

# Wellness Wednesday Tax Q&A

Health, Safety, and Work-Life & CG SUPRT

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# Three Pillar Approach

Philosophy & Delivery Model for a Holistic Approach to Financial Well-being



## Money Coaching

Year-round 1:1 Money Coaching

28+ Certifications

No Product Sales

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Clinically Validated



## Digital Platform

Financial Assessment & Action Plan

Financial Wellness Score

Calculators, Articles & Worksheets

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# Meet Our Team

Today's Speakers



**Andrew Ghezzi**

National Speaker  
Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor®



**Brian Sherman, CFP**

CGSuprt Money Coach  
& Tax Specialist

# Agenda

Today we'll cover...



**Getting Organized: What Documents to Gather**



**Self-Employment & Changes**



**Credits, Withholdings, & Deductions**



**Retirement Contribution Limits**



**Cryptocurrency**



**Tax Scams: What to Know**



**Real Estate Investments**



**Employer Taxes**



**Resources and Q&A**





# Self-Employment & Changes

- 1099 K
- Third Party Payments
- Self-Employment
- Business Expenses
- Net Profit



# Tax Credits



- Child Tax Credit
- Earned Income Tax Credit
- Child and Dependent Care Credit
- Adoption Credit
- Higher Education Tax Credits



# Withholdings

- Adjust your W-4 if needed (+/- dependents)
- Check your Pay Slip to make sure correct amount taken out
- IRS Tax Withholding Calculator
  - Capture all expected income: Bonus, Spouse outside employment
  - <https://apps.irs.gov/app/tax-withholding-estimator>







# 2023 Standard Deduction Amounts

Filing Status	TY 2023 Standard Deduction
Single; Married Filing Separately	\$13,850
Married Filing Jointly; Qualifying Widow(er)	\$27,700
Head of Household	\$20,800

# Tax Year 2023: Tax Brackets

Tax Rate	Taxable Income (Single)	Taxable Income (Married Filing Jointly)	Taxable Income (Head of Household)
10%	Up to \$11,000	Up to \$22,000	Up to \$15,700
12%	\$11,001 to \$44,725	\$22,001 to \$89,450	\$15,701 to \$59,850
22%	\$44,726 to \$95,375	\$89,451 to \$190,750	\$59,851 to \$95,350
24%	\$95,376 to \$182,100	\$190,751 to \$364,200	\$95,351 to \$182,100
32%	\$182,101 to \$231,250	\$364,201 to \$462,500	\$182,101 to \$231,250
35%	\$231,251 to \$578,125	\$462,501 to \$693,750	\$231,251 to \$578,100
37%	Over \$578,126	Over \$693,751	Over \$578,101

Use the IRS Tax Withholding Estimator at [Tax Withholding Estimator - About You](#) | Internal Revenue Service (irs.gov) or <https://apps.irs.gov/app/tax-withholding-estimator>

# Retirement Contribution Limits

## Aggregation Rules:

- Contributions to 401(k) and 403(b) are aggregated for a total of \$23,000 (\$30,500 with Catch-Up)
- Contributions to 457(b) plans are separate and are not aggregated with other Retirement Plans
- Contributions to IRAs (Traditional and Roth) are aggregated for a total of \$7,000 (\$8,000 with Catch-Up)

Account	Limit Type	Calendar Year		
		2023	2024	2024 (Age 50+)
TSP / 401(k)	Salary Deferral Limit	\$22,500	\$23,000	\$30,500
TSP / 401(k)	Catch-Up Contribution Limit	--	--	\$7,500
457(b)		--	--	
IRA (Traditional/Roth)	Contribution Limit	\$6,500	\$7,000	\$8,000
IRA (Traditional/Roth)	Catch-Up Contribution Limit	--	--	\$1,000

Note: These contribution limits are employee contributions only; employer match is not included in these amounts



# Cryptocurrency

## Cryptocurrency Records of Transactions (Profit / Loss)

- Possible \$3,000 offset
- Keep track of how much you gained or lost in U.S. dollars
- Short term (<1 Year) / Long Term Capital Gain Rates

# Real Estate Investments

Tax Benefits and Challenges



## How to Report

### Rental Income

- Generally considered as passive income\*
- Subject to Passive Activity Loss rules



## Capital Gains Tax

### Sale of Investment/Rental Property

- Assuming the property appreciates in value, there will be long/short term capital gains tax



## Claimed on Schedule E

### Deductions on Rental Income

- Property insurance
- Property taxes
- Depreciation
- Utilities
- Maintenance
- Improvements
- And many others



## Depreciation Recapture

### Sale of Investment/Rental Property

- Depreciation claimed as ordinary income
- Taxed at your marginal tax bracket, or maximum of 25%

\*If the rental property is operated as a short-term rental (ex: AirBnB, VRBO, etc.) it is considered nonpassive for tax purposes.

# Household Employer Taxes

What to prepare for when filing

## Schedule H



Schedule H represents a household's employment taxes, filed with employers 1040

## Form W-2



Completed by employer and given to employee to represent previous calendar years wages and taxes withheld

## Form W-3



Transmittal of wage and tax statements, submitted with W2 to the Social Security Administration



# Know Your Forms

Two sides to the tax equation



## The Household Employer

**SS-4** - Application for Employer Identification Number. Both Federal and State required.

**Schedule H** – Household Employment Taxes Documents any taxes withheld such as federal, Social Security and Medicare.

**W-2** Wage and Tax statement - Must be completed by Jan 31 after close of tax year.

**W-3** Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements.

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## Your Employee

**I-9** Employment Eligibility Verification US Customs and Immigration Service. Must authenticate documents.

**W-4** Normally NOT required unless the employee requests it. Both Federal and State would be required.



# Tax Scams

- IRS will never call you
- IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information
- File early to avoid Identity Theft





# Tax Q & A

When is Tax day?

In-Country	Abroad	War Zone
April 15	2-Month Automatic Extension	180 days after leaving war zone (see tax preparer)

When should I file?

**Better to file early if gaining refund and to lessen chance of Identify Theft**

What should I do if I did not file my taxes last year?

**File your return as soon as possible**

I just received a corrected W2, what should I do?

**Contact Tax Professional**



A close-up photograph of a person's hand pointing their index finger at a document. The hand is wearing a black, textured wristband. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a wooden surface.

# Tax Q & A

Am I allowed to contribute to both an IRA and TSP?

**Yes**

What is the difference between a tax deduction vs tax credit?

**Tax credit is king! Deduction (Itemization) vs Credit (\$ for \$ reduction of taxes owed)**

What should I do if there is an error or issue with my W2?

**Go to your Admin/SPO/PPC**

What should I do if I owe taxes?

**Pay**

Should I go to a tax professional or use Tax software?

**Complicated situations – Tax Professional**

How do I choose a reputable tax preparer?

**Check History and Credentials – CPA, Enrolled Agent**

# FREE Online Tax Filing



## FREE ONLINE TAX FILING

File your taxes for FREE with H&R Block through the CG SUPRT Website!

1. Go to [www.CGSUPRT.com](http://www.CGSUPRT.com)
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3. Select **Financial**, then select **Tax Filing**
4. Click the Link Provided



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Money Coach

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