

§ 7522. Content of tax due, deficiency, and other notices

(a) General rule

Any notice to which this section applies shall describe the basis for, and identify the amounts (if any) of, the tax due, interest, additional amounts, additions to the tax, and assessable penalties included in such notice. An inadequate description under the preceding sentence shall not invalidate such notice.

(b) Notices to which section applies

This section shall apply to—

- (1) any tax due notice or deficiency notice described in section 6155, 6212, or 6303,
- (2) any notice generated out of any information return matching program, and
- (3) the 1st letter of proposed deficiency which allows the taxpayer an opportunity for administrative review in the Internal Revenue Service Independent Office of Appeals.

(Added Pub. L. 100-647, title VI, §6233(a), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3735, §7521; renumbered §7522, Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, §11704(a)(30), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-519; amended Pub. L. 116-25, title I, §1001(b)(1)(I), July 1, 2019, 133 Stat. 985.)

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AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 116-25 substituted “Internal Revenue Service Independent Office of Appeals” for “Internal Revenue Service Office of Appeals”.

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EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 100-647, title VI, §6233(c), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3735, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this section] shall apply to mailings made on or after January 1, 1990.”

§ 7523. Graphic presentation of major categories of Federal outlays and income

(a) General rule

In the case of any booklet of instructions for Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ prepared by the Secretary for filing individual income tax returns for taxable years beginning in any calendar year, the Secretary shall include in a prominent place—

- (1) a pie-shaped graph showing the relative sizes of the major outlay categories, and
- (2) a pie-shaped graph showing the relative sizes of the major income categories.

(b) Definitions and special rules

For purposes of subsection (a)—

(1) Major outlay categories

The term “major outlay categories” means the following:

- (A) Defense, veterans, and foreign affairs.
- (B) Social security, medicare, and other retirement.
- (C) Physical, human, and community development.
- (D) Social programs.
- (E) Law enforcement and general government.
- (F) Interest on the debt.

(2) Major income categories

The term “major income categories” means the following:

- (A) Social security, medicare, and unemployment and other retirement taxes.
- (B) Personal income taxes.
- (C) Corporate income taxes.
- (D) Borrowing to cover the deficit.
- (E) Excise, customs, estate, gift, and miscellaneous taxes.

(3) Required footnotes

The pie-shaped graph showing the major outlay categories shall include the following footnotes:

- (A) A footnote to the category referred to in paragraph (1)(A) showing the percentage of the total outlays which is for defense, the percentage of total outlays which is for veterans, and the percentage of total outlays which is for foreign affairs.
- (B) A footnote to the category referred to in paragraph (1)(C) showing that such category consists of agriculture, natural resources, environment, transportation, education, job training, economic development, space, energy, and general science.
- (C) A footnote to the category referred to in paragraph (1)(D) showing the percentage of the total outlays which is for medicare, supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits, and assistance under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act and the percentage of total outlays which is for public health, unemployment, assisted housing, and social services.

(C) A footnote to the category referred to in paragraph (1)(D) showing the percentage of the total outlays which is for medicare, supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits, and assistance under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act and the percentage of total outlays which is for public health, unemployment, assisted housing, and social services.

(4) Data on which graphs are based

The graphs required under subsection (a) shall be based on data for the most recent fiscal year for which complete data is available as of the completion of the preparation of the instructions by the Secretary.

(Added Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, §11622(a), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-504; amended Pub. L. 104-193, title I, §110(l)(4), formerly §110(l)(8), Aug. 22, 1996, 110 Stat. 2173, renumbered Pub. L. 105-33, title V, §5514(a)(2), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 620; Pub. L. 110-234, title IV, §4002(b)(1)(E), (2)(O), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1096, 1097; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title IV, §4002(b)(1)(E), (2)(O), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1857, 1858.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Social Security Act, referred to in subsec. (b)(3)(C), is act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, 49 Stat. 620. Part A of title IV of the Act is classified generally to part A (§601 et seq.) of subchapter IV of chapter 7 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1305 of Title 42 and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (b)(3)(C). Pub. L. 110-246, §4002(b)(1)(E), (2)(O), substituted “supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits” for “food stamps”.

1996—Subsec. (b)(3)(C). Pub. L. 104-193, §110(l)(4), formerly §110(l)(8), as renumbered by Pub. L. 105-33, substituted “assistance under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act” for “aid to families with dependent children”.

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, except as otherwise provided, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.

Amendment by section 4002(b)(1)(E), (2)(O) of Pub. L. 110-246 effective Oct. 1, 2008, see section 4407 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 1161 of Title 2, The Congress.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-193 effective July 1, 1997, with transition rules relating to State options to accelerate such date, rules relating to claims, actions, and proceedings commenced before such date, rules relating to closing out of accounts for terminated or substantially modified programs and continuance in office of Assistant Secretary for Family Support, and provisions relating to termination of entitlement under AFDC program, see section 116 of Pub. L. 104-193, as amended, set out as an Effective Date note under section 601 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, §11622(c), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-505, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this section] shall apply to instructions prepared for taxable years beginning after 1990.”

§ 7524. Annual notice of tax delinquency

Not less often than annually, the Secretary shall send a written notice to each taxpayer who has a tax delinquent account of the amount of the tax delinquency as of the date of the notice.

(Added Pub. L. 104-168, title XII, §1204(a), July 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 1471.)

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EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 104-168, title XII, §1204(c), July 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 1471, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this section] shall apply to calendar years after 1996.”

§ 7525. Confidentiality privileges relating to taxpayer communications

(a) Uniform application to taxpayer communications with federally authorized practitioners

(1) General rule

With respect to tax advice, the same common law protections of confidentiality which apply to a communication between a taxpayer and an attorney shall also apply to a communication between a taxpayer and any federally authorized tax practitioner to the extent the communication would be considered a privileged communication if it were between a taxpayer and an attorney.

(2) Limitations

Paragraph (1) may only be asserted in—

(A) any noncriminal tax matter before the Internal Revenue Service; and

(B) any noncriminal tax proceeding in Federal court brought by or against the United States.

(3) Definitions

For purposes of this subsection—

(A) Federally authorized tax practitioner

The term “federally authorized tax practitioner” means any individual who is authorized under Federal law to practice before the Internal Revenue Service if such practice is subject to Federal regulation under section 330 of title 31, United States Code.

(B) Tax advice

The term “tax advice” means advice given by an individual with respect to a matter which is within the scope of the individual’s authority to practice described in subparagraph (A).

(b) Section not to apply to communications regarding tax shelters

The privilege under subsection (a) shall not apply to any written communication which is—

(1) between a federally authorized tax practitioner and—

(A) any person,

(B) any director, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the person, or

(C) any other person holding a capital or profits interest in the person, and

(2) in connection with the promotion of the direct or indirect participation of the person in any tax shelter (as defined in section 6662(d)(2)(C)(ii)).

(Added Pub. L. 105-206, title III, §3411(a), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 750; amended Pub. L. 108-357, title VIII, §813(a), Oct. 22, 2004, 118 Stat. 1581.)

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2004—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 108-357 amended heading and text of subsec. (b) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The privilege under subsection (a) shall not apply to any written communication between a federally authorized tax practitioner and a director, shareholder, officer, or employee, agent, or representative of a corporation in connection with the promotion of the direct or indirect participation of such corporation in any tax shelter (as defined in section 6662(d)(2)(C)(iii)).”

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-357, title VIII, §813(b), Oct. 22, 2004, 118 Stat. 1581, provided that: “The amendment made by this section [amending this section] shall apply to communications made on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 22, 2004].”

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 105-206, title III, §3411(c), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 751, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this section] shall apply to communications made on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [July 22, 1998].”