

Q&A of Special Deduction for Long-Term Care

Q1: What is the purpose of adding the special deduction for long-term care?

A1: The special deduction for long-term care relieves the tax burden on middle- and low-income earners who have a physical or mental disability and is aligned with the government's promotion of long-term care policies.

Q2: What is the legal basis for the special deduction for long-term care and when will it be implemented?

A2: In accordance with Article 17 of the Income Tax amended and promulgated by the President on July 24, 2019, the taxpayer, his/her spouse, or any dependent who has a physical or mental disability announced by the Ministry of Health and Welfare, is entitled to the special deduction for long-term care, which came into effect on January 1, 2019.

Q3: A disabled (handicapped) or mental taxpayer who also has physical or mental disability can only choose one special deduction?

A3: In order to provide appropriate assistance for households with disabled individuals, the taxpayer, his/her spouse, or any dependent who has physical or mental disability, who also has a certificate of physical and mental disability, is entitled to both the special deduction of NT\$120,000 for long-term care and NT\$200,000 for disability per person per year.

Q4: Can taxpayers inquire the special deduction for long-term care data from the counter of taxation bureaus or download and file deduction information online?

A4: The supporting documents can be exempted if the special deduction for long-term care data is listed on the deduction information from the

taxation bureaus or downloaded online. If the information is not available, the taxpayer who has a physical or mental disability announced by the Ministry of Health and Welfare should submit the required supporting documents when filing the income tax return.

Q5: Is the taxpayer who chooses standard deduction entitled to special deduction for long-term care?

A5: The special deduction for long-term care falls within the scope of the special deduction. Only those who meet the special deduction for long-term care requirements can claim the special deduction regardless of whether the standard deduction or the itemized deduction is applied.