pub. L. 99–514 to the extent application of such amendment would be contrary to any treaty obligation of the United States in effect on Oct. 22, 1986, with provision that for such purposes any amendment by title I of Pub. L. 100–647 be treated as if it had been included in the provision of Pub. L. 99–514 to which such amendment relates, see section 1012(aa)(3), (4) of Pub. L. 100–647, set out as a note under section 861 of this title.

PLAN AMENDMENTS NOT REQUIRED UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1989

For provisions directing that if any amendments made by subtitle A or subtitle C of title XI [§§1101–1147 and 1171–1177] or title XVIII [§§1800–1899A] of Pub. L. 99–514 require an amendment to any plan, such plan amendment shall not be required to be made before the first plan year beginning on or after Jan. 1, 1989, see section 1149 of Pub. L. 99–514, as amended, set out as a note under section 401 of this title.

TRANSITIONAL RULES FOR TREATMENT OF CERTAIN REDUCTIONS IN TUITION

Section 1853(f) of Pub. L. 99–514 provided that:

“(1) A tuition reduction plan shall be treated as meeting the requirements of section 117(d)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 [now 1986] if

“(A) such plan would have met the requirements of such section (as amended by this section but without regard to the lack of evidence that benefits under such plan were the subject of good faith bargaining) on the day on which eligibility to participate in the plan was closed,

“(B) at all times thereafter, the tuition reductions available under such plan are available on substantially the same terms to all employees eligible to participate in such plan, and

“(C) the eligibility to participate in such plan closed on June 30, 1972, June 30, 1974, or December 31, 1975.

“(2) For purposes of applying section 117(d)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1964 [now 1986] to all tuition reduction plans of an employer with at least 1 such plan described in paragraph (1) of this subsection, there shall be excluded from consideration employees not included in the plan who are included in a unit of employees covered by an agreement that the Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate finds to be a collective bargaining agreement between employee representatives and 1 or more employers, if, with respect to plans other than plans described in paragraph (1), there is evidence that such benefits were the subject of good faith bargaining.

“(3) Any reduction in tuition provided with respect to a full-time course of education furnished at the graduate level before July 1, 1988, shall not be included in gross income if—

“(A) such reduction would not be included in gross income under the Internal Revenue Service regulations in effect on the date of the enactment of the Tax Reform Act of 1984 [July 18, 1984], and

“(B) such reduction is provided with respect to a student who was accepted for admission to such course of education before July 1, 1984, and began such course of education before June 30, 1985.”

NATIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE AWARDS


vidual as a national research service award under former section 289f–1 of title 42 during calendar years 1974 through 1983 was to be treated as a scholarship or fellowship grant under this section.

Scholarship Programs for Members of the Uniformed Services


“(a) In General.—Any amount received from appropriated funds as a scholarship, including the value of contributed services and accommodations, by a member of a uniformed service who is receiving training under the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program (or any other program determined by the Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate to have substantially similar objectives) from an educational institution (as defined in section 151(e)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954]) [see section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)(I) of this title] shall be treated as a scholarship under section 117 of such Code [this section], whether that member is receiving training while on active duty or in an off-duty or inactive status, and without regard to whether a period of active duty is required of the member as a condition of receiving those payments.

“(b) Definition of Uniformed Services.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘uniformed services’ has the meaning given it by section 101(3) of title 37, United States Code.

“(c) Effective Date.—The provisions of this section shall apply with respect to amounts received during calendar years 1973, 1974, and 1975, and, in the case of a member of a uniformed service receiving training after 1975 and before 1981 in programs described in subsection (a), with respect to amounts received after 1975 and before 1985.

“(d) Fellowships.—For purposes of this section, section 7001 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1984 (section 229 of Pub. L. 98–525, 98 Stat. 2690) shall be treated as a fellowship under this section.

“(e) Exception.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘universities’ has the meaning given it by section 236 of the Higher Education Act of 1970 (section 308 of Pub. L. 91–984, 84 Stat. 130).