

The following is a summary of the filing requirements for employee fringe benefits as of December 31, 2023. Please read this carefully and in its entirety. If you carry company-owned vehicles on your books, this letter requires your immediate attention.

Fringe Benefits

A fringe benefit is a form of pay for the performance of services. For example, you provide an employee with a fringe benefit when you allow the employee to use a business vehicle to commute to and from work. Employers are required to include the value of certain fringe benefits as income on an employee's Form W-2 (Wage and Tax Statement).

The fringe benefit income inclusion items may be aggregated with the employee's salary and included on one Form W-2 or may be included in a separate Form W-2. The fringe benefit income inclusion amount is subject to payroll withholdings and the amount must be included in a payroll processed before the end of the year.

We have provided a partial list of reportable fringe benefits below. Please refer to <u>IRS Publication 15-B</u>, Employer's Tax Guide to Fringe Benefits, for a more comprehensive list and the latest information related to fringe benefits.

Fringe Benefits Included in Employee W-2 Gross Wages and Subject to Employment Taxes (Not All Inclusive)

Most Common:

- 1. Personal use of company automobile.
- 2. Employer-paid group-term life insurance for coverage exceeding \$50,000.
- All moving expense reimbursements were suspended until 2026, except for members of U.S. Armed Forces on active duty who move because of a permanent change of station due to a military order.
- 4. Transit passes, commuter highway vehicle transportation, and qualified parking exceeding \$300 per month.
- 5. Qualified bicycle commuting reimbursements were suspended until 2026.
- 6. Meals, except if furnished on the employer's business premise for employer's convenience.
- 7. Lodging, except if furnished on the employer's business premise, for employer's convenience, and as a condition of employment.

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8. Employee achievement awards exceeding \$1,600 for qualified plan awards (\$400 for nonqualified awards).

Less Common:

- 9. Personal use of employer-provided aircraft.
- 10. Interest on below-market employee loans (Sec. 7872).
- 11. Employer-paid IRA contributions.
- 12. Profit realized on premature sale of stock acquired under an incentive stock option plan.
- 13. Discriminatory employer-provided group health insurance that does not qualify for exclusion from gross income.
- 14. Excess medical reimbursement for discriminating self-insured plans.
- 15. Employer-provided educational assistance exceeding \$5,250.
- 16. Dependent care assistance exceeding \$5,000 (\$2,500 for married employees filing separate return).
- 17. Adoption assistance.
- 18. Contribution on a health FSA in excess of \$3,050 or HSA family coverage of \$7,750 (self-coverage of \$3,850).

In addition to the above items, the following must be included in a >2% S Corporation shareholder's W-2:

Most Common:

- 19. Employer-paid accident and health plan premiums.
- 20. All employer-paid life insurance premiums.

Less Common:

- 21. Sec. 125 cafeteria benefit plan amounts.
- 22. Employee achievement awards.
- 23. Adoption assistance.