

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT U.S. EXPATRIATION

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# THE MATRIX

Non-Covered  
Expatriate / Dual  
Citizen from Birth

Covered Expatriate /  
Green card or gained  
citizenship after birth

Up-to-date  
US tax  
filings

SIMPLE  
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COMPLEX  
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Delinquent  
US tax  
filings

SIMPLE  
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COMPLEX  
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# CLARIFICATION OF TERMS

- **Expatriation** – the formal process of renouncing US citizenship or abandoning a US green card; effective for both immigration and tax purposes
- **Expatriate** – someone who has gone through the formal process
- **Covered expatriate** – someone who is subject to the expatriation tax regime upon expatriation

# EXPATRIATION TAX REGIME

- Applies to US citizens and long term green card holders (8 out of 15 years)
- Three threshold tests for covered expatriate status:
  1. Net wealth test – more than \$2m net wealth
  2. Income tax test – average income tax liability of \$172,000 over last five years
  3. Tax compliance test – certify tax compliance for five years prior to expatriation
- Two exceptions for net wealth and income tax tests:
  1. Dual citizen from birth; resident in country of other citizenship; not resident in US 10 out of 15 years
  2. Expatriate between 18 and 18 ½

# CONSEQUENCES OF COVERED EXPATRIATE STATUS

- Exit tax

1. Deemed sale day before expatriation and tax on gain
2. Gain exclusion of \$744,000
3. Pensions and deferred compensation do not get gain exclusion

- Covered gifts and bequests tax

1. Donee tax on any gifts or bequests from the covered expatriate to US people
2. Assessed at highest rate of US gift and estate tax, currently 40%

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