

disability (including, but not limited to, blindness or deafness) which for such individual constitutes or results in a functional limitation to employment, or who has any physical or mental impairment (including, but not limited to, a sight or hearing impairment) which substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual.

**(c) Limitation**

The deduction allowed by subsection (a) for any taxable year shall not exceed \$15,000.

(Added Pub. L. 94-455, title XXI, §2122(a), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1914; amended Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title X, §1062(a)(1), (b), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1047; Pub. L. 99-514, title II, §244, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2183; Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, §§11611(c), 11801(a)(14), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-503, 1388-520.)

AMENDMENTS

1990—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 101-508, §11611(c), substituted “\$15,000” for “\$35,000”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 101-508, §11801(a)(14), struck out subsec. (d) which related to application of section to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1976, and before Jan. 1, 1983, and to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1983.

1986—Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 99-514 substituted “1983” for “1983, and before January 1, 1986”.

1984—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 98-369, §1062(b), substituted “\$35,000” for “\$25,000”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 98-369, §1062(a)(1), amended subsec. (d) generally, substituting provisions that this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1976, and before January 1, 1983, and to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1983, and before January 1, 1986 for provisions which had required the Secretary to prescribe such regulations as might be necessary to carry out this section within 180 days after October 4, 1976.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 11611(c) of Pub. L. 101-508 applicable to taxable years beginning after Nov. 5, 1990, see section 11611(e)(2) of Pub. L. 101-508, set out as a note under section 38 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title X, §1062(c), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1047, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (b) [amending this section] shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1983.”

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 94-455, title XXI, §2122(c), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1915, as amended by Pub. L. 96-167, §9(c), Dec. 29, 1979, 93 Stat. 1278; Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title X, §1062(a)(2), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1047, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this section and amending sections 263, 1245, and 1250 of this title] shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1976.”

SAVINGS PROVISION

For provisions that nothing in amendment by section 11801(a)(14) of Pub. L. 101-508 be construed to affect treatment of certain transactions occurring, property acquired, or items of income, loss, deduction, or credit taken into account prior to Nov. 5, 1990, for purposes of determining liability for tax for periods ending after Nov. 5, 1990, see section 11821(b) of Pub. L. 101-508, set out as a note under section 45K of this title.

**[§ 191. Repealed. Pub. L. 97-34, title II, § 212(d)(1), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 239]**

Section, added Pub. L. 94-455, title XXI, §2124(a)(1), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1916; amended Pub. L. 95-600, title

VII, §701(f)(1), (2), (7), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2900-2902; Pub. L. 96-222, title I, §107(a)(1)(E)(ii), Apr. 1, 1980, 94 Stat. 222; Pub. L. 96-541, §2(a), Dec. 17, 1980, 94 Stat. 3204, related to amortization of certain rehabilitation expenditures for certified historic structures.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal applicable to expenditures incurred after Dec. 31, 1981, in taxable years ending after such date, with exceptions, see section 212(e) of Pub. L. 97-34, set out as an Effective Date of 1981 Amendment note under section 46 of this title.

**§ 192. Contributions to black lung benefit trust**

**(a) Allowance of deduction**

There is allowed as a deduction for the taxable year an amount equal to the sum of the amounts contributed by the taxpayer during the taxable year to or under a trust or trusts described in section 501(c)(21).

**(b) Limitation**

The maximum amount of the deduction allowed by subsection (a) for any taxpayer for any taxable year shall not exceed the greater of—

(1) the amount necessary to fund (with level funding) the remaining unfunded liability of the taxpayer for black lung claims filed (or expected to be filed) by (or with respect to) past or present employees of the taxpayer, or

(2) the aggregate amount necessary to increase each trust described in section 501(c)(21) to the amount required to pay all amounts payable out of such trust for the taxable year.

**(c) Special rules**

**(1) Method of determining amounts referred to in subsection (b)**

**(A) In general**

The amounts described in subsection (b) shall be determined by using reasonable actuarial methods and assumptions which are not inconsistent with regulations prescribed by the Secretary.

**(B) Funding period**

Except as provided in subparagraph (C), the funding period for purposes of subsection (b)(1) shall be the greater of—

(i) the average remaining working life of miners who are present employees of the taxpayer, or

(ii) 10 taxable years.

For purposes of the preceding sentence, the term “miner” has the same meaning as such term has when used in section 402(d) of the Black Lung Benefits Act (30 U.S.C. 902(d)).

**(C) Different funding periods**

To the extent that—

(i) regulations prescribed by the Secretary provide for a different period, or

(ii) the Secretary consents to a different period proposed by the taxpayer,

such different period shall be substituted for the funding period provided in subparagraph (B).

**(2) Benefit payments taken into account**

In determining the amounts described in subsection (b), only those black lung benefit claims the payment of which is expected to be