

Tax Reduction Letter

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Internal Revenue Code Section 163(h)(4)(A)(i)(II) Interest

- (h) Disallowance of deduction for personal interest.
 - (4) Other definitions and special rules. For purposes of this subsection—
 - (A) Qualified residence.
 - (i) In general. The term "qualified residence" means—
 - (I) the principal residence (within the meaning of section 121) of the taxpayer, and
- (II) 1 other residence of the taxpayer which is selected by the taxpayer for purposes of this subsection for the taxable year and which is used by the taxpayer as a residence (within the meaning of section 280A(d)(1)).
- (ii) Married individuals filing separate returns. If a married couple does not file a joint return for the taxable year—
 - (I) such couple shall be treated as 1 taxpayer for purposes of clause (i), and
- (II) each individual shall be entitled to take into account 1 residence unless both individuals consent in writing to 1 individual taking into account the principal residence and 1 other residence.
- (iii) Residence not rented. For purposes of clause (i)(II), notwithstanding section 280A(d)(1), if the taxpayer does not rent a dwelling unit at any time during a taxable year, such unit may be treated as a residence for such taxable year.

