

The proposed Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA) makes significant changes in the itemized deductions. The Chart below summarizes those changes:

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**COMPARING THE 2017 AND 2018 FORM 1040 SCHEDULE A**

<b>2017 Schedule A Itemized Deductions</b>	<b>2018 Schedule A Itemized Deductions</b>
<b>4 Unreimbursed Medical Expenses</b>	<b>Repealed</b>
<b>5a State and Local Income Taxes</b>	<b>Repealed</b>
<b>5b State and Local Sales Taxes</b>	<b>Repealed</b>
<b>6 Real Estate Taxes</b>	<b>\$10,000 annual limit</b>
<b>7 Personal Property Taxes</b>	<b>Repealed</b>
<b>8 Other Taxes</b>	<b>Repealed</b>
<b>10 Home mortgage interest and points</b>	<b>Grandfathered pre-2018, interest on \$500,000 debt for borrowings after 11/02/2017, no 2018 deduction for interest on home equity debt</b>
<b>14 Investment Interest Expense</b>	<b>Preserved</b>
<b>16-18 Charitable Contributions</b>	<b>Preserved</b>
<b>20 Casualty and Theft Losses</b>	<b>Repealed</b>
<b>21 Unreimbursed Employee Expenses</b>	<b>Repealed</b>
<b>22 Tax Preparation Fees</b>	<b>Repealed</b>
<b>23 Gambling losses</b>	<b>Expanded limitations</b>
<b>28 Other Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	<b>Repealed</b>
<b>29 Limitation on Itemized Deductions</b>	<b>Repealed</b>

**Tax Planning before yearend 2017 – pay expenses that will not be deductible in 2018:**

- In general, pay 2017 bills for items no longer deductible in 2018. For instance --
- Charge unpaid and non-reimbursable medical expenses on a credit card.
- Overpay state income tax (but watch out for AMT impact).
- Settle casualty claims so casualty losses are known by yearend.
- Pay unreimbursable employee business expenses.
- Pay off home equity debt.