



2008 Tax Survey Responses

Micro-businesses were asked to give examples of questions that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has NOT been able to answer. The following are a sampling of their responses:

- In which cases are meals deductible, while "on the road" for work? How far away or how much time away from "home" is required before a meal is deductible as a travel expense?
- Can the costs associated with the care of a dog be deductible as long as he is guarding a truck that has goods in it?
- How should I handle the owner-financed sale of business property, and the recapture of depreciation?
- How do I to move a payroll tax deposit from one quarter to another?
- Is an HSA deductible on my Schedule C and if not, why not?
- In one period, when I asked to have the question regarding my part-time employees answered relative to their weekly hours and health care premiums, the IRS individual indicated that I would have to submit the question in a more formal manner since they did not have the answer readily available to them at the time of my call. Please keep in mind that this response was after waiting over twenty minutes just to be told that I could not be helped.
- Are the costs associated with the use of a shower facility at a travel stop tax deductible for Truck Drivers who are away from home more than 24 hours at a time?