

Individual Tax - Common Deductions

The following is a list of common deductions you should know when you are gathering your tax related documents in order to maximize your deductions. Contact us for any question.

Above the line deductions

- Teacher classroom expenses
- Student loan interest
- Alimony expenses
- One-half of self-employment tax
- IRA contributions and one-half of contributions to SEP, SIMPLE and qualified plans
- Health savings account contributions
- Moving expenses
- Penalties on early withdrawals from savings accounts
- Tuition and fees deductions

Itemized deductions

- Mortgage interest including interest on equity loans up to \$100,000
- Points paid for mortgage or refinancing
- State and local income taxes and personal property taxes
- Health insurance costs and medical expenses in excess of 7.5% of adjusted gross income
- Prescription eyeglasses, contacts and hearing aids§
- Crutches, canes and orthopedic shoes§
- Medical transportation§
- Cost of alcohol or drug abuse treatment§
- Charitable contributions — cash, property, donated clothing or household items and appreciated long-term assets
- Mileage and expenses associated with volunteer work
- Unreimbursed casualty and theft losses
- Income tax preparation software and fees*
- Job-search expenses*
- Investment expenses*

- Unreimbursed employee business expenses*
- Professional investment advisory fees§

§ Deductible to the extent the total of all medical and dental expenses exceeds 7.5% of AGI

* Deductible as miscellaneous itemized deductions to the extent the total exceeds 2% of AGI

Peter Deng & Associates can answer your questions on tax deductions for your family. Please consult us with questions about any tax and financial issues facing you.