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Q: I file a schedule C with my tax return. Am I eligible for the new pass through deduction under IRC 199(A)?

A: Having a schedule C does not drive whether or not you are eligible. Rather it depends on the nature of your business and your taxable income. For example certain service businesses such as accountants and financial advisors are not eligible once taxable income exceeds \$415,000 for married taxpayers. In short as long as you have non-incorporated business income you may be eligible.

Q: I entertain clients with my business by taking them golfing or to baseball games. Is this no longer deductible?

A: That's correct, entertainment is no longer deductible. Meals associated with the entertainment are deductible subject to a 50% limitation. Just be sure to have the invoice separately break out the meals.

Q: I buy equipment for my business. Can I deduct the entire cost of the equipment?

A: Yes you can, the write off rules have become very taxpayer friendly, particularly under the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

Q: What kind of records do I need to maintain for being self employed?

A: You are required to maintain an accurate set of books records, this includes a ledger, bank statements, and receipts. Failure to keep accurate documentation can make it difficult to prepare an accurate return that takes advantage of all deductions and credits. Furthermore you won't have to worry should the IRS choose to audit your return.