

abandonment of assets, loss for
accident and health plans, contribution to
accounting fees
acquiring a lease, cost of
actuary fees for defined benefit plans
advances for travel and entertainment
advertising
agreement not to compete
air transportation taxes
allowances and returns
amortization of acquired intangibles
amortization of premium on bonds
appraisal fees
association dues
attorney's fees
automobiles (see car)
awards and prizes to employees
bad debts
bank fees
Black Lung benefit trust contributions
bond premium
bonuses
breach of contract damages
bribes
buildings, demolition of
business conventions
business interruption insurance
capital losses
car
casualty
casualty insurance
casualty losses
cellular phone
charitable contributions
commission paid to independent contractors
compensation
computers

conventions
copyrights
cruise ships, conventions on
dependent care
depreciation
disability insurance
dividends-received deduction
education expenses
employee benefit plans
employee compensation
employment taxes
entertainment expenses
equipment
excise taxes
experiment
fax machines
FICA
fines

first-year expensing of equipment
foreign taxes
franchise fees
franchise taxes
freight
fringe benefits
fuel taxes
FUTA tax for employees
gifts
going concern value
goodwill
group term life insurance
group-term
handicapped, improvements for
health
health plans, contributions to
incorporation fees
Intangible drilling costs
interest
involuntary conversions
journals
key person life
kickbacks
labor costs
lease payments
legal fee
liability insurance
libraries
license fees
life insurance
maintenance costs (repairs)
malpractice insurance
materials
meals for business
medical insurance
medical reimbursement plans
Medicare tax
mortgages
moving expenses
net operating losses
oil and gas wells
organizational expenses
outplacement services
overhead
overhead insurance
patents
penalties
pension plans
pollution control facilities
postage
prizes to employees
qualified retirement plan contributions
real estate taxes
reforestation fees
removal of architectural barriers
rent

research costs
retirement plan contributions
royalty payments
salaries
sales tax
section 197 intangibles
SEP-IRAs, contributions to
Sick pay
Social security tax
Software
Start-up costs
state income tax
subscription
supplemental unemployment benefits
supplies
tax return preparation fees
telephone
thefts
timber
tools
trade names
trademarks
transportation expenses
travel expenses
truck (see cars)
unemployment payments to state compensation fund
unemployment tax (FUTA)
use tax
utilities
vacation pay
vandalism
wages
workers compensation insurance
workforce in place
worthless securities

Checklist of Deductions Not Allowed

anticipated liabilities	educational costs to meet minimum job requirements
architect's fees (generally capitalized)	embezzlement losses of income yet not reported
at-risk, losses in excess of	estimated tax penalties
bad debt deduction for income not reported	

bar examination fees	federal income tax
	FICA by employees
car used for commuting	finances
club dues for recreational, social, and athletic clubs	401(k) contributions by employees
commuting expenses	gifts to business clients or customers over \$25
containers treated as part of inventory	
demolition of entire buildings	hobby losses
disability insurance for yourself	
dividend payments	
inventory	reimbursed expenses (payments received by employees under accountable plans)
IRA contributions by participants in qualified plan with AGI over set limit	
IRA rollovers	related parties, losses on sales to
job hunting costs for a first job	salary reduction contribution to retirement plans
land costs	self-insurance reserve funds
lobbying expenses (other than de minimis in-house)	spousal travel costs
	state and local income taxes on self-employment income
not for profit activity losses	
	tax penalties
passive activity losses in excess of passive activity limits	travel costs as a form of education
	treble damage awards-two thirds
penalties paid to the government	
political contributions	