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# HOMEBUYER TAX CREDIT UPDATE

## Homebuyer Tax Credit—Revised November 2009

FEATURE	Jan. 1 – Nov. 30, 2009 Rules As Enacted February 2009	Nov. 7 – Apr. 30, 2010 Rules As Enacted November 2009
First-time Buyer – Amount of Credit	\$8,000 (\$4,000 married filing separate)	\$8,000 (\$4,000 married filing separate)
First-time Buyer – Definition for Eligibility	May not have had an interest in a principal residence for 3 years prior to purchase	Same
Current Homeowner – Amount of Credit	No Provision	\$6,500 (\$3,250 married filing separate)
Effective Date – Current Owner	No Provision	November 7, 2009
Current Homeowner – Definition for Eligibility	No Provision	Must have used the home sold or being sold as a principal residence consecutively for 5 of the previous 8 years
Termination of Credit	Purchases after November 30, 2009. (Becomes April 30, 2010 on November 7, 2009)	Purchases after April 30, 2010
Binding Contract Rule	None	So 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
Income Limits (Note: Increased income limits are effective as of November 7, 2009)	\$75,000 – single \$150,000 – married Additional \$20,000 phase out	\$125,000 – single \$225,000 – married Additional \$20,000 phase out
Limitation on Cost of Purchased Home	None	\$800,000 November 7, 2009
Purchase by a Dependent	No Provision	Ineligible November 7, 2009
Anti-fraud Rule	None	Purchaser must attach documentation of purchase to tax return



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