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Always on the cutting edge of taxation the [NAEA's Press Release](#), speaks to things like examining your entity choices for small businesses. For example, under certain circumstances, the press release points out that certain flow-thru entities are entitled to a special 20% deduction on the income that flows over to the taxpayer. It further specifies the circumstances where the deduction applies. If the deduction does not apply a C-Corporation is on the table with a flat tax of 21%.

There was, and still is a depreciation code IRC §179, which allows you to depreciate the entire purchase of equipment. However, this deduction cannot take your net income to less than zero. For instance, if your profit is \$40,000, and you buy \$50,000 of equipment, under the 179 rules, you can only write off \$40,000 and the additional \$10,000 rolls over to the next year.

As the press release points out, under the new tax law, you can deduct 100% of equipment you buy regardless of your income. There are rules with this deduction that have to be followed, but you can find a [tax pro here](#).

The press release also goes into certain things that are no longer deductible.

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