

***The Tax Review* Preparing S Corporation Returns**

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Chapter

1 Basics of S Corporation Tax Return Preparation

- 1-A** Recognize the similarities and differences between reporting income and expenses on Form 1120S, *U.S. Income Tax Return for an S Corporation*, and other business entity tax returns.
- 1-B** Identify the characteristics that enable an entity to be eligible to be an S corporation.
- 1-C** Calculate a shareholder's basis in his or her S corporation ownership.
- 1-D** Differentiate between taxable and nontaxable S corporation distributions.
- 1-E** Recognize the necessary steps to elect S corporation status.

2 S Corporation Scenario—Day One Through End of Year

- 2-A** Analyze a scenario involving S corporation formation and operation to identify how the scenario relates to S corporation taxation.
- 2-B** Recognize the requirement that reasonable compensation be paid to S corporation shareholder-employees.
- 2-C** Distinguish amortizable organizational costs and start-up costs.
- 2-D** Recognize the proper shareholder-employee treatment of unreimbursed corporate expenses.
- 2-E** Compute short-year depreciation for the first year of the S corporation's existence.

3 Comprehensive S Corporation Example—Preparing Form 1120S

- 3-A** Identify the different tax year options available for S corporations.
- 3-B** Reconcile an S corporation's payroll report to extract figures necessary to report on Form 1120S, *U.S. Income Tax Return for an S Corporation*.
- 3-C** Report all income and expense items on the S corporation tax return.
- 3-D** Recognize items which are separately stated and flow directly through to shareholders on Schedules K and K-1.
- 3-E** Transfer S corporation items from a shareholder's Schedule K-1 to the shareholder's Form 1040 and supporting schedules.

4 Ending an S Corporation

- 4-A** Determine classes of assets upon sale of a business and for reporting on Form 8594, *Asset Acquisition Statement*.
- 4-B** Differentiate asset allocations favoring the buyer or the seller in the sale of a business situation.
- 4-C** Identify the tax consequences to shareholders upon the liquidation of an S corporation.
- 4-D** Recognize how the sale of a business is reported by an S corporation.
- 4-E** Report the sale of the S corporation business on the shareholder's Form 1040 and supporting schedules