# **EXPATRIATE TAX QUESTIONNAIRE FOR U.S. CITIZENS LIVING ABROAD**

# **Legacy Tax & Resolution Services**

This questionnaire can be filled out by hand or using Adobe Acrobat

Indicate year this form is complet	ed for - if not 2015:	
	Primary Taxpayer (T)	Spouse (S)(write N/A if not married
First, Middle, Last		
Social Security Number		
Date of Birth		
Profession/Occupation		
Citizenship Country		
U.S. Green Card Holder?		
Indicate if Green Card obtained or relinq	uished this year and date	
Do you have citizenship in another If so, please specify all	er country?Yes No	Yes No
Do you have any disabilities:		Blind Deaf
Do you want to contribute to the Presidential fund?	YesNo	YesNo
Date of death		csno
Country where you presently live		
	Single Head of Household	Widow(er) Married joint
Did you file a joint U.S. return wit	h your spouse last year?	Yes NoN/A
Did your marital status change th	is year?	Yes NoN/A
Indicate any U.S. States where yo	u filed a tax return last year:	
Might you be required to file an		
additional return with a US state		
as well?	Yes NoDon't know	Yes NoDon't know
Please Explain		<del></del>
Contact Information		
Email Address(es)		
Phone Numbers (indicate		
home, office, or mobile)		
Foreign Residential Address		
Mailing Address to be shown on Tax Return		
	If a U.S. address, please indicate c/o and Nam	ne if mail is going to someone else
Best time or method to contact y	ou	

Dependent Children(s) N	ames, Gender of Child, D	ates of Birth, and	Social Sec	urity Numbers/ITIN/ATI	<u>N:</u>
Please note if your children are	e not U.S. citizens indicate their	country of citizenship.	Also please	e note if your children have ear	 rned income.
investment income, are marrie are U.S. citizens or residents. A	d, or are not residing with you	as the custodial parent			
1. Date you first arrived t	to live & work in your fore	eign residence cour	ntry:		
2. Actual or estimated en	d date of assignment:				
3. Are you still a resident	of the Foreign Country?	(T) Yes N	o(S) _	Yes No	
<b>4.</b> If not, what date did y	ou return to the U.S. to ta	ake up residency ar	nd to whic	ch state did you move?	
5. If you have previously year you filed this for					vhat was the last
	m? (T)er revoked either of their of				
	he type of exclusion and to the Tax Year	the tax year effecti	ve. (T)	Type Tax `	Year
PRIMARY TAXPAYER EARI	NED INCOME INFORMATION	ON:			
If you were present in the	·	•	•	question, please fill in the	following
information for each trip	to the U.S. (attach addition	onal sheet it necess	ary):		
Date Arrived in U.S.	Date Departed U.S.	Income on days v		Employer's Name	
		\$	State		
		\$	State		
		\$	State		
If you moved to or from the U.S. U.S. trips through today's date	S. this year you may need to qu	ualify under a 330 day p	hysical pres	sence test. In that case, we ne	ed a schedule of all
NOTE: You can use					

11.		urrency in which foreign w	•		ange rate you used:	
12.		Countryncome on a Form W-2 issu			No	
SPC	DUSE'S EARNED INCO	OME INFORMATION:				
		he U.S. or U.S. possessions p to the U.S. (attach additi			question, please fill in the fol	lowing
Dat	e Arrived in U.S.	Date Departed U.S.	Income on days w		Employer's Name	
			\$	State		
			\$	State		
			\$	State		
			ualify under a 330 day p	nysical pres	ence test. In that case, we need a	schedule of al
U.S.	trips through <i>today's da</i>	<mark>te</mark>				
					currency conversions (typic	ally averag
	•	rear is used). IRS also pub dividuals/International-Ta		-		
nu	J.//www.irs.gov/iiii	uividuais/ iiiteriiatioiiai- ra	ixpayers/ rearry-Ave	rage-cur	rency-exchange-kates	
13.	Employer's Name a	nd Address:				
14.	Employer's U.S. off	ice address (if any):				
15.	Employer is a	Foreign Company U.S	S. Company For	eign Subs	idiary of a U.S. Company	
	Self Other	( Please specify)				
		· , , ,				
16.	Gross wages/salary	earned in foreign country	for calendar year in	US Dolla	rs:	
17	Foreign Income Tay	es paid for Calendar tax ye	oar on vour calary in	IIS Dollar	·c·	
17.					tement of earnings from gro	ss to net.)
18.	Indicate country, cu	urrency in which foreign w	ages/taxes are paid	and exch	ange rate vou used:	·
		Country	•		0	
19		ncome on a Form W-2 issu			No	
	Do you own or rent		or is it provided by e		POwn Rent Roon	n
21.	If employer provide	ed housing, amount paid b	y employer or value		ng provided: \$ ion #8? Yes No	Is this
22.	_			-	able, satellite	
		mbers living with you over			-	
		o pay income taxes in the f do you hold in your resider			Yes No and	d the period

<ul><li>26. Did your visa limit the length of stay or em</li><li>27. List any contractual terms or other condition</li></ul>			
US EMPLOYMENT EARNED INCOME: If you m this tax year please complete this question rel	_		oved back to the U.S. during
<b>28.</b> Employer Name and Address (if self-emplotime):	•	•	se for the U.S. period of
<b>29.</b> Occupation:			
<b>30.</b> Income:			
31. Period of time working for this employer:			
Qualified Housing Expenses			
Indicate below (for yourself, spouse and depender This should not include otherwise deductible expe sheet to separately provide all the following inform If expenses are listed in <b>foreign currency</b> , please in	nses such as taxes and in nation for each additiona	nterest. If you moved during all household.	
	Amount Reimbursed to you or paid on your behalf by your employer	Amount paid by you which is NOT reimbursable by your employer	Total Expenses
Rent Fair market value of employer-owned housing furnished to you (Without reduction for US equivalent housing charge Foreign real estate occupancy taxes or television taxes not included on Medical Expense taxes form (detail by country on continuation she Utilities (but not telephone, cable & satellite charg Real and personal property insurance "Key money" or other similar nonrefundable deposits paid to secure a lease Repairs and maintenance Furniture rental Lodging portion of temporary living expenses (not including on moving Expense form)	eet ges)		
Other Expenses			

**Total Foreign Housing Costs** 

Meals/Lodging Exclusion Indicate X if meals and/or lodging were provided by or on b	pehalf of your employer on your employer's business premises: *
To you	
To your family members	-
To your family members	-
If so, please provide us with the value of meals and/or lodg	ging not included in your W-2
	s Lodging
iviean	S LOUGHING
If not, and you paid a predetermined amount for meals, inc	dicate how much you paid
Were you in a camp? Yes No	
*if you reside in a camp, you are considered to be on the business premis	es of your employer.
The law provides that a lodging facility shall be considered a camp if it is:	
<ul> <li>(a) Provided for your employer's convenience because the place at the open market</li> </ul>	which you render services is a remote area where satisfactory housing is not available on
(b) Location as near as practicable to the place where you render so	ervices and
(C) Furniture in a common area, not available to the public, accomm	nodates 10 or more employees.
it may be necessary to adjust your foreign fiscal year year amount acceptable by the IRS.  IMPORTANT: There is no foreign income exclusion a unless you live in a country that has a Social Security	

\$

**39.** Total business expenses for tax year in USD

#### **RENTAL INCOME AND EXPENSES**

If you own rental property in the U.S. or abroad, please attach a sheet showing all income and summarized expenses for the year. If we did not do your return last year, we will also need the date the rental began, amount paid for property, amount allocable to land, any major improvements, and a copy of the previous depreciation schedule if previously depreciated. (Ask us for a rental property questionnaire if you need to give us this data and it will be e-mailed to you).

Indicate how many properties you have rented out or had available for rent this tax year, if any.  Please provide locations of properties and describe the rental activities including date placed in service, cost or unadjusted basis, % business use, number days rented, date sold and gross sales price	
<b>40.</b> Do you maintain a U.S. home while living abroad	? If so, provide address: Yes No
<b>41.</b> Did you maintain a separate residence for your fa	amily because of adverse living conditions at your tax home?
<b>42.</b> If your U.S. residence is occupied indicate who is rented out:	living in the residence, their relation, and whether this residence is
NON-EARNED INCOME (Attach separate sheets if a	dditional space needed for any items)
Interest Income, including on non-US bank accounts	(Indicate currency if not listed in USD):

Description/Payor	Branch location and address of Payor if not U.S.	Ordinary Interest	US Tax Exempt Interest	Foreign Taxes Paid
		\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$

<u>Dividend Income</u> (Indicate currency if not listed in USD):

Description/Payor	Branch location	Ordinary Dividend	Qualified Portion	Capital Gain
	and address of			Distribution
	Payor if not U.S.			
		\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$

		\$	\$	\$	
<u>Capital Gains Distributions including on non-US bank accounts</u> (Indicate currency if not listed in USD):					
		<u>-</u>			
Description/Payor	Branch location	Ordinary Interest	US Tax Exempt	Foreign Taxes Paid	
	and address of		Interest		
	Payor if not U.S.				

If there were foreign taxes withheld from any please provide further information.

\$

\$

\$

<u>Capital Gain Income</u> (Stock or property sales – include any statements, indicate currency if not listed in US\$ or foreign tax free):

\$

\$

\$

\$

\$

Description	Country	Date	Date Sold	Sales price	Original cost plus
		acquired			purchase fees
				\$	\$
				\$	\$
				\$	\$

If there were foreign taxes paid on or U.S. taxes withheld from these transactions let us know. Also ensure you have indicated the currency accurately if not U.S. Dollars. <u>Please provide us with the realized gain/loss report from your broker.</u>

<u>Other Income</u> (for instance, director's fees, retirement, social security, alimony, debt forgiveness, unemployment income, gambling winnings, etc.):

Description/Payor	Location of other income	Amount of income	Explanation
		\$	
		\$	

Please indicate if you sold your principal residence/former principal residence this year \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_ No

# **DEDUCTIONS**

Describe deductions, the amounts paid, and dates paid. If a deduction does not apply to you, you can leave blank or indicate N/A.

43.	Medical and Dental Expenses benefit). You may also include	••		-	-
44.	Interest on Home Mortgage in US\$			n more than 2 homes)	
45.	Interest on Mortgage outside payments).	•	•	which you paid foreign	mortgage
	Interest on any other mortgage Please describe what used for	or any other details:			
	Indicate if you refinanced a m	ortgage this year:		_Yes No	
	Auto License Fees				
	Sales Tax paid to a U.S. state -		US\$_		
50.	Property Taxes on U.S. proper if a California property. US\$				of property tax bill
51.	Property Taxes on Foreign pro	perty (describe property): U	IS\$		
52.	U.S. Charitable contributions t information about donations):		nich you have pro	per documentation (p	rovide detailed
	Investment Interest Expenses				
54.	Other Investment Expenses (d	escribe): US\$			
55.	Tax Preparation Fees paid duri	ng the tax year	US\$_		
56.	Provide Details of any moving	or storage expenses:			
57.	Interest on Student Loans (ind	icate who for)			
58.	Tuition and other Educational	expenses (provide details):			
OT	HER QUESTIONS/INFORMATIO	N			
	Foreign Taxes paid on income interest, dividends, rents, roy Rolled over foreign tax credits schedule from prior year retu	valties, etc. – this does not in s from previous years (OR pr	nclude VAT		
61.	Do you file a non-resident sta	te income tax return in any	state? If so, why?	) 	
62.	Was any of your income recei			mpensation plans, or o	other executive
63.	Are you covered by a foreign taxable, and may require spectonsidered salary income.	ial reporting forms each yea	ır. Most employe	r contributions to the	•
64.	Investments in a foreign mutuadverse tax calculation in the calculations. Do you have invented the calculations.	U.S. It is important we are r	notified of these i	nvestments so we can	do the required

65.	Do you make contributions to any retirement plan (other than 401(k)) or want to? Are you interested in converting to a ROTH IRA, if eligible? Check all that apply and provide relevant information	I make contribut My spouse contr I am interested i contributions or C a Roth	ibutes n making	
66.	Do you want to have any tax refund directly deposited into your U.S. checking or savings account? If so, please provide the following banking information. In certain cases your tax balance due (if any) can be automatically withdrawn from your bank account when we e-file your Return and only <b>after</b> you confirm agreement of tax due. If you are interested in electronic payment of tax due check here	digit number on bottom  CheckingSavir	Routing # (9 left of check) Acct Number	
67.	Did you make any quarterly estimated tax payments for fede details:		provide 	
68.	Please list any other items of income or expense that you feel might affect your U.S. taxes, or any other information you want to provide:			
IMF	PORTANT - ADDITIONAL FORMS WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED			
A.	The IRS requires special forms be filed by any U.S. Taxpayer who owns all or part of a foreign corporation, foreign LLC (or equivalent), foreign LLP, foreign partnership, or foreign trust. If you fail to file these forms, you will be subject to substantial penalties if it is ever discovered that you should have filed those forms. Please indicate here if you are an owner of a foreign corporation or trust and we will send you an additional questionnaire for the information required to be reported in those forms.  Yes No If Yes, please describe:			
В.	FOREIGN FINANCIAL ASSET REPORTING REQUIREMENT: The (first instituted for the 2011 tax year) for individuals who has certain levels. Specified Foreign Financial assets include the  • Deposit or Custodial accounts (such as bank and bro including many retirement and pension accounts  • Any equity or debt interest in a foreign financial inst  • Other foreign investments such as stock issued by no financial instrument issued by a non-US person. (For Foreign real estate is NOT a specified foreign financial in a trust or corporation.  IF YOUR TOTAL COMBINED FOREIGN FINANCIAL ASSETS (INCFOLLOWING LEVELS THEN THIS FORM 8938 IS REQUIRED:	ve "Specified Foreign Finar following: kerage accounts) at a fore itution on-US persons, any interes eign stock held directly) al asset and you do not ha	ncial Assets" in exce ign financial institut it in a foreign entity ve to count it, unles	ss of ion, , and any ss it is held
	Filing Situation	Value on last	Or, at any time	
		day of the	during the tax	
		tax year is at least this amount:	year, the value is greater than:	

\$50,000 \$100,000 \$75,000 \$150,000

Single or Married Filing Separate taxpayers living in the U.S. Married Taxpayers filing jointly living in the U.S.

Taxpayers not filing jointly who are living outside the U.S. and would	\$200,000	\$300,000
qualify for the foreign earned income exclusion		
Married Taxpayers filing jointly who are living abroad and would	\$400,000	\$600,000
qualify for the foreign earned income exclusion		

This new requirement does not replace the foreign bank account filing requirement (described below). This is an additional requirement. If you are subject to this requirement we may contact you for additional information. There can be severe civil and criminal penalties for non-filing of this form if necessary. More information about this form can be found here: <a href="http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8938.pdf">http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8938.pdf</a> and <a href="http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8938.pdf">http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8938.pdf</a>

	YesNo	I am not sure, contact me to discuss.	
	Please explain:		
	If your only specified foreign financial assets as bank account section below or provide us you	re foreign accounts check here: and complete the foreign r completed foreign bank account form.	
C.	Are you a signatory on (or do you have) a fore account whether you are the owner or not?	eign bank account, foreign investment account, or other foreign Yes No	
D.	. Did you have an ownership in a foreign bank account, and did the <i>combined amount</i> in all of your foreign bank and other financial accounts (including foreign pension accounts) ever equal or exceed the equivalent of US \$10,000 at any point during the tax year? Yes No If yes, please complete the following information:		
ref 90. <b>fro</b> suk	erred to as the FBAR). This form is now known a .22-1. This form is now required to be prepared m your tax return and you can complete it on your tax return and your tax retu	orm which requires reporting of foreign bank accounts (commonly as FinCEN 114, and replaced the form previously known as Form TD F and submitted on-line. This form, if required, is filed separately your own. We can prepare for your approval and electronically ne. We will assume you will take care of this requirement on your	
are sub	e available beyond the April 15th due date for to pmit the FinCEN 114 form at this website:		

address, and SSN of co-owner if not spouse		
Also include the name of the owner of the accoun		account and you or your spouse is not the owner
v (* 1.1	ungo ratos at this we	ebsite: http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Small-
You can find the appropriate December 31 excha Businesses-&-Self-Employed/Treasury-Departme	•	
• • •	ent-End-of-Year-Exc	hange-Rates
Businesses-&-Self-Employed/Treasury-Department	ent-End-of-Year-Exc	hange-Rates

accounts, foreign stock, foreign pension accounts, or financial accounts (this includes credit card accounts with credit balances). Foreign mortgage accounts are not subject to this requirement. You may also request we send you our foreign account questionnaire which allows for more accounts to be listed. Make sure to include all interest/dividend and other income from these accounts in the appropriate section of the questionnaire.

More information about the requirements can be found here: <a href="http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Comparison-of-Form-8938-and-FBAR-Requirements">http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Comparison-of-Form-8938-and-FBAR-Requirements</a>

Please attach a copy of all W-2's and/or any 1099's received from U.S. employers or banking or investment accounts. Also, if we did not prepare your return last year, please send us a copy of last years' state and federal tax returns. Do not send originals of any forms! We will not be responsible for their maintenance or return to you.

#### HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED FURTHER INFORMATION?

E-mail us at <a href="mailto:stephan@hesthetaxman.com">stephan@hesthetaxman.com</a>. If you e-mail this form to us,we can reply with a fee quote for your approval. We ask for half the fee to begin the work and then the balance is due upon completion. Our main U.S. phone numbers are (480) 907-6644 and (949) 481-4094. Faxes can be sent to (480) 248-1588. Scheduled calls are also available on Skype upon request.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION AND IMPORTANT DUE DATES**

Expatriates (U.S. citizens living abroad on April 15) are given an automatic extension to file their tax return until June 15, however, if any taxes are owed, the money is due on April 15 if you wish to avoid possible penalties and interest. A further extension for filing of tax returns until October 15 may be obtained by filing the proper extension form by June 15. *If your return needs to be completed or if you need to make a payment by April 15, we recommend your questionnaire be submitted to us no later than March 15.* We can prepare an extension for you at no charge.

The Treasury form reporting foreign bank accounts must be received by the authorities no later than April 15th or you may incur severe penalties. **No extensions are available beyond that due date for this form.** 

If you own part of a foreign corporation, foreign partnership, for foreign LLC (or equivalent), the special IRS tax forms required for those entities are due on the same dates as your personal tax return, including any extension. If there is a foreign trust, the IRS tax return form 3520A is due on March 15<sup>th</sup>, and the 3520 form, if required, is due on the date of the personal tax return. If you received a gift/bequest greater than \$100,000 from a non-U.S. Person or estate, if you received a gift from non-U.S. corporations or partnerships in excess of US \$15,601, or if you gifted more than \$14,000 to any one person, an additional filing may be required separate from your tax return (these are the thresholds for the 2015 year).

The Internal Revenue Service requires tax returns be filed for every year, even if you owe no taxes due to foreign tax credits or the foreign earned income exclusion! The foreign earned income exclusion can only be claimed if you actually file a tax return and meet the IRS requirements for claiming the exclusion.

The IRS will currently accept late filed returns and still typically allow the foreign earned income exemption subject to the taxes owed with that return – though this is subject to change in the future. **NOTE:** If you are submitting delinquent foreign bank account forms, delinquent forms 8938, delinquent foreign corporation or partnership forms, or delinquent foreign trust forms, we recommend you have a consultation about the Offshore Voluntary Disclosure Program **or**, if you are eligible, the IRS Streamlined Procedure. If you submit these delinquent forms outside this program or procedure you may be subject to more stringent penalties and/or prosecution.

#### NEW FOR 2014 AND LATER RETURNS – AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (MANDATORY HEALTH COVERAGE)

If you and your family were a bona fide resident outside the US for the entire year qualifying coverage for purposes of the Affordable Care act and therefore we inc	• •
compliant and no further action is necessary. Check here if this applies to you and fyou did not reside abroad all year, did you and family have minimum qualifying	nd your spouse and dependents:
U.S.?Yes No NANot sure	5 coverage for the period resident in the

More information on the Affordable Care Act can be found here on the IRS website: <a href="http://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families">http://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families</a>

2015 (and earlier year, if applicable) Expatriate Tax Return Engagement Agreement

To: Legacy Tax & Resolution Services, LLC

Address: 3961 E. Chandler Blvd #111-301, Phoenix AZ 85048 Phone: (480) 907-6644

In connection with that preparation we understand that it is my (our) obligation to provide <u>complete and accurate</u> information on all items of income and deductions for the tax year(s) involved and I/(we) are responsible for any omissions. All information stated in the questionnaire is true and correct and we accept sole responsibility for any inaccuracies or information not disclosed to the tax return preparer in writing. We have been advised of the requirements about reporting foreign accounts/assets and foreign income.

We have receipts and other written documents to support all of the information provided. We will retain these records for a period of at least ten years after the date the returns are filed in the event of a tax audit. Preparers do not save copies of the documentation given in connection with the return preparation. We understand that Preparers have no obligation to verify or confirm the information we provide and that we are responsible for its completeness and accuracy. We understand that our file will only be retained by Preparers office for five years from the date the service is rendered and will then be destroyed.

We also understand that the cost of preparing our tax returns is dependent on the completeness of the data we supply to Preparers and the complexity and number of various tax forms, calculations and schedules that must, by law, be included in our returns. The cost of the preparation of the return/s will increase above the fee originally quoted if data received is more complex than originally provided/described, is incomplete, or if additional time must be spent sorting through source documents not summarized by the taxpayer. We agree to this fee increase in advance and acknowledge it is possible.

The estimated fee for preparing the return(s) has been given to us orally or by email. Payment of at least one half of that fee is due at the beginning of the return preparation and the remainder is due upon the completion of the returns. Any amount not paid within 10 days of completion of the returns will be subject to a carrying charge of 1.5% per month. Payments can be made by cash, credit card, U.S. check, wire transfer, or PayPal. We understand we must pay any wire transfer fees incurred and 2% for credit card processing fees. If any legal proceeding is required in order for Preparers to collect the sums owed, we will be liable for attorney fees and costs of suit. We understand that interest and penalties may apply for taxes due which are paid after April 15 and acknowledge this notification.

We are retaining Preparers solely in their capacity as Certified Public Accountants to prepare our tax returns. We understand that they are acting in no other professional capacity. If we request any other services, we agree that we must first enter into a separate written retainer agreement in connection with those matters. Any representation before tax agencies for audits or other matters will be subject to extra fees.

In the interest of facilitating services to us, Preparers may communicate by fax, send data over the internet, store electronic data via computer software applications hosted remotely on the internet, share data with our independent contractors, or allow access to data through third-party vendor' secured portals or clouds. In using these communications and storage methods, Preparers employ measures to employ data security under applicable laws and professional standards and require vendors/contractors to as well.

Preparers reserve the right to withdraw from this engagement without completing the returns if we fail to comply with the terms of this engagement letter, if we disagree with preparer recommendations regarding filing and reporting obligations, non-payment of retainers requested by Preparers, or if Preparers determine professional standards require withdrawal for any reason.

We further represent that if we instructed you that our foreign earned income should not be shown on Schedule C as self-employed, that we have represented to Preparers that we are bona fide employees of a foreign employer and subject to foreign income tax withholding and a social security equivalent. We accept full responsibility for documenting and proving this fact if we are audited by the IRS. We understand that if we are independent contractors, we must pay 15.3% or greater U.S. self-employment tax on our foreign earned income after deducting all applicable business expenses unless a social security agreement applies. Preparers are not responsible for any penalties, interest or taxes resulting from our failure to properly show us as self-employed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement is executed	on the dates first stated below:
Taxpayer Signature:Spouse Signature:	
Typing your name above is deemed to be a signature, f	for instance if you do not have access to a scanner
Printed Taxpayer Name:	
Date Signed:	
Printed Spouse Name:	
Date Signed:	