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# One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025

**Business Session** 



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# Key Provisions

# **Overview**

- Qualified Business Income Deduction
- Business Interest
- Bonus Depreciation
- Section 179
- Excess Business Losses
- Research & Development Expensing
- Qualified Small Business Stock (QSBS)
- Miscellaneous Provisions
- Takeaways





# **QBI Deduction:** Key Extensions

# **Expanded Phase-in Thresholds**

Higher phase-in thresholds enable more high-income passthrough businesses to claim the full 20% QBI deduction before limits apply.

### **New Minimum Deduction**

Active businesses with at least \$1,000 in qualified income now receive a minimum \$400 QBI deduction benefit.

### **Permanent and Broader Access**

The 20% QBI deduction is now effectively permanent and widely available beyond 2025, benefiting more businesses.



# **Business Interest:** EBITDA Limit Preserved

# **EBITDA-Based Cap Made Permanent**

Businesses can continue adding back depreciation and amortization when calculating the 30% limit, preserving greater interest deductibility.

# **Expanded Floor Plan Exception**

Interest on loans for RVs, campers, and trailers now qualifies, aiding more dealerships without changing inventory rules.

# **Applies After 2024**

These updates take effect in 2025 and help capital-heavy businesses maintain stronger leverage positions.



# **Bonus Depreciation**

### **Permanent 100% Deduction**

Businesses can now fully expense qualifying property in the year placed in service, with no phase-down schedule.

### **Phase-Out Eliminated**

The prior reduction schedule is repealed, fixing the bonus rate at 100% for property acquired after January 19, 2025.

# **Optional Transition Relief**

A one-time election allows 40% or 60% expensing in the first year to ease accounting changes.



# **Section 179:** Expensing Limits Increased

# **Higher Deduction Cap**

The maximum immediate deduction rises to \$2.5 million, allowing businesses to expense more assets upfront.

### Raised Phase-Out Threshold

Phase-out now begins at \$4 million, enabling larger investments before limits reduce the deduction.

# **Inflation Adjustment Reset**

New limits will adjust for inflation starting after 2025, preserving their long-term value.



# **Excess Business Losses:** Non-Corporate

### **No More Sunset**

The cap on using business losses to offset non-business income is now permanent for non-corporate taxpayers.

### **Thresholds Reset in 2025**

Deduction limits are rebased and indexed from 2025, preserving current levels and allowing future increases.

# **Ongoing Limitation**

Losses exceeding the limit convert to NOLs, preventing high earners from fully offsetting income with large pass-through losses.



# **R&D Expenses:** Restored to Full Deductibility

### Immediate Deduction for U.S. Research

Full deductibility for domestic R&D expenses for tax years beginning after December 31, 2024

# Foreign Research Still Amortized

Only U.S.-based research qualifies for immediate deduction. Foreign R&D remains on a 15-year amortization schedule.



# **R&D Expensing:** Transitional Relief

# **Small Taxpayers Provision**

- Ability to amend returns from 2022-2023
- "All or Nothing" Approach
- Election to apply full deduction through amended return
- Disclose doing so under OBBB
- Election will allow taxpayers to make a 280C election, even on an amended return for 2022-2024
- Can also amortize for 2024 and utilize the accelerated deductions in 2025 or ratably in 2025/2026



# **R&D Expensing:** Transitional Relief

# **All Other Taxpayers**

- §174 Amortization applies for 2022-2024
- Taxpayers can pull forward unamortized expenses on first return for a tax year ending after December 31, 2024
- Can utilize the accelerated deduction provision in 2025 or ratably in 2025/2026
- Done through a 3115 Accounting Change



# **R&D Expensing:** Tax Planning

# Missed Opportunities to Claim R&D Credits?

Consider amending 2022–2024 returns to claim missed credits, especially for small taxpayers who can elect out of Section 174 amortization or claim reduced deductions under 280C.

# **Planning Priorities:**

Evaluate whether amending returns or pulling forward amortization yields better tax benefits. Timing matters, amendments can be filed immediately.



# **R&D Expensing:** Tax Planning

### **Decision Points:**

Has Section 174 been amortized? Is average revenue under \$31M?

- Yes: More options to amend returns, deduct fully, and elect reduced credits.
- No: May need to file Form 3115, utilize catch-up deductions, and adjust under Section 481(a).

# **Next Steps:**

Work with abip's Tax Professionals to strategize your business' future tax planning based on company size, revenue, and timing for maximum benefit.



# **QSBS:** Expanded Exclusion & Holding Period

# **Tiered Holding Periods Introduced**

QSBS acquired after enactment qualifies for:

- 50% exclusion after 3 years
- 75% exclusion after 4 years
- 100% exclusion after 5 years

This replaces the prior flat 5+ year holding period for full exclusion, offering earlier liquidity benefits.

### **Grandfathered Stock Preserved**

Stock acquired on or before the Act remains under previous rules, generally 100% tax-free after 5 years.



# **QSBS:** Gain Cap Increases & Broader Access

# **Higher Gain Cap**

For post-Act stock, the per-company exclusion increases from \$10M to \$15M per taxpayer, with inflation indexing after 2026.

# **Broader Company Eligibility**

The qualified small business asset limit rises from \$50M to \$75M, bringing more companies under QSBS.

### **Investment Incentive Preserved**

These updates support startup investment while keeping full exclusion and AMT treatment for pre-Act QSBS.



# Miscellaneous Provisions under OBBBA

### 1099 Threshold Raised

- Reporting threshold increased from \$600 to \$2,000
- Fewer small payments trigger Form 1099
- Applies to payments made in 2026

# **Employer-Provided Meals**

- No deduction for employer-provided meals that are excluded from the employee's income
- Employer may deduct if the meals are sold to the employee
- Deductions allowed for meals provided to employees on oil or gas platforms, rigs, or support camps and certain commercial fishing vessels

# Takeaways for Business Planning

Tax Provision	Pre-OBBBA Law	Post-OBBBA (2025)
QBI Deduction (§199A)	20% pass-through deduction thru 2025; phase-out range \$50k (\$100k joint). Expires 2026.	Made permanent beyond 2025; phase-out range widened to \$75k (\$150k joint). \$400 min deduction if QBI≥\$1k.
Bonus Depreciation (§168(k))	100% for assets thru 2022, then phased down to 0% by 2027. Expires 2027.	100% expensing permanently for qualifying property after Jan 2025. No phase-out; full expensing indefinitely.
Section 179 Expensing	Limit \$1.22M (2024 inflation); phase-out starts ~\$3.05M (2024).	Limit \$2.5 Million; phase-out at \$4 Million (both 2025 base), indexed from 2025. More upfront expensing for SMBs.
Interest Deduction (§163(j))	30% of ATI, switching to EBIT (no add-back of DA) in 2022+.	EBITDA basis kept (depreciation & amortization add-backs continue). More interest deductible. RV/boat dealer interest now excepted.

Tax Provision	Pre-OBBBA Law	Post-OBBBA (2025)
Excess Biz Loss (§461(l))	Limit (e.g. \$500k MFJ) in effect thru 2028 (ARPA extension), then sunsets.	Permanent limitation. Threshold ~\$540k MFJ for 2025 (inflation reset). Unused loss -> NOL carryforward.
R&D Expensing (§174)	Required 5-year amortization of all R&E from 2022 onward (TCJA change).	Immediate deduction for domestic R&E via new §174A. Foreign R&E amortized 15 yrs. Retroactive catch- up allowed.
QSBS Gain Exclusion (§1202)	100% exclusion if >5yr holding (for stock acquired ≥2010); \$10M cap; \$50M gross assets limit.	Post-Act stock: 50% excl @3yr, 75%@4yr, 100%@5yr. Cap \$15M gain per company. Qualifying corp asset limit \$75M. Older rules grandfathered for pre-Act stock.



# **Policy Stability & Cash Flow Planning**

# **Extended Relief and Certainty**

- TCJA business provisions like the QBI deduction and bonus depreciation are now permanent
- Enables confident long-term tax and investment planning

### **Cash Flow Boosts**

- 100% bonus depreciation and higher §179 limits reduce upfront tax costs
- Full R&D expensing accelerates ROI on innovation and capital projects



# **Structural Limits & Entity Considerations**

### **Limitation Trade-Offs**

- Loss limitation (§461(l)) and interest deduction rules (§163(j)) made permanent
- Higher thresholds (EBITDA basis, indexed caps) soften the impact

# **Entity Choice Impacts**

- Pass-throughs benefit from 20% QBI deduction and single-layer taxation
- C-Corps remain at 21%, but lack QBI and face potential double tax
- Many will continue favoring pass-through structures

Questions?

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