

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 250, added Pub. L. 91-518, title IX, §901(a), Oct. 30, 1970, 84 Stat. 1341; amended Pub. L. 93-496, §12, Oct. 28, 1974, 88 Stat. 1531; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834; Pub. L. 95-473, §2(a)(2)(C), Oct. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 1464; Pub. L. 96-454, §3(b)(1), Oct. 15, 1980, 94 Stat. 2012; Pub. L. 97-261, §6(d)(3), Sept. 20, 1982, 96 Stat. 1107; Pub. L. 99-521, §4(3), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2993, related to certain payments to National Railroad Passenger Corporation, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, §11801(a)(15), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-520.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 2017, see section 14202(c) of Pub. L. 115-97, set out as an Effective Date of 2017 Amendment note under section 172 of this title.

PART IX—ITEMS NOT DEDUCTIBLE

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[278.	Repealed.]
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[280.	Repealed.]
280A.	Disallowance of certain expenses in connection with business use of home, rental of vacation homes, etc.
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280C.	Certain expenses for which credits are allowable.
[280D.	Repealed.]
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AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-141, div. U, title IV, §401(a)(59), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1187, substituted “Limitation on cer-

tain amounts paid to employee-owners by personal service corporations electing alternative taxable years” for “Limitation on certain amounts paid to owner-employees by personal service corporations electing alternative taxable years” in item 280H.

2017—Pub. L. 115-97, title I, §14222(b), Dec. 22, 2017, 131 Stat. 2220, added item 267A.

1996—Pub. L. 104-188, title I, §1704(t)(55), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1890, provided that section 11813(b)(13)(F) of Pub. L. 101-508 shall be applied as if “tax” appeared after “investment” in the material proposed to be stricken. See 1990 Amendment note below.

1990—Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, §11813(b)(13)(F), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-555, which directed the striking out of “investment credit and” in item 280F, was executed by striking out “investment tax credit and” after “Limitation on”. See 1996 Amendment note above.

1988—Pub. L. 100-418, title I, §1941(b)(4)(B), Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1324, struck out item 280D “Portion of chapter 45 taxes for which credit or refund is allowable under section 6429”.

1987—Pub. L. 100-203, title X, §10206(c)(2), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-402, added item 280H.

1986—Pub. L. 99-514, title VIII, §803(c)(1), (3), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2356, added item 263A and struck out items 278 “Capital expenditures incurred in planting and developing citrus and almond groves” and 280 “Certain expenditures incurred in production of films, books, records, or similar property”.

1984—Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title I, §§67(d)(1), 136(b), 179(c), title X, §1063(b)(2), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 587, 670, 718, 1047, added items 269B, 280F, and 280G, and struck out “certain historic” before “structures” in item 280B.

1983—Pub. L. 97-414, §4(b)(2)(B), Jan. 4, 1983, 96 Stat. 2056, substituted “Certain expenses for which credits are allowable” for “Portion of wages for which credit is claimed under section 44B” in item 280C.

1982—Pub. L. 97-248, title II, §250(b), title III, §351(b), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 528, 640, added items 269A and 280E.

1980—Pub. L. 96-499, title XI, §1131(d)(2), Dec. 5, 1980, 94 Stat. 2693, added item 280D.

1977—Pub. L. 95-30, title II, §202(c)(2), May 23, 1977, 91 Stat. 147, added item 280C.

1976—Pub. L. 94-455, title II, §210(b), title VI, §601(b), title XXI, §2124(b)(2), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1544, 1572, 1918, added items 280, 280A, and 280B.

1971—Pub. L. 91-680, §1(c), Jan. 12, 1971, 84 Stat. 2064, inserted “and almond” after “citrus” in item 278.

1969—Pub. L. 91-172, title I, §121(b)(3)(B), title II, §§213(c)(2), 216(b), title IV, §411(b), Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 541, 572, 574, 608, struck out item 270 “Limitation on deductions allowable to individuals in certain cases”, and added items 277 to 279.

1966—Pub. L. 89-368, title III, §301(b), Mar. 15, 1966, 80 Stat. 67, added item 276.

1964—Pub. L. 88-272, title II, §§207(b)(3)(B), 227(b)(4), Feb. 26, 1964, 78 Stat. 42, 98, inserted “or domestic iron ore” in item 272, and added item 275.

1962—Pub. L. 87-834, §4(a)(2), Oct. 16, 1962, 76 Stat. 976, added item 274.

§ 261. General rule for disallowance of deductions

In computing taxable income no deduction shall in any case be allowed in respect of the items specified in this part.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 76.)

§ 262. Personal, living, and family expenses**(a) General rule**

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this chapter, no deduction shall be allowed for personal, living, or family expenses.

(b) Treatment of certain phone expenses

For purposes of subsection (a), in the case of an individual, any charge (including taxes there-