

## Bringing the Dream of Homeownership Within Reach

As part of its plan to stimulate the U.S. housing market and address the economic challenges facing our nation, Congress passed new legislation that:

Extends the First-Time Home Buyer Tax Credit of up to \$8,000 to first-time home buyers until April 30, 2010.

Expands the credit to grant up to \$6,500 credit to current home owners purchasing a new or existing home between November 7, 2009 and April 30, 2010.

As long as a written binding contract to purchase is in effect on April 30, 2010, the purchaser will have until July 1, 2010 to close.

The Extended Home Buyer Tax Credit may be applied to primary residences, including: single-family homes, condos, townhomes, and co-ops, but may only be awarded on homes purchased for \$800,000 or less.

### Who Qualifies for the [Extended Credit](#)?

- ◆ First-time home buyers who purchase homes between November 7, 2009 and April 30, 2010. To qualify as a “first-time home buyer” the purchaser or his/her spouse may not have owned a residence during the three years prior to the purchase. If you purchased a home between January 1, 2009 and November 6, 2009, please see: [2009 First-Time Home Buyer Tax Credit](#).
- ◆ Current home owners purchasing a home between November 7, 2009 and April 30, 2010, who have used the home being sold as a principal residence for five *consecutive* years within the last eight.
- ◆ Single buyers with incomes up to \$125,000 and married couples with incomes up to \$225,000—may receive the maximum tax credit. The credit decreases for buyers who earn between \$125,000 and \$145,000 for single buyers and between \$225,000 and \$245,000 for home buyers filing jointly. The amount of the tax credit decreases as his/her income approaches the maximum limit. Home buyers earning more than the maximum qualifying income—over \$145,000 for singles and over \$245,000 for couples are not eligible for the credit. These income limits have changed from the 2009 First-Time Home Buyer Tax Credit limits.

The buyer does not need to repay the tax credit, if he/she occupies the home for three years or more. However, if the property is sold during this three-year period, the full amount credit will be recouped on the sale.

**If you have specific questions or need additional information, please contact a tax professional or the Internal Revenue Service at 800-829-1040.**