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Re: Adjusted Gross Income Phaseout Ranges for 2021 and 2022

Synopsis: Many tax benefits are phased out when a taxpayer's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) reaches a certain level. This chart summarizes the phaseout range for several popular tax benefits along with the applicable statutory reference.

The limits shown are for both the 2021 and 2022 tax years unless otherwise noted.

Description	IRC Sec(s).	See Footnotes	Adjusted Gross Income Phaseout Range		
			Joint Return	Single (S)/Head of Household (H)	Married Filing Separately
Education Credits, Exclusions, and Deductions:					
American Opportunity Tax Credit	25A	1,7	\$160,000–\$180,000	\$80,000–\$90,000	No credit
Lifetime Learning Credit	25A	1,7	\$160,000–\$180,000	\$80,000–\$90,000	No credit
Coverdell Education Savings Account	530	1,7	\$190,000–\$220,000	\$95,000–\$110,000	\$95,000–\$110,000
Savings Bond Interest Exclusion	135	1			
2021			\$124,800–\$154,800	\$83,200–\$98,200	No exclusion
2022			128,650–158,650	85,800–100,800	No exclusion
Student Loan Interest Deduction	221	1			
2021			\$140,000–\$170,000	\$70,000–\$85,000	No deduction
2022			145,000–175,000	70,000–85,000	No deduction
Retirement Plan and IRA Credits and Deductions:					
IRA Deduction for Active Participant in Employer Retirement Plan	219(g)	1			
2021			\$105,000–\$125,000	\$66,000–\$76,000	\$0–\$10,000
2022			109,000–129,000	68,000–78,000	0–10,000
IRA Deduction if Spouse Actively Participates in Employer Retirement Plan	219(g)(7)	1			
2021			\$198,000–\$208,000	N/A	\$0–\$10,000
2022			204,000–214,000	N/A	0–10,000
Retirement Contribution Credit	25B	1			
2021–50% credit			Up to \$39,500	Up to \$19,750 (S) Up to \$29,625 (H)	Up to \$19,750
20% credit			\$39,501–\$43,000	\$19,751–\$21,500 (S) 29,626–32,250 (H)	\$19,751–\$21,500
10% credit			\$43,001–\$66,000	\$21,501–\$33,000 (S) 32,251–49,500 (H)	\$21,501–\$33,000
2022–50% credit			Up to \$41,000	Up to \$20,500 (S) Up to \$30,750 (H)	Up to \$20,500
20% credit			\$41,001–\$44,000	\$20,501–\$22,000 (S) 30,751–33,000 (H)	\$20,501–\$22,000
10% credit			\$44,001–\$68,000	\$22,001–\$34,000 (S) 33,001–51,000 (H)	\$22,001–\$34,000

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Roth IRA Contribution	408A	1			
2021			\$198,000–\$208,000	\$125,000–\$140,000	\$0–\$10,000
2022			204,000–214,000	129,000–144,000	0–10,000
Other Credits, Deductions, and Exclusions:					
Adoption Credit/Exclusion	23 and 137	1			
2021			\$216,660–\$256,660	\$216,660–\$256,660	No credit / exclusion
2022			223,410–263,410	223,410–263,410	No credit / exclusion
Child Credit	24	1, 4, 7	\$400,000–?	\$200,000–?	\$200,000–?
Child Credit – Increased Credit Amount	24(i)	1, 4, 7			
2021			\$150,000–?	\$75,000–?(S)/ 112,500–?(H)	\$75,000–?
2022			N/A	N/A	N/A
Elderly/Disabled Credit	22	3, 5, 7	\$10,000–\$25,000	\$7,500–\$17,500	\$5,000–\$12,500
Qualified Business Income (QBI) Deduction	199A	6			
2021			\$329,800–\$429,800	\$164,900–\$214,900	\$164,925–\$214,925
2022			340,100–440,100	170,050–220,050	170,050–220,050
Exemptions:					
AMT Exemption	55(d)	2			
2021			\$1,047,200–\$1,505,600	\$523,600–\$818,000	\$523,600–\$752,800
2022			1,079,800–1,552,200	539,900–843,500	539,900–776,100
Passive Activity Rehabilitation Credit Exemption	469(i)	1, 3, 7	\$200,000–\$250,000	\$200,000–\$250,000	\$100,000–\$125,000
Passive Rental Real Estate Loss (\$25,000) Exemption	469(i)	1, 3, 7	\$100,000–\$150,000	\$100,000–\$150,000	\$50,000–\$75,000

- ¹ Modifications to AGI apply. The modifications vary depending on the relevant Code section.
- ² Phaseout applies to alternative minimum taxable income rather than AGI.
- ³ Married individuals filing separately can claim the credit/exception only if they lived apart during the entire year.
- ⁴ Size of phaseout range depends on the number of qualifying children in the family.
- ⁵ The credit is phased out at \$20,000 for joint filers if only one spouse is eligible for the credit.
- ⁶ Phaseout applies to taxable income (before the QBI deduction) rather than AGI.
- ⁷ These amounts are not adjusted for inflation.