This 2013 Desk Reference is our gift to you. We hope you find it helpful as you gear up for tax season. You may print as many copies as you like.

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Be Prepared for Tax Season

How you prepare for tax season can have a lot to do with how smoothly your season goes. A well-organized office that has prepared for the upcoming months can make the sailing much smoother during a fast-paced time. Here are some other important steps you can take to ensure your office is prepared.

Preseason Checklist

- > Ensure you have all the CE needed to renew your professional license and understand tax law changes prior to the tax season.
- Register for or Renew Your PTIN. A PTIN is required for all return preparers who are compensated for preparing or assisting in preparation of a tax return. Visit IRS.gov to register, renew and learn more.
- Order Tax Preparation Software. Look for a software package that includes everything you need and has experience you can trust. Consider Drake Software.
- > Verify Your Office Equipment Meets
 System Requirements. Does your hard drive
 have enough available space? Is your network
 operational? Are your printers compatible?
- Install and Test Your Tax Software Package. Hopefully you've chosen software that's delivered early. Over 34,000 Drake Software customers have already installed their federal shipment and are using test returns to become familiar with new enhancements.
- > Purchase Office Supplies. Don't forget toner, paper, pens, and folders.
- > **Test Printers.** Test any new setup features included in your software. Make sure barcodes print correctly and you understand how to choose which forms print and how to print sets.
- > Send Organizers or Letters. These are great tools to help ensure clients have the right information ready for when it comes time for their appointments. This year, sending organizers is easier than ever thanks to the SecureFilePro portal option!
- > Educate Yourself on Tax Law Changes. This Desk Reference is a great way to start learning

- this information. Online research, the IRS website, and state tax departments are great tools as well.
- > **Begin Preseason Scheduling.** This will help you get a jump-start on tax season. It will also help those clients who are eager to file see you as soon as possible.
- > Train Your Staff. Make sure everyone understands their duties and is familiar with the software. Once tax season hits, you may not have time to review.
- > **Update Filing System**. If you're considering going paperless, make sure you're familiar with the steps you will need to take in order to be successful. If you prefer the paper route, make sure you shred any unnecessary paperwork to free up additional space.
- Establish Billing Amounts. Setting up your billable amounts in your software now will save you a lot of time later.
- > **Determine Incentives or Rebates.** If you plan to offer rebates or incentives, make sure the process is well thought out. This will eliminate kinks in the midst of your busy season.
- > Sign Up with a Bank If You Plan to Offer Bank Products. Signing up now will help you avoid delays when it's time to process that first bank product. You may need to complete an application with your software vendor, too.
- > Execute Your Marketing Plan. Consider running radio spots, hanging posters or banners, and encouraging word-of-mouth marketing. Drake Software offers marketing ideas online at

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Offices with a well-prepared staff develop confidence in themselves, but more importantly, the client develops this confidence as well. Following these steps will help your office run smoothly and more efficiently. In turn, your clients will be happy to come back year after year.



Tax Preparers' Due Diligence Requirements for EITC

Paid preparers who file EITC returns or claims for refunds for clients must meet four due diligence requirements. Those who fail to do so can be assessed a \$500 penalty for each failure.

- 1) Complete and file with taxpayer's return Form 8867, Paid Preparer's Earned Income Credit Checklist.
- 2) Fill out the appropriate EIC worksheet found in the Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ instructions or in Publication 596, or your own equivalent form.
- You must have no knowledge that any of the information used to determine the taxpayer's eligibility for the credit and the credit amount is incorrect.
- 4) Retain Form 8867 and the EIC worksheets (or your own equivalents of each), and a record of how, when, and from whom the information used to prepare the form and worksheet(s) was obtained. You must keep these documents for three years from June 30 following the date the return or claim for refund was presented to the taxpayer for signature.

2013 Medical Savings Accounts (MSA)

2013 Premium for High Deductible

Self Coverage \$ 2,150 - \$ 3,200 Family Coverage \$ 4,300 - \$ 6,450

Maximum Out of Pocket

Self Coverage \$ 4,300 Family Coverage \$ 7,850

Health Savings Account (HSA)

2013 Maximum Annual Contribution Limits

Self-Only Coverage \$ 3,250 Family Coverage \$ 6,450

2013 Minimum Deductible

Self Coverage \$ 1,250 Family Coverage \$ 2,500

2013 Maximum Out of Pocket

Self Coverage \$ 6,250 Family Coverage \$ 12,500

Additional Over Age 55

2013 and after \$ 1,000

Standard Deductions

IF Your Filing Status Is	Base Amount	Additional Amount for Blindness or Over Age 65
Single	\$ 6,100	\$1,500
Married Filing jointly	\$12,200	\$1,200
Married Filing Separate	\$ 6,100	\$1,200
Head of Household	\$ 8,950	\$1,500
Qualifying Widow(er) with Dependent Child	\$12,200	\$1,200
Dependent of Another	\$1,000 or Earned Income + \$350	\$1,200 or \$1,500 if single or HOH

MACRS Recovery Periods

	MACRS RECOV	/ERY PERIOD
	General	Alternative
T (D)	Depreciation	Depreciation
Type of Property	System	System
Computers and their peripheral equipment	5 years	5 years
Office machinery, such as: Typewriters Calculators	·	·
Copiers	5 years	б years
Automobiles	5 years	5 years
Light trucks	5 years	5 years
Appliances, such as: Stoves Refrigerators	5 years	9 years
Carpets	5 years	9 years
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Furniture used in rental property	5 years	9 years
Office furniture and equipment, such as: Desks Files	7 years	10 years
Any property that does not have a class life and that has not been designated by law as	7	17
being in any other class	7 years	12 years
Roads	15 years	20 years
Shrubbery	15 years	20 years
Fences	15 years	20 years
Residential rental property (buildings or structures) and structural components such as		
furnaces, water pipes, venting, etc.	27.5 years	40 years
Nonresidential real property	39 years	40 years
Additions and improvements, such as a new roof	The same recovery as that of the prop which the addition improvement is madetermined as if the property were place service at the same the addition or imp	erty to or ade, ne ed in e time as

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2013 Filing Requirements for Most Taxpayers

IF your filing status is	AND at the end of 2013 you were	THEN file a return if your gross income was at least
Single	Under 65 65 or older	\$ 10,000 \$ 11,500
Married filing jointly	Under 65 (both spouses) 65 or older (one spouse) 65 or older (both spouses)	\$20,000 \$ 21,200 \$ 22,400
Married filing separately	Any age	\$ 3,900
Head of household	Under 65 65 or older	\$ 12,850 \$ 14,350
Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child	Under 65 65 or older	\$ 16,100 \$ 17,300

2013 Filing Requirements for Dependents

If your parent (or someone else) can claim you as a dependent, use this chart to see if you must file a return. In this chart, unearned income includes taxable interest, ordinary dividends, and capital gain distributions. Earned income includes wages, tips, and taxable scholarship and fellowship grants. Gross income is the total of your unearned and earned income.

Single dependents. Were you either age 65 or older or blind?

- $\hfill \square$ No. You must file a return if any of the following apply.
 - Your unearned income was over \$1,000.
 - Your earned income was over \$6,100.
 - Your gross income was more than the larger of
 - \$1,000, or
 - Your earned income (up to \$5,750) plus \$350.
- - Your unearned income was over \$2,500 (\$4,000 if 65 or older and blind).
 - Your earned income was over \$7,600 (\$9,100 if 65 or older and blind).
 - Your gross income was more than -

The larger of:

- \$ 2,500 (\$4,000 if 65 or older and blind), or
- Your earned income (up to \$5,750) plus \$1,850 (\$3,350 if 65 or older and blind).

Married dependents. Were you either age 65 or older or blind?

- ☐ No. You must file a return if any of the following apply.
 - Your unearned income was over \$1,000.
 - Your earned income was over \$6,100.
 - Your gross income was at least \$5 and your spouse files a separate return and itemizes deductions.
 - Your gross income was more than the larger of
 - \$1,000, or
 - Your earned income (up to \$5,750) plus \$350.
- ☐ Yes. You must file a return if **any** of the following apply.
 - Your unearned income was over \$2,200 (\$3,400 if 65 or older and blind).
 - Your earned income was over \$7,300 (\$8,500 if 65 or older and blind).
 - Your gross income was at least \$5 and your spouse files a separate return and itemizes deductions.
 - Your gross income was more than -

The larger of:

- \$2,200, or \$3,400 if 65 or older **and** blind.
- Your earned income (up to \$5,750) plus \$1,550 (\$2,750 if 65 or older and blind).

Other Situations When You Must File A 2013 Return

You must file a return if any of the three conditions below apply for 2013.

- 1. You owe any special taxes, including any of the following.
 - a. Alternative minimum tax.
 - b. Additional tax on a qualified plan, including an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), or other tax-favored account. But if you are filing a return only because you owe this tax, you can file Form 5329 by itself.
 - c. Household employment taxes. But if you are filing a return only because you owe this tax, you can file Schedule H by itself.
 - d. Social security and Medicare tax on tips you did not report to your employer or on wages you received from an employer who did not withhold these taxes.
 - e. Write-in taxes, including uncollected social security and Medicare or RRTA tax on tips you reported to your employer or on group-term life insurance and additional tax on health savings account distributions. See the instructions for line 63 on page 42.
 - f. Recapture taxes. See the instructions for line 44, that begin on page 33, and line 63, on page 42.
 - g. Additional tax on a health savings account from Form 8889, Part III.
- 2. You had net earnings from self-employment of at least \$400.
- 3. You had wages of \$108.28 or more from a church or qualified church-controlled organization that is exempt from employer social security and Medicare taxes.

Adoption Credit

Maximum credit for a child \$ 12,970 with special needs Other adoptions, Up to \$ 12,970

qualified expenses

Phaseout range, modified \$194,580 - \$234,580 adjusted gross income

Section 179 Expense

Expense Limit \$ 500,000 Phaseout Threshold \$2,000,000

FICA (SS & Medicare) Wage Base

Social Security Wage Base	\$ 113,700
Maximum Social Security Tax	\$ 7,049
Medicare Wage Base	No ceiling
Maximum Medicare Wage Tax	No ceiling

Student Loan Interest Deduction

Maximum interest deduction \$ 2,500

Modified Adjusted Gross Income Phaseout:

Married Filing Jointly \$125,000 to \$155,000 Single/HOH \$60,000 to \$75,000

Qualifying Child

A qualifying child for purposes of the child tax credit must be all of the following:

- 1. Claimed as your dependent on line 6c of Form 1040 or Form 1040A.
- 2. Under age 17 at the end of 2013.
- 3. Your:
 - a. Son, daughter, adopted child, stepchild, or a descendant of any of them (for example, your grandchild),
 - b. Brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, or a descendant of any of them (for example, your niece or nephew) whom you cared for as you would your own
 - c. Foster child (any child placed with you by an authorized placement agency whom you cared for as you would your own child).
- 4. A U.S. citizen or resident alien.

Adopted child. An adopted child is always treated as your own child. An adopted child includes a child placed with you by an authorized placement agency for legal adoption even if the adoption is not final.

Kidnapped child. A kidnapped child is treated as a qualifying child for the child tax credit if both of the following statements are true:

- 1. The child is presumed by law enforcement authorities to have been kidnapped by someone who is not a member of your family or the child's family.
- 2. The child qualified as your dependent for the part of the year before the kidnapping.

This treatment applies for all years until the child is returned. However, the last year this treatment can apply is the earlier of:

- 1. The year there is a determination that the child is dead,
- 2. The year the child would have reached age 16.

Dependent Care Credit Limitations

To determine the amount of your credit, multiply your work-related expenses (after applying the earned income and dollar limits) by a percentage. This percentage depends on your adjusted gross income shown on Form 1040, line 37, or Form 1040A, line 21. The following table shows the percentage to use based on adjusted gross income. The maximum eligible to be multiplied by these percentages is \$3,000 per child, maximum of \$6,000 per return.

IF your adjusted gross income is:		Then the	
Over	But not over	percentage is:	
\$ 0	\$15,000	35%	
15,000	17,000	34%	
17,000	19,000	33%	
19,000	21,000	32%	
21,000	23,000	31%	
23,000	25,000	30%	
25,000	27,000	29%	
27,000	29,000	28%	
29,000	31,000	27%	
31,000	33,000	26%	
33,000	35,000	25%	
35,000	37,000	24%	
37,000	39,000	23%	
39,000	41,000	22%	
41,000	43,000	21%	
43,000	No limit	20%	

Comparison of Education Credits

Lifetime Learning Credit	American Opportunity
Up to \$2,000	Up to \$2,500 / Up to 40% is refundable
Maximum lifetime learning rate is 20%	100% of first \$2,000 plus 25% of next \$2,000
Available for all years of post-secondary education and for courses to acquire or improve job skills	Available for four years of college
Available for an unlimited number of years	Only available for 2009 through 2013
Student does not need to be pursuing a degree or other recognized educational credential	AGI Phase Out between \$80,000 - \$90,0000 (160K – 180K)
Available for one or more courses	Student must be enrolled at least half time for at least one academic period beginning during the year.
Felony drug conviction rule does not apply	As of the end of 2013, the student had not been convicted of a felony for possession or distributing a controlled substance.

Lifetime Learning Modified adjusted gross i	Refundable American Opportunity	
Married Filing Jointly All other Filing Statuses	\$107,000 to \$127,000 \$ 53,000 to \$ 63,000	\$160,000 to \$180,000 \$ 80,000 to \$ 90,000

Social Security Payback

At full retirement age or older	No limit on earnings
Under full retirement age	\$1 in benefits will be deducted for each \$2 you earn above \$15,120.
In the year you reach full retirement age	Your benefits will be reduced \$1 for every \$3 you earn above \$40,080.

^{*} For 2013, full retirement age is 66 years.

Earned Income Credit

Single, Head of Household, and Qualifying Widow(er)	Earned Income Receive the Ma		Maximum EIC Amount	Maximum Earnings Before EIC Eliminated
	AT LEAST	BUT LESS THAN		J
With No Children	\$ 6,350	\$ 8,000	\$ 487	\$ 14,340
With One Child	\$ 9,550	\$ 17,550	\$ 3,250	\$ 37,870
With Two Children	\$ 13,400	\$ 17,550	\$ 5,372	\$ 43,038
With Three Children	\$ 13,400	\$ 17,550	\$ 6,044	\$ 46,227

Married Filing Jointly	Earned Income Receive the Ma		Maximum EIC Amount	Maximum Earnings Before EIC Eliminated
With No Children	\$ 6,350	\$ 13,350	\$ 487	\$ 19,680
With One Child	\$ 9,550	\$ 22,900	\$ 3,250	\$ 43,210
With Two Children	\$ 13,400	\$ 22,900	\$ 5,372	\$ 48,378
With Three Children	\$ 13,400	\$ 22,900	\$ 6,044	\$ 51,567
With Three Children	\$ 13,400	\$ 22,900	\$ 6,044	\$ 51,567

The maximum amount of investment income you can have and still receive EIC has increased to \$3,300.

Earned Income Credit in a Nutshell

First, you must meet all the rules in this column.	Second, you must meet of these columns, which		Third, you must meet the rule in this column.
Part A Rules for Everyone	Part B Rules if You Have a Qualifying Child	Part C Rules if You Do Not Have a Qualifying Child	Part D Figuring and Claiming the EIC
 Your adjusted gross income (ACI) must be less than \$46,227 (\$51,567 for married filing joint) if you have three qualifying children. \$43,058 (\$48,378 for married filing joint) if you have two qualifying children. \$37,870 (\$43,210 for married filing joint) if you have one qualifying child. \$14,340 (\$19,680 for married filing joint) if you do not have a qualifying child. You must have a valid social security number. Your filing status cannot be "married filing separate." You must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien all year. You cannot file Form 2555 or Form 2555-EZ (relating to foreign earned income). Your investment income must be \$3,300 or less. You must have earned income. 	8. Your child must meet the relationship, age, and residency tests. 9. Your qualifying child cannot be used by more than one person to claim the EIC. 10. You cannot be a qualifying child of another person.	 11. You must be at least 25 but under age 65. 12. You cannot be the dependent of another person. 13. You cannot be a qualifying child of another person. 14. You must have lived in the United States more than half of the year. 	15. Your earned income must be less than \$46,227 (\$51,567 for married filing joint) if you have three qualifying children. \$43,038 (\$48,378 for married filing joint) if you have two qualifying children. \$37,870 (\$43,210 for married filing joint) if you have one qualifying child. \$14,340 (\$19,680 for married filing joint) if you do not have a qualifying child.

Exemption Amounts

<u>-</u>	
Personal and Dependent	\$ 3,900
Estate Amount	\$ 600
Simple Trust *	\$ 300
Complex Trust *	\$ 100

^{*} Exemption Not Allowed in Final Year.

Domestic Production Activities Deduction

The deduction rate for 2013 is 9%

Deduction reduced by 3% if the taxpayer has any oil related qualified production activities income

Kiddie Tax

2013 Age Limit up to 18, and certain under 24 2013 Unearned Income Limitation \$2,000

Foreign Earned Income

2013 Maximum Exclusion \$97,600

Gift Tax

2013 Exclusion	\$ 14,000
2013 Exclusion for gift to spouse who is not a U.S. Citizen	\$ 143,000

401(K) Contribution Limits

2013 Maximum Deferral	\$ 17,500
2013 Catch Up Contributions for	¢ 77 000
taxpayers 50 and over	\$ 23,000

Long-Term Capital Gains and Qualifying Dividends

Single up to	\$ 36,250	0%
Single	\$ 36,250 - \$ 400K	15%
Single Over	\$ 400K	20%
Married up to	\$ 72,500	0%
Married	\$ 72,500 - \$ 450K	15%
Married Over	\$ 450K	20%
HOH up to	\$ 48,600	0%
HOH	\$ 48,600 - \$ 425K	15%
HOH Over	\$ 425K	20%
Tax on unrecaptu	25%	
Capital gain rate o	28%	

Savings Bond/Higher Education Expense Exclusion

Modified adjusted gross income phaseout range:
Married Filing Joint \$ 112,050 - \$ 142,050
All other filing status \$ 74,700 - \$ 89,700

Qualified Transportation Fringe Benefit Exclusion

Commuter highway vehicle and transit pass \$245 Qualified parking \$245

Long-Term Care Premiums

Maximum premium (per person)	
Age 40 or under	\$ 360
Age 41 to 50	\$ 680
Age 51 to 60	\$ 1,360
Age 61 to 70	\$ 3,640
Age 71 or over	\$ 4,550

Alternative Minimum Tax

First \$179,500 (\$89,750 married, separate) of Alternative Minimum Taxable Income	26%
Over \$179,500 of Alternative Minimum Taxable Income	28%

Exemptions:

Married Filing Jointly or Qualifying Widow(er)	\$ 80,800
Married Filing Separate	\$ 40,400
Single or Head of Household	\$ 51,900

Exemption Phaseout:

25% of amount AMTI exceeds:

<u>Filing Status</u>	AGI Begin Phaseout	AGI Fully Phaseout
MFJ/Surviving Spouse	\$ 153,900	\$ 477,100
Married Filing Separate	\$ 76,950	\$ 238,500
Single/HOH	\$ 115,400	\$ 323,000

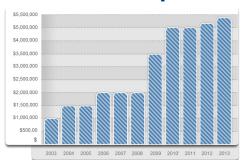
Where to Deduct Your Interest Expense

		AND for more
IF you have	THEN deduct it on	information go to
Deductible student loan interest	Form 1040, line 33 or Form 1040A, line 18	Publication 970
Deductible home mortgage interest and points reported on Form 1098	Schedule A (Form 1040), line 10	Publication 936
Deductible home mortgage interest not reported on Form 1098	Schedule A (Form 1040), line 11	Publication 936
Deductible points not reported on Form 1098	Schedule A (Form 1040), line 12	Publication 936
Deductible investment interest (other than interest incurred to produce rents or royalties)	Schedule A (Form 1040), line 14	Publication 550
Deductible business interest (non-farm)	Schedule C or C-EZ (Form 1040)	Publication 535
Deductible farm business interest	Schedule F (Form 1040)	Publications 225 and 535
Deductible interest incurred to produce rents or royalties	Schedule E (Form 1040)	Publications 527 and 535
Personal interest	Not Deductible	

2013 Standard Mileage Rates

Business Mileage 56.5 cents / mile Charitable Mileage 14 cents / mile Medical/Moving Mileage 24 cents / mile

Estate Exemption



*2010 5,000,000 (or N/A if elected to file 8939)

Tax Rate Schedules - Single

TAXABLE INCOME:			TAX:				
_	Over	But not over	Т	ax	+%	On amo	unt over
9	0	\$ 8,925	\$.0	00	10%	\$	0
	8,925	36,250	892.	50	15%		8,925
_	36,250	87,850	4,991.	25 2	25%		36,250
	87,850	183,250	17,891.	25 2	28%		87,850
	183,250	398,350	44,603.	25 :	33%		183,250
	398,350	400,000	115,586.	25	35%		398,350
	400,000		116,163.	75 39	.6%		400,000
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Tax Rate Schedules - Head of Household

TAXABLE INCOME:				TAX	:						
	Over	But	not over			Tax	- 4	-0/0	On ar	mount ov	/er
\$	0	\$	12,750		\$.00	10)%	\$		0
	12,750		48,600		1,2	75.00	15	5%		12,7	50
	48,600		125,450		6,6	52.50	25	5%		48,6	00
	125,450		203,150		25,8	65.00	28	3%		125,4	50
	203,150		398,350		47,6	521.00	33	3%		203,1	50
3	398,350		425,000		112,0	37.00	35	5%		398,3	50
_4	25,000			J	121,3	64.50	39.6	5%		425,0	00

Tax Rate Schedules - Married Filing Separate

TAXABLE INCOME:				TA	K:							
	Over But not over				Tax		+%	On	amo	unt over		
	\$ 0	\$	8,925		\$.00	1	0%		\$	0	
	8,925		6,250			892.50	1	5%			8,925	
	36,250		73,200		4	,991.25	2	5%			36,250	
	73,200		111,525		14	,228.75	2	8%			73,200	
	111,525		199,175		24	,959.75	3	3%			111,525	
	199,175		225,000		53,	884.25	3	5%			199,175	
	225,000				62,	923.00	39.	б%			225,000	

Tax Rate Schedules - Married Filing Jointly or Qualifying Widow(er)

Taxabl	e income:	Tax:		
Over	But not over	Tax	+%	On amount over
\$ 0	\$ 17,850	\$.00	10%	\$ 0
17,850	72,500	1,785.00	15%	17,850
72,500	146,400	9,982.50	25%	72,500
146,400	223,050	28,457.50	28%	146,400
223,050	398,350	49,919.50	33%	223,050
398,350	450,000	107,768.50	35%	398,350
450,000		128,846.00	39.6%	450,000

2013 Corporate Tax Rates

TAXABLE INCOME:			т	AX:				
	Over	But	not over		Tax	+%	On ar	mount over
\$	0	\$	50,000	\$	0	15%	\$	0
5	50,000		75,000		7,500	25%		50,000
7	75,000		100,000		13,750	34%		75,000
10	00,000		335,000		22,250	39%		100,000
33	35,000	10	0,000,000		113,900	34%		335,000
10,00	00,000	15	5,000,000	3	,400,000	35%	1	0,000,000
15,00	00,000		18,333,333	!	5,150,000	38%	1	5,000,000
18,3	33,333					35%		0

A qualified personal service corporation is taxed at a flat rate of 35% on taxable income.

2013 Estate and Trust Tax Rates

TAXABLE INCOME:			TA	X:				
	Over	But	not over		Tax	+%	On amou	ınt over
\$	0	\$	2,450	\$.00	15.0%	\$	0
	2,450		5,700		367.50	25.0%		2,450
	5,700		8,750		1,180.00	28.0%		5,700
	8,750		11,950	2	2,034.00	33.0%		8,750
	11,950			3	,090.00	39.6%		11,950

Traditional IRA Limits

IRA Contribution Limits	
Regular Contributions: 2013 Maximum Contribution	\$5,500
"Catch Up" Contributions for Taxpayers 50 and over: 2013 Catch up	\$6,500

Phaseout of IRA Deductions

Filing!	Status	AGI Begin Phaseout	AGI Fully Phased out
Single	(or Married Filing Separate and lived apart from spouse for all of 2012)	\$59,000	\$69,000
Marrie	d Filing Jointly	\$95,000	\$115,000
	(\$178,0 covered	(\$188,000 if spouse is not covered by a pension plan)	
Marrie	d Filing Separate	\$ 0	\$ 10,000
Head o	f Household	\$59,000	\$69,000
Qualify	ing Widow(er)	\$95,000	\$115,000



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Drake e-Training Center Website

Drake's e-Training Center (Drake ETC) website (*Drake ETC.com*) is a convenient resource for training your office staff on Drake software and tax topics while earning continuing professional education (CPE) credits. This is accomplished through the use of:

- Interactive tax courses
- > Live and recorded webinars
- > Video tutorials
- > Practice returns
- > Self-study courses

Drake ETC also provides tracking tools and interactive testing so individuals and group administrators can monitor their personal and collective progress. Print CPE certificates for the credits you earn while Drake reports your credits to the IRS.

If you haven't already done so, start taking advantage of Drake ETC today by going to *DrakeETC.com* and creating an Admin account. First, enter your master EFIN and Drake Password and click **Submit**. Complete the required information, including Username and Password for logging in to Drake ETC as administrator. Click **Save Information**. After saving your new Admin account information, click the **Administration** tab to begin creating student accounts. It's so easy and it costs nothing to create accounts!