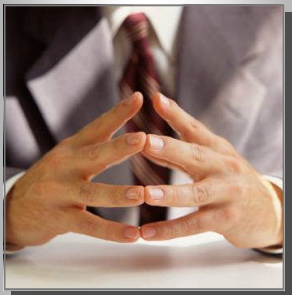




# Itemizing: Your Schedule A

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Schedule A is used to figure your itemized deductions. In most cases, your federal income tax will be less if you take the larger of your itemized deductions or your standard deduction.

If you itemize, you can deduct a part of your medical and dental expenses and unreimbursed employee business expenses, and amounts you paid for certain taxes, interest, contributions, and miscellaneous expenses. You can also deduct certain casualty and theft losses. Some of the categories are listed below. Your TaxRoute professional can explain this further and help you identify &/or prepare the documents you need.

## FOR HOMEOWNERS

- Mortgage Interest Statement (Form 1098)
- Real Estate Taxes

## CONTRIBUTIONS

- Charitable Contributions (Cash and Non-Cash)
- Offerings at church
- Items donated to Goodwill, etc.
- Car Donations

## MEDICAL EXPENSES

- Uncovered Hospital Expenses
- Prescription medication & insulin
- Glasses, eyeglasses, contact lenses, hearing aids, braces, crutches, wheelchairs, and guide dogs, including the cost of maintaining them
- Nursing Help
- Co-pays for doctor visits, lab work, diagnostic tests, x-rays
- Medicare Part D premiums, Medicare (Part B) insurance
- Diabetic supplies
- Lab or x-ray fees
- Ambulance costs & other travel costs to get medical care
- stop smoking program, & prescription medicines to alleviate nicotine withdrawal
- weight-loss program as treatment for a specific disease (including obesity) diagnosed by a doctor.
- Medical treatment at a center for drug or alcohol addiction

## WORK EXPENSES FOR THOSE WHO RECEIVE A W-2

- Un-reimbursed Employment— Job Related Expenses  
(i.e. Uniforms, scrubs, fees for licenses, union dues, tools, equipment, etc.)  
\*\*\*Ask for our list of **Un-reimbursed Employee Expenses**, if applicable