

of the period of limitation for filing suit, unless within such period suit was begun by the taxpayer.

**(3) Recovery of erroneous refunds**

For procedure by the United States to recover erroneous refunds, see sections 6532(b) and 7405.

**(b) Credit after period of limitation**

Any credit against a liability in respect of any taxable year shall be void if any payment in respect of such liability would be considered an overpayment under section 6401(a).

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 812; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

1976—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 94-455 struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary”.

**§ 6515. Cross references**

**For limitations in case of—**

(1) **Deficiency dividends of a personal holding company, see section 547.**

(2) **Tentative carry-back adjustments, see section 6411.**

(3) **Service in a combat zone, etc., see section 7508.**

(4) **Suits for refund by taxpayers, see section 6532(a).**

(5) **Deficiency dividends of a regulated investment company or real estate investment trust, see section 860.**

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 813; Pub. L. 94-455, title XVI, §1601(f)(3), title XIX, §1901(b)(36)(D), (37)(E), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1746, 1802, 1803; Pub. L. 95-600, title III, §362(d)(4), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2852; Pub. L. 97-248, title IV, §402(c)(10), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 668; Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, §11801(c)(17)(C), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-528; Pub. L. 114-74, title XI, §1101(f)(8), Nov. 2, 2015, 129 Stat. 638.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2015—Par. (6). Pub. L. 114-74 struck out par. (6) which read as follows: “Refunds or credits attributable to partnership items, see section 6227 and subsections (c) and (d) of section 6230.”

1990—Pub. L. 101-508 struck out par. (2) and redesignated the succeeding pars. accordingly, which was executed with respect to the succeeding pars. (consisting of pars. (3) to (7)) by redesignating such pars. as (2) to (6), respectively. Prior to amendment, par. (2) provided a cross reference to section 1481 for overpayment in certain renegotiations of war contracts.

1982—Par. (7). Pub. L. 97-248 added par. (7).

1978—Par. (6). Pub. L. 95-600 inserted “regulated investment company or” before “real estate investment trust” and substituted “section 860” for “section 859”. Notwithstanding the directory language that the amendment be made to par. (5), the amendment was executed to par. (6) to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

1976—Par. (1). Pub. L. 94-455, §1901(b)(36)(D), (b)(37)(E), redesignated par. (3) as (1). Former par. (1), which referred to section 1321 for adjustments incident to involuntary liquidation of inventory, was struck out.

Par. (2). Pub. L. 94-455, §1901(b)(37)(E), redesignated par. (4) as (2). Former par. (2), which referred to section 1335 for war loss recoveries where the prior benefit rule was elected, was struck out.

Pars. (3) to (7). Pub. L. 94-455, §1901(b)(37)(E), redesignated pars. (3) to (7) as (1) to (5), respectively.

Par. (8). Pub. L. 94-455, §1601(f)(3), added par. (8) which was redesignated par. (6) by section 1901(b)(37)(E) of Pub. L. 94-455.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2015 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 114-74 applicable to returns filed for partnership taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 2017, with certain exceptions, see section 1101(g) of Pub. L. 114-74, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6221 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1982 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-248 applicable to partnership taxable years beginning after Sept. 3, 1982, with provision for applicability of amendment to any partnership taxable year ending after Sept. 3, 1982, if partnership, each partner, and each indirect partner requests such application and Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate consents to such application, see section 407(a)(1), (3) of Pub. L. 97-248, set out as a note under section 702 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-600 applicable with respect to determinations (as defined in section 860(e) of this title) after Nov. 6, 1978, see section 362(e) of Pub. L. 95-600, set out as an Effective Date note under section 860 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

For effective date of amendment by section 1601(f)(3) of Pub. L. 94-455, see section 1608(a) of Pub. L. 94-455, set out as a note under section 857 of this title.

Amendment by section 1901(b)(36)(D), (37)(E) of Pub. L. 94-455 applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1976, see section 1901(d) of Pub. L. 94-455, set out as a note under section 2 of this title.

SAVINGS PROVISION

For provisions that nothing in amendment by 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.

**Subchapter C—Mitigation of Effect of Period of Limitations**

Sec.

6521. Mitigation of effect of limitation in case of related taxes under different chapters.

**§ 6521. Mitigation of effect of limitation in case of related taxes under different chapters**

**(a) Self-employment tax and tax on wages**

In the case of the tax imposed by chapter 2 (relating to tax on self-employment income) and the tax imposed by section 3101 (relating to tax on employees under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act)—

(1) If an amount is erroneously treated as self-employment income, or if an amount is erroneously treated as wages, and

(2) If the correction of the error would require an assessment of one such tax and the refund or credit of the other tax, and

(3) If at any time the correction of the error is authorized as to one such tax but is prevented as to the other tax by any law or rule