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## Internal Revenue Code Section 108(e)(5)

Income from discharge of indebtedness

- (e) General rules for discharge of indebtedness (including discharges not in title 11 cases or insolvency). For purposes of this title—
  - (1) No other insolvency exception. Except as otherwise provided in this section, there shall be no insolvency exception from the general rule that gross income includes income from the discharge of indebtedness.
  - (2) Income not realized to extent of lost deductions. No income shall be realized from the discharge of indebtedness to the extent that payment of the liability would have given rise to a deduction.
  - (3) Adjustments for unamortized premium and discount. The amount taken into account with respect to any discharge shall be properly adjusted for unamortized premium and unamortized discount with respect to the indebtedness discharged.
  - (4) Acquisition of indebtedness by person related to debtor.
    - (A) Treated as acquisition by debtor. For purposes of determining income of the debtor from discharge of indebtedness, to the extent provided in regulations prescribed by the Secretary, the acquisition of outstanding indebtedness by a person bearing a relationship to the debtor specified in section 267(b) or 707(b)(1) from a person who does not bear such a relationship to the debtor shall be treated as the acquisition of such indebtedness by the debtor. Such regulations shall provide for such adjustments in the treatment of any subsequent transactions involving the indebtedness as may be appropriate by reason of the application of the preceding sentence.
    - (B) Members of family. For purposes of this paragraph, sections 267(b) and 707(b)(1) shall be applied as if section 267(c)(4) provided that the family of an individual consists of the individual's spouse, the individual's children, grandchildren, and parents, and any spouse of the individual's children or grandchildren.
    - (C) Entities under common control treated as related. For purposes of this paragraph, two entities which are treated as a single employer under subsection (b) or (c) of section 414 shall be treated as bearing a relationship to each other which is described in section 267(b).



- (5) Purchase-money debt reduction for solvent debtor treated as price reduction. If—
  - (A) the debt of a purchaser of property to the seller of such property which arose out of the purchase of such property is reduced,
  - (B) such reduction does not occur—
    - (i) in a title 11 case, or
    - (ii) when the purchaser is insolvent, and
  - (C) but for this paragraph, such reduction would be treated as income to the purchaser from the discharge of indebtedness, then such reduction shall be treated as a purchase price adjustment.

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