

REPLACE aging HVAC equipment with the help of

TAX BENEFITS FROM THE 2020 CARES ACT



With the passage of the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security ("CARES") Act, the purchase and installation of New HVAC equipment and building automation systems may now qualify for a more immediate tax deduction under Section 168 of the IRS Code and reduce tax liability.

The new tax law makes qualified improvement property ("QIP") for non-residential buildings eligible for a full tax deduction in the first year that it's placed in service.

Prior to this tax law change, QIP was depreciated over a 39 year period. Under Section 168 of the tax code, QIP includes the cost of all equipment and components of the "heating, ventilating and air conditioning system."

The CARES Act makes QIP eligible for accelerated depreciation, businesses can quickly realize potential tax savings and reduce year 1 outlay for critical equipment purchases.



Key Benefits Include:

- Full tax deduction for the cost of the equipment and labor related to interior improvements to non-residential property. New construction does not qualify.
- No limitation to the deduction amount.
- Retroactive to include costs of QIP placed in service after September, 27, 2017
- May be combined with eligible utility rebates.

This change can create savings for your business. For example, a business with a 21% tax rate that purchases \$100,000 of HVAC equipment in 2020 could save \$21,000 on its 2020 tax liability.

The following table illustrates the impact that this change may have to the first-year investment:

	After the CARES Act	Prior to the CARES Act
HVAC Equipment		
Investment	\$100,000	\$100,000
Year 1 Tax		
Depreciation	\$100,000	\$2,564
Corporate Tax		
Rate	21%	21%
Reduction in Year		
1 Tax Liability	\$21,000	\$538
Net Cash Outlay	\$79,000*	\$99,462

• The amount and examples described here are for illustrative purposes only. Please consult your tax advisor to determine the applicability to your business and the tax ramifications.

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