



American Institute of Certified Tax Coaches

Frequently Asked Questions

I pay a professional to do my taxes every April. Why do I need to understand the tax code?

The U.S. tax code is currently 67,204 pages long, with an estimated 1,638 different tax forms. Few individuals are aware of all of the information they should share with their tax preparer, and few tax preparers understand all of the code that applies to their clients' situations. Consequently, the United States Government Accountability Office says that taxpayers overpay \$1 billion per year due to missed tax credit opportunities.

Why focus on tax planning now?

Under the ObamaCare legislation, the IRS will be responsible for ensuring that all Americans have health insurance by 2014. The IRS is expected to add 16,500 additional people over the next four years for enforcement. That means more auditors scrutinizing your tax returns. It is more important than ever to understand the tax code that affects you, and proactively plan in advance.

What is proactive tax planning?

To save clients from missing tax credit opportunities, proactive tax planners focus on year-round strategic planning methods and engage their clients in the tax process. By capitalizing on the tax-saving resources in the U.S. tax code, proactive tax planners help their clients save money by paying less tax in April.

Who are Certified Tax Coaches?

Certified Tax Coaches are tax professionals with advanced training in proactive tax planning. They specialize in finding deductions, credits, loopholes, and strategies to help their clients pay thousands of dollars less in taxes. This elite network of tax professionals includes certified public accountants (CPAs), enrolled agents (EAs), certified financial planners (CFPs), attorneys, and financial service providers. All Certified Tax Coaches attend an intensive, three-day proprietary training academy, and are offered additional continuing education courses.

What is The American Institute of Certified Tax Coaches?

The American Institute of Certified Tax Coaches is an independent, not-for-profit corporation which trains and certifies tax professionals in the philosophy of proactive tax planning. The organization, which administers the Certified Tax Coach designation, upholds a strict Code of Ethics to ensure the highest standards of integrity and excellence among its members. Founded in 2009 in San Diego, CA by Dominique Molina, Certified Tax Coach is quickly becoming the premier organization for tax professionals seeking to expand their tax expertise and client base.

Who is Dominique Molina?

Dominique Molina is the co-founder and President of the American Institute of Certified Tax Coaches. As the driving force and visionary behind the San Diego-based company, Ms. Molina has more than 12 years of hands-on experience in the accounting and business fields. She frequently appears as a tax expert and TV guest in regional television markets, including San Diego, Los Angeles, New Orleans and Hawaii. She is also a published author of two books on taxation, and has written a foreword for one of our country's preeminent tax books. A frequent lecturer and speaker, Ms. Molina often teaches at Professional Association of Small Business Accountants conferences, and instructs continuing professional education for CPE Link. Her website, <http://www.certifiedtaxcoach.com>, receives thousands of visitors per month who follow her financial video blogs.