

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2017 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-97 applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 2017, see section 13102(e) of Pub. L. 115-97, set out as a note under section 263A of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 107-147, title IV, § 403(b), Mar. 9, 2002, 116 Stat. 41, provided that:

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall apply to taxable years ending after the date of the enactment of this Act [Mar. 9, 2002].

“(2) **CHANGE IN METHOD OF ACCOUNTING.**—In the case of any taxpayer required by the amendments made by this section to change its method of accounting for its first taxable year ending after the date of the enactment of this Act—

“(A) such change shall be treated as initiated by the taxpayer,

“(B) such change shall be treated as made with the consent of the Secretary of the Treasury, and

“(C) the net amount of the adjustments required to be taken into account by the taxpayer under section 481 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall be taken into account over a period of 4 years (or if less, the number of taxable years that the taxpayer used the method permitted under section 448(d)(5) of such Code as in effect before the date of the enactment of this Act) beginning with such first taxable year.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 1008(a)(1), (2), (7)–(9) of Pub. L. 100-647 effective, except as otherwise provided, as if included in the provision of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-514, to which such amendment relates, see section 1019(a) of Pub. L. 100-647, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

Pub. L. 100-647, title VI, § 6032(b), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3695, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1986.”

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 99-514, title VIII, § 801(d), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2348, as amended by Pub. L. 100-647, title I, § 1008(a)(5), (6), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3437, provided that:

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section [enacting this section and amending section 461 of this title] shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1986.

“(2) **ELECTION TO RETAIN CASH METHOD FOR CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS.**—A taxpayer may elect not to have the amendments made by this section apply to any loan or lease, or any transaction with a related party (within the meaning of section 267(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as in effect before the enactment of this Act), entered into on or before September 25, 1985. Any election under the preceding sentence may be made separately with respect to each transaction.

“(3) **CERTAIN CONTRACTS.**—The amendments made by this section shall not apply to—

“(A) contracts for the acquisition or transfer of real property, and

“(B) contracts for services related to the acquisition or development of real property, but only if such contracts were entered into before September 25, 1985, and the sole element of the contract which has not been performed as of September 25, 1985, is payment for such property or services.

“(4) **TREATMENT OF AFFILIATED GROUP PROVIDING ENGINEERING SERVICES.**—Each member of an affiliated group of corporations (within the meaning of section 1504(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) shall be allowed to use the cash receipts and disbursements method of

accounting for any trade or business of providing engineering services with respect to taxable years ending after December 31, 1986, if the common parent of such group—

“(A) was incorporated in the State of Delaware in 1970.

“(B) was the successor to a corporation that was incorporated in the State of Illinois in 1949, and

“(C) used a method of accounting for long-term contracts of accounting [sic] for a substantial part of its income from the performance of engineering services.

“(5) **SPECIAL RULE FOR PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3).**—If any loan, lease, contract, or evidence of any transaction to which paragraph (2) or (3) applies is transferred after June 10, 1987, to a person other than a related party (within the meaning of paragraph (2)), paragraph (2) or (3) shall cease to apply on and after the date of such transfer.”

SUBPART B—TAXABLE YEAR FOR WHICH ITEMS OF GROSS INCOME INCLUDED

Sec.	
451.	General rule for taxable year of inclusion.
[452.	Repealed.]
453.	Installment method.
453A.	Special rules for nondealers.
453B.	Gain or loss on disposition of installment obligations.
[453C.	Repealed.]
454.	Obligations issued at discount.
455.	Prepaid subscription income.
456.	Prepaid dues income of certain membership organizations.
457.	Deferred compensation plans of State and local governments and tax-exempt organizations.
457A.	Nonqualified deferred compensation from certain tax indifferent parties.
458.	Magazines, paperbacks, and records returned after the close of the taxable year.
460.	Special rules for long-term contracts.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

Pub. L. 110-343, div. C, title VIII, § 801(c), Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3931, added item 457A.

1988—Pub. L. 100-647, title V, § 5076(b)(2), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3683, struck out “of real property” after “rules for nondealers” in item 453A.

1987—Pub. L. 100-203, title X, § 10202(a)(2), (c)(2), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-388, 1330-392, substituted “Special rules for nondealers of real property” for “Installment method for dealers in personal property” in item 453A, and struck out item 453C “Certain indebtedness treated as payments on installment obligations”.

1986—Pub. L. 99-514, title XI, § 1107(b), (c), Oct. 22, 1986, 101 Stat. 2430, added item 457, applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1988, with certain exceptions, and struck out former item 457 “Deferred compensation plans with respect to service for State and local governments”.

Pub. L. 99-514, title VIII, §§ 804(c), 811(b), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2361, 2368, added items 453C and 460.

1980—Pub. L. 96-471, § 2(d), Oct. 19, 1980, 94 Stat. 2254, added items 453 to 453B and struck out former item 453 “Installment method”.

1978—Pub. L. 95-600, title I, § 131(b), title III, § 372(b), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2782, 2862, added items 457 and 458.

1961—Pub. L. 87-109, § 1(b), July 26, 1961, 75 Stat. 224, added item 456.

1958—Pub. L. 85-866, title I, § 28(b), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1626, added item 455, effective with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1957. See section 28(c) of Pub. L. 85-866 set out as an Effective Date note under section 455 of this title.

1955—Act June 15, 1955, ch. 143, § 2(2), 69 Stat. 135, struck out item 452 “Adjustment in case of position inconsistent with prior income tax liability”.

§ 451. General rule for taxable year of inclusion**(a) General rule**

The amount of any item of gross income shall be included in the gross income for the taxable year in which received by the taxpayer, unless, under the method of accounting used in computing taxable income, such amount is to be properly accounted for as of a different period.

(b) Inclusion not later than for financial accounting purposes**(1) Income taken into account in financial statement****(A) In general**

In the case of a taxpayer the taxable income of which is computed under an accrual method of accounting, the all events test with respect to any item of gross income (or portion thereof) shall not be treated as met any later than when such item (or portion thereof) is taken into account as revenue in—

- (i) an applicable financial statement of the taxpayer, or
- (ii) such other financial statement as the Secretary may specify for purposes of this subsection.

(B) Exception

This paragraph shall not apply to—

- (i) a taxpayer which does not have a financial statement described in clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (A) for a taxable year, or
- (ii) any item of gross income in connection with a mortgage servicing contract.

(C) All events test

For purposes of this section, the all events test is met with respect to any item of gross income if all the events have occurred which fix the right to receive such income and the amount of such income can be determined with reasonable accuracy.

(2) Coordination with special methods of accounting

Paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to any item of gross income for which the taxpayer uses a special method of accounting provided under any other provision of this chapter, other than any provision of part V of subchapter P (except as provided in clause (ii) of paragraph (1)(B)).

(3) Applicable financial statement

For purposes of this subsection, the term “applicable financial statement” means—

- (A) a financial statement which is certified as being prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and which is—
 - (i) a 10-K (or successor form), or annual statement to shareholders, required to be filed by the taxpayer with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission,
 - (ii) an audited financial statement of the taxpayer which is used for—
 - (I) credit purposes,
 - (II) reporting to shareholders, partners, or other proprietors, or to beneficiaries, or

(III) any other substantial nontax purpose,

but only if there is no statement of the taxpayer described in clause (i), or

(iii) filed by the taxpayer with any other Federal agency for purposes other than Federal tax purposes, but only if there is no statement of the taxpayer described in clause (i) or (ii),

(B) a financial statement which is made on the basis of international financial reporting standards and is filed by the taxpayer with an agency of a foreign government which is equivalent to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and which has reporting standards not less stringent than the standards required by such Commission, but only if there is no statement of the taxpayer described in subparagraph (A), or

(C) a financial statement filed by the taxpayer with any other regulatory or governmental body specified by the Secretary, but only if there is no statement of the taxpayer described in subparagraph (A) or (B).

(4) Allocation of transaction price

For purposes of this subsection, in the case of a contract which contains multiple performance obligations, the allocation of the transaction price to each performance obligation shall be equal to the amount allocated to each performance obligation for purposes of including such item in revenue in the applicable financial statement of the taxpayer.

(5) Group of entities

For purposes of paragraph (1), if the financial results of a taxpayer are reported on the applicable financial statement (as defined in paragraph (3)) for a group of entities, such statement shall be treated as the applicable financial statement of the taxpayer.

(c) Treatment of advance payments**(1) In general**

A taxpayer which computes taxable income under the accrual method of accounting, and receives any advance payment during the taxable year, shall—

- (A) except as provided in subparagraph (B), include such advance payment in gross income for such taxable year, or
- (B) if the taxpayer elects the application of this subparagraph with respect to the category of advance payments to which such advance payment belongs, the taxpayer shall—
 - (i) to the extent that any portion of such advance payment is required under subsection (b) to be included in gross income in the taxable year in which such payment is received, so include such portion, and
 - (ii) include the remaining portion of such advance payment in gross income in the taxable year following the taxable year in which such payment is received.

(2) Election**(A) In general**

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the election under paragraph (1)(B)