## Make sure you take advantage of new tax laws

Several new tax law provisions will not affect your 1981 federal income tax return unless you are a small-business owner.

return unless you are a analysis of the provisions for owner. With this in mind, the provisions for faster depreciation and some larger in-vestment tax credits on business equip-ment are retrocitive to Jan, 1981. To ensure you're taking advantage of the available tax breaks, ask yourself these available tax breaks, ask yourself these

## How much can I deduct for deprecia-tion under the new tax law?

Most business equipment costs can now be recovered in three or five years. The three-year recovery in-cludes most business cars and light trucks as well as certain tools. Most other office and factory equipment can be depreciated over five-year terms. The IRS has prepared new tables for reporting depreciation on your federal

income tax return. Here's an example of how it works for three-year depreci-ation. If you put a \$15,000. light-duty truck in use, then on your 1981 tax re-turn, you can deduct 35 percent of the \$5,700; and 37,50. Of next year's tax return, you deduct 38 percent - or \$5,700; and 37 percent - or \$5,500 can be deducted in 1983. Here's how the five-year deprecia-tion scale works. A 15-percent cost de-duction in the first year; 22 percent in the 500 long years. These rules apply to business equip-ment bought and in service after Jan 1, 1981. There is no longer a salvage value limitation, so your entire costs an familiabilito a llowing quick cost re-covery, this system should eliminate the many IRS examinations that were common when the reporting system

How much will my investment tax credits increase?

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was more complicated. What rules apply to used business equipment purchased in 1981?

The same rules apply to used equip-ment. The new tax law erases any dif-ference in provisions for depreciating new or used business equipment.

How much can I deduct for service awards to my employees? You can deduct as much as \$400 for seah award to an employee for length of service, productivity, or safety 1300 per award and must be tangible tabievement. This is an increase of 1300 per award and must be tangible order, rehabilitated buildings or certi-achiverent. This is an increase of 1300 per award and must be tangible awards were made after August 13, the

But you cannot claim this tax credit if you use the "expensing" method of depreciation which means you are preparing your 1981 deducting the entire cost of your equip-ment as a business expense. New mach can I deduct for service to accommodate some of the changes that will affect your 1982 tax returns. Here's a review of some major

gradually increase.
It may be easier for you to claim investment tax credits and depreciation on leased equipment.

 Changing your inventory accounts g system from FIFO to LIFO may ing system from FIF provide a tax savings.

The targeted jobs credit will continue to cover wages paid to eligible employees hired before the end of 1982.
Deductible charitable contributions by corporations will increase to 10 percent of taxable income, which is double the present rate.

You can now claim a tax credit of 6 percent rather than 3 ½ percent on property with a useful life of three years. A full 10-percent credit applies to property in the 5-, 10- and 15-year categories. You can apply the tax cred-it to as much as \$125,000 of used-busi-near-acumment aread/uses up form

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