

## 2020 TAX CHECKLIST

### PERSONAL INCOME

1. W-2s for all jobs held during the year.
2. 1099s for self-employment, rent, retirement, disability, unemployment, gambling, social security, long-term care, tax refunds, HSAs, and other income.
3. K-1s from Partnerships, S-Corporations, Estates, or Trusts.
4. Alimony Received (pre 12/31/18 divorces).
5. Rental income & expenses.
6. Economic Impact Payments (a.k.a. Stimulus Payment) received in 2020 & January 2021 (the payment is not taxable but is reconciled on the tax return).

### INVESTMENT INCOME

1. 1099-INT for bank accounts, CDs, land contracts, bonds, etc.
2. 1099-DIV for stocks, mutual funds, and brokerage accounts.
3. 1099-B for sale of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other assets.
4. Purchase info for capital assets sold or became worthless during the year.
5. Closing Statement (HUD-1) for real estate sales, purchases, and refinances.

### ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS

1. Medical expenses (only the amount over 7.5% of your income is deductible).
2. Real Estate taxes.
3. Sales Tax - Did you purchase a car, boat, or plane this year?
4. Automobile Registration Fees.
5. Mortgage Interest (generally limited to \$750,000 of mortgage debt).
6. Charitable contributions. You are required to have a receipt or bank record to take the deduction. (I don't need to see all those records, but you are required to retain them.)
7. Non-cash contributions. (Clothes, furniture, household goods, cars, etc. Items must be in good usable condition. Keep a list of items donated along with the receipt from the charitable organization.)
8. Uninsured disaster loss (federally declared disaster, exceeding 10% of income).

### CHILD RELATED DEDUCTIONS

1. If you haven't previously, provide children's birthdays.
2. Child Care expenses.
3. Adoption expenses.
4. Did the children live with you?



## EDUCATION DEDUCTIONS & CREDITS

1. 1098T and account statement for college tuition & fees.
2. Has the college student ever been convicted of a felony?
3. Did you cash US savings bonds issued after 1989 to pay for tuition?
4. Education IRA or Coverdell contributions.
5. Student Loan interest.

## OTHER DEDUCTIONS & CREDITS

1. Educator's unreimbursed classroom expenses.
2. Did you buy a new electric or hybrid vehicle?
3. Alimony Paid (pre 12/31/18 divorces).
4. IRA, SEP, SIMPLE, or HSA contributions.
5. Did you install any energy-saving home improvements? (You should receive a certificate from the manufacturer if it is eligible for the credit.)
6. If you made estimated tax payments please provide the date and amount of each payment.

## OTHER

1. **Review and sign the client agreement. Make sure to circle the appropriate responses regarding efile & foreign financial accounts.**
2. New Clients: please bring a copy of the previous year's tax return.
3. Provide change in address, phone, email, dependents, & marital status.
4. Do you own or did you transact with virtual or crypto currency (e.g. Bitcoin)?
5. Medical insurance 1095s.
6. Did you start or acquire a new business?
7. Do your children have more than \$1,100 of investment income.
8. If you want direct deposit of your refund, provide a void check or bank info (bank name, account type, account number, and routing number).
9. Internet, mail order, and out of state purchases to be reported for use tax (sales tax on out of state purchases). Inform me of any such purchases you made.
10. Do you have a bank or financial account in a foreign country?
11. Please note: job related expenses, professional & union dues, investment advisor fees, are no longer deductible
12. Please don't staple documents as they will need to be unstapled to be sorted and scanned during the tax preparation process. Original documents are much easier to work with than photocopies. If you can provide originals instead of copies that would be beneficial. Thanks.

Some aspects of your tax situation may not be covered on this brief checklist. If you prefer a more detailed questionnaire, download one at [www.DavidWeigelCPA.com/Organizer.pdf](http://www.DavidWeigelCPA.com/Organizer.pdf). If you have any questions, please give me a call.