

# ***The Tax Review* California Tax Update for CRTPs**

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#### **1 What's New for 2015**

- 1-A** Determine a taxpayer's eligibility to claim the new California Earned Income Credit.
- 1-B** Recognize when the new California Form FTB 3532, *Head of Household Filing Status Schedule*, must be filed.
- 1-C** Recognize the new requirement for claiming an exemption credit for a dependent.
- 1-D** Calculate the tax benefit of claiming the enhanced College Access Tax Credit.
- 1-E** Recognize information available through the enhanced online *MyFTB* system.

#### **2 General California Updates**

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#### **3 Federal Conformity and California Adjustments**

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- 3-E** Identify the principal residence debt exclusion differences between California tax law and federal tax law.

#### **4 General Federal Updates**

- 4-A** Recognize the requirements for the IRS Annual Filing Season Program.
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- 4-E** Recognize rules for loan modifications for home owners under the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP).

#### **5 Circular 230**

- 5-A** Recognize the various types of tax preparers and their rights in practice before the IRS under Circular 230.
- 5-B** Identify how the IRS ensures competence of tax practitioners under Circular 230.
- 5-C** Identify the IRS exemption granted to CTEC Registered Tax Preparers (CRTPs).
- 5-D** List the responsibilities of individuals with principal authority for overseeing a tax firm's practice to ensure the members, associates, and employees comply with Circular 230.
- 5-E** Recognize certain requirements regarding communication with clients, advertising, and contingent fees under Circular 230.