



CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY

Tuition Discount Tax Implications

Undergraduate courses taken by a qualified employee and/or a qualified dependent spouse or children are considered a tuition reduction under Section 117 of the Internal Revenue Code, and are tax-free.

Under Section 127 of the Internal Revenue Code, employees with approved tuition discounts for graduate courses may exclude from gross income the first \$5,250 of educational assistance received in the calendar year. When the employee exceeds \$5,250 in graduate courses for the calendar year, the taxability will be assessed as outlined in IRS Publication 508. Graduate courses taken by a qualified dependent spouse and children will be taxed.

To apply for tuition benefits, employees must submit the “Application for Tuition Discount” along with the “Employee Graduate Program Questionnaire” and/or the “Certification of Dependent Eligibility”, as appropriate, to Human Resources prior to the start of the semester or term in which the classes are taken.

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