

Policy Update - December 21, 2017

Congress is on the verge of passing the most sweeping [tax reform legislation](#) in 30 years. Early Wednesday morning, the US Senate passed the bill on a narrow 51-48 vote just a few hours after the US House of Representatives did the same with a vote of 227-203, with a presidential signature expected by the end of the week. Some of the provisions in the bill include:

- Doubling the child tax credit from [\\$1,000 to \\$2,000 per child \(with refunds of up to \\$1,400 for families with little or no tax debt\)](#).
- Reducing the top individual tax rate from [39.6% to 37%](#) (the bottom individual tax rate would [remain at 10%](#)).
- Reducing the corporate tax from [35% to 21%](#).
- Nearly doubling the standard deduction for single taxpayers from [\\$6,350 to \\$12,000 \(and from \\$12,700 to \\$24,000 for married couples\)](#).
- Repealing the current personal exemption of [\\$4,050 per family member](#).
- Reducing the mortgage interest deduction from up to [\\$1 million to up to \\$750,000](#).
- Doubling the threshold for the 40% tax on estates from [\\$5.49 million to \\$10.98 million for individuals](#) (and from \$10.98 million to \$21.96 million for married couples).
- [Repealing the individual mandate](#) that currently requires individuals above certain incomes to buy private health insurance or pay a penalty of \$695 (or 2.5% of their income, whichever is higher).