






Lesson Plan

Other Income, Form 1040, Line 21

Time Required: 60 minutes

Introduction	Objectives	Topics
<p>This lesson covers how to identify and report income sources that do not have their own line on Form 1040. It also addresses International certification topics such as the foreign earned income exclusion reported on Form 2555 or Form 2555-EZ.</p>	<p>Determine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other types of income and how to report them • Determine the requirements for the cancellation of debt on nonbusiness credit card debt when preparing tax returns • Determine when canceled credit card debt is included in gross income on Form 1040 • How to properly report income earned from worldwide sources • Who is eligible for the foreign earned income exclusion • How to calculate the excludible amount using Form 2555, Foreign Earned Income, or Form 2555-EZ, Foreign Earned Income Exclusion 	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  </div> <p>Other Income</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  </div> <p>Nonbusiness Credit Card Debt</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  </div> <p>Worldwide Income Foreign Earned Income Exclusion Period of Stay Qualifying Income Reporting Other Income</p>

Key Terms

Blocked income: Blocked income is when a taxpayer cannot convert foreign currency to U.S. dollars due to local law or local government policy. Special tax rules allow taxpayers with blocked income to delay reporting part of their income.

Bona Fide Residence Test: To meet the bona fide residence test for the foreign earned income exclusion, taxpayers must show that they have set up permanent quarters in a foreign country for an entire, uninterrupted tax year.

Coverdell ESA: A Coverdell ESA is a trust or custodial account created or organized in the United States only for the purpose of paying the qualified education expenses of the designated beneficiary of the account.

Foreign Earned Income Exclusion: The foreign earned income exclusion allows eligible taxpayers to avoid paying federal income tax on their foreign earned income.

Foreign Tax Credit: U.S. tax credit used to offset any foreign income tax taxpayers have paid on qualified income that is also subject to U.S. federal income tax.

Period of Stay: Amount of time a taxpayer stays in a foreign country, which is one of the factors used to determine whether the taxpayer is eligible for the foreign earned income exclusion. To meet the period of stay requirement, the taxpayer must meet either the Bona Fide Residency test or the Physical Presence test.

Physical Presence Test: To meet the physical presence test for the foreign earned income exclusion, a taxpayer must be physically present in a foreign country 330 full days during a period of twelve consecutive months.

Medicaid Waiver Payments: Qualified payments by a state, political subdivision of a state, certified Medicaid provider under a Medicaid waiver program to an individual care provider for nonmedical support services provided under a plan of care to an individual (whether related or unrelated) living in the individual care provider's home.

Regular Place of Abode: One's home, habitation, domicile, or place of dwelling. For purposes of the foreign earned income tax exclusion, if a taxpayer works overseas for an indefinite period of time, and his or her regular place of abode is the U.S., the taxpayer cannot designate the foreign country as the tax home.

Tax Home: The country in which the taxpayer is permanently or indefinitely engaged to work as an employee or self-employed individual, regardless of where the taxpayer maintains his or her family home. For taxpayers who work abroad, but do not have a regular place of business because of the nature of the work, their tax home is the place where they regularly live.

Worldwide Income: U.S. citizens and U.S. resident aliens are required to report worldwide income on a U.S. tax return regardless of where they live and even if the income is taxed by the country in which it was earned. Filing requirements are the same as for U.S. citizens and U.S. resident aliens living in the United States and apply whether income is from within or outside the U.S.

Teacher Tips

Guidelines for Lesson

Guideline	Instructor Notes	Presentation Aids
Lesson background info	<p>Advise students this lesson covers how to report "other income" that is not reported on a specific line of Form 1040. In addition, it covers the foreign income exclusion that is reported as a negative amount on line 21.</p> <p>Review the online demo of TaxSlayer on Other Income.</p>	<p>TaxSlayer Demo: From the Practice Lab, select :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TaxSlayer IRS training • Click the appropriate demo
Provide details and engage the students	<p>Discuss all tips and cautions in detail.</p> <p>Ask students to read and/or role-play examples and sample interviews.</p> <p>Review answers to each exercise; ask students how they arrived at their answers.</p>	<p>Internet: Link & Learn Taxes (L&LT) Other Income, Form 1040 Line 21</p>

Topic-specific Tips

Topic Name	Instructor Notes	Presentation Aids
Introduction	<p>Review lesson objectives.</p> <p>Discuss this lesson is one of the nine lessons that cover income.</p> <p>Review list of references.</p> <p>State the presentation time.</p>	<p>Visuals:</p> <p>Form 1040, Page 1 – Income section</p> <p>Form 13614-C, Page 2, Part III</p> <p>Forms 2555 and 2555-EZ</p> <p>Pub 4012, Income tab</p>
Other Income	<p>Review L&LT topic Other Income.</p> <p>Direct students to Pub 4012, Table A – Examples of Taxable Income.</p> <p>Prompt students to cite examples of “other income.”</p> <p>Direct students to the TaxSlayer Other Income screen</p> <p>Remind students that Jury Duty and Gambling Winnings are items frequently seen at volunteer sites.</p> <p>Show YouTube video on Miscellaneous Income</p> <p>Show Forms 1099-MISC and 1099-Q.</p> <p>Show Certain Medicaid Waiver Payments link on irs.gov.</p> <p>Ask students what are qualified Medicaid Waiver Payments?</p>	<p>Visuals:</p> <p>Form 1040, line 21</p> <p>Form 1099-MISC, boxes 3 and 7</p> <p>Form 1099-Q, box 1</p> <p>Pub 4012, Income tab, Table A – Examples of Taxable Income</p> <p>Internet:</p> <p>Tax Topics: Gambling Winnings and Losses</p> <p>YouTube video: Miscellaneous Income</p> <p>Tax Topics: Certain Medicaid Waiver Payments</p> <p>TaxSlayer Demo:</p> <p>TaxSlayer Screen - Other Income</p>
Nonbusiness Credit Card Debt Cancellation	<p>Review L&LT topic.</p> <p>Direct students to Pub 4012, Tab D, Publication 4731 Nonbusiness Credit Card Debt Cancellation provides step-by-step guidance to determine if the cancellation of credit card debt is within scope.</p> <p>Point out to students the cancellation of nonbusiness indebtedness or cancellation of debt (the amount in Form 1099-C is less than \$600 provided in other</p>	<p>Visuals:</p> <p>Form 1040, line 21</p> <p>Form 1099-MISC, boxes 3</p> <p>Form 1099-C</p> <p>Pub 4012, Income tab:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonbusiness Credit Card Debt Cancellation • Insolvency Determination Worksheet <p>Internet:</p>

documentation) must be reported as ordinary income on Form 1040, line 21.

Remind students to use the insolvency determination worksheet to determine if the taxpayer was insolvent immediately before the cancellation of debt.

Direct students to the TaxSlayer Other Income screen

TaxSlayer Demo:

TaxSlayer Screen for entering cancellation of credit card debt

Worldwide Income

Review L< topic on Worldwide Income.

Point out that amounts on a U.S. return must be converted to U.S. dollars.

Ask students: What exchange rate do you use on the income?

Answer: Use the rate in effect when the income was received.

Show the formula for foreign currency conversion.

Visuals:

[Form 1040](#), line 7

Pub 4012, Income tab

Internet:

FAQ: [Exchange Rates](#)

Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

Review L< topic Foreign Earned Income Exclusion.

Point out that volunteers should help taxpayers determine if taking the exclusion will benefit them.

Point out when considering foreign earned income exclusion, U.S. territories such as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands are not considered foreign countries.

Point out that the tax home is generally the country in which taxpayers maintain their place of business.

Direct students to Pub 54 for detailed information on determining the taxpayer's abode and tax home.

Point out for 2016, the maximum exclusion is \$101,300

Visual:

Form 1040 Instructions, [Foreign Earned Income Tax Worksheet](#)

[Form 1040](#), lines 7 and 21

Forms [2555](#) and [2555-EZ](#)

[Pub 54](#), Chapter 4, Foreign earned income exclusion

Internet:

FAQs: [Foreign Earned Income Exclusion](#)

FAQs: [U.S. Citizens Overseas](#)

FAQ: [Does a U.S. citizen who moved to Canada ...pay both U.S. and Canadian taxes?](#)

Tax Trail: [Foreign Earned Income Exclusion](#)

Period of Stay	<p>Review L&LT topic Period of Stay.</p> <p>Ask: What is required to meet the period of stay requirement? See topic for answer.</p>	<p>Visual:</p> <p>Pub 54, Chapter 4, Foreign earned income exclusion</p>
Qualifying Income	<p>Review L&LT topic on Qualifying Income.</p> <p>Ask: What does and does not qualify as foreign earned income for the exclusion?</p>	<p>Visuals:</p> <p>Pub 4012, Income tab, Table A – Examples of Taxable Income</p>
Reporting Form 2555 and 2555-EZ	<p>Review L&LT topic Reporting Other Income.</p> <p>Direct students to TaxSlayer Entering Foreign Earned Income Exclusion information</p> <p>Point out the exclusion amount will be calculated by TaxSlayer and entered as a negative number on Form 1040, line 21.</p>	<p>Visuals:</p> <p>Form 1040, lines 7 and 21</p> <p>Forms 2555 and 2555-EZ</p> <p>Pub 54, Chapter 4, Foreign earned income exclusion, sample Form 1040 and Form 2555-EZ for James and Judith Adams</p> <p>TaxSlayer Demo:</p> <p>Entering Foreign Earned Income Exclusion information</p>
Skills Workout	<p>Review the Skills Workout exercises with the class.</p>	<p>Visuals:</p> <p>L&LT Other Income: Click Certification Warm Up icon to review the Exercises</p>
Practice	<p>Ask students to select the problem based on their certification course of study.</p> <p>Verify they have correctly completed Form 2555-EZ and Form 1040 line 7 and 21.</p>	<p>Publication 4491-W Basic Comprehensive Problem and Practice Exercises</p> <p>Publication 4491-W Advanced Comprehensive Problem and Practice Exercises</p> <p>Publication 4491-W International Comprehensive Problem and Practice Exercises</p>

References

Form 1040	Form 1040 , Line 21
Form 13614-C	Form 13614-C , Intake/Interview & Quality Review Sheet, Page 2, Part III
Pub 4012	Pub 4012, Volunteer Resource Guide, Income tab Table A – Examples of Taxable Income Nonbusiness Credit Card Debt Cancellation Insolvency Determination Worksheet
Pub 4491-W	Pub 4491-W , Form 2555-EZ and Form 1040 line 7 and 21
Form 1040 Instructions	Form 1040 Instructions
Form 2555	Form 2555 , Foreign Earned Income
Form 2555-EZ	Form 2555-EZ , Foreign Earned Income Exclusion
Pub 17	Pub 17 , Chapter 12, Other Income
Pub 54	Pub 54 , Tax Guide for U.S. Citizens and Resident Aliens Abroad
Optional	
Pub 525	Pub 525 , Taxable and Nontaxable Income
Pub 970	Pub 970 , Tax Benefits for Education

Recommended Classroom Activities



**Skills
Workout**



**Certification
Warm Up**



**Media: Videos
& Audio**



**TaxSlayer
Tutorial**



Job Aids



**Practice
Lab**



Skills Workout: Link & Learn Taxes Other Income, Form 1040, Line 21

Click Skills Workout for a new way to access Link & Learn Taxes Other Income.



Certification Warm Up – Summary and Exercises

Click Certification Warm Up for a new way to access the exercises in Link & Learn Taxes Other Income.



Media: Video & Audio for Lesson

YouTube video on Miscellaneous income

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZEybWZmC-0w&lr=1>



TaxSlayer Tips and Resources for Lesson

Practice Lab Tutorial

From the [Practice Lab](#):

1. Enter the universal password (if you do not have the password, you can request it from your site coordinator or SPEC relationship manager).
2. Sign in to Practice Lab or create an account.
3. Select the appropriate tutorial.



Job Aids

ITA and FAQs for Lesson

FAQs

Exchange Rates

<http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/International-Taxpayers/Foreign-Currency-and-Currency-Exchange-Rates>

Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/international-taxpayers/frequently-asked-questions-about-international-individual-tax-matters>

Tax Trails

Tax Topics: Gambling Winnings and Losses

<http://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc419.html>

Tax Topics: How do I claim my gambling winnings and/or losses?

https://www.irs.gov/uac/how-do-i-claim-my-gambling-winnings-and-or-losses?_ga=1.250112899.408666424.1472243921

Tax Topics: Certain Medicaid Waiver Payments

<http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Certain-Medicaid-Waiver-Payments-May-Be-Excludable-From-Income>

Foreign Earned Income Exclusion

<http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/International-Taxpayers/Foreign-Earned-Income-Exclusion>