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Good morning Andres,

Here are the collective comments of the our group on the 13614-C. We appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Page 1 Comments

PART I

#10. if yes, are they claiming you as a dependent?

#6 – What’s the point in asking if the taxpayer is disabled. We have no ability in Taxslayer to input on the return.

PART II

#1 Status

Single – (rather than never married)

- need a status for those widowed more than 2 years (they dislike saying they’ve been widowed 20 years, etc.)
- Same for divorced more than 2 years with no children

Divorced – If not a single category, then three part this: check box

- Divorced – date of final decree in past 24 months (provide date)
- Divorced – date of final decree more than 24 months with dependent children (provide date)
- Divorced – more than 24 months

Widowed – If not a single category, then two part this: check box

- Widowed – past 24 months (provide date)
- Widowed – more than 24 months

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In my perfect world, I’d regroup this entire page. This page overwhelms clients. They often end up answering many of the questions incorrectly because they don’t understand what they are.

While this follows TaxSlayer, it doesn’t follow logically for the clients. Here’s how I would group all the questions on this page: P3 = Part III, etc. I think they should be grouped by topic, and then by common and less common.

They should have an option to check (none) at the top of each group.

PART III, PART IV and PART V

Group #1

P3 #1 W2
P3 #2 Tip
P3 #12 Unemployment
P3 #7 Self-employment income
P4 #7 self-employment expenses
P3 #5 Refund
P5 #9 Marketplace
P5 #1 Have an HSA account?

Group #2

P3 #10 Disability
P3 #13 Social Security
P3 #11 Retirement Income
P4 #2 Contribution to retirement

Group #3

P3 #4 Interest
P3 #9 Stock/bonds
P3 #15 Other income
P4 #4 other expenses

Group #4

P4 #5 Childcare expense
P3 #3 Scholarships
P4 #3 College expenses...

<p>P4 #8 Student loan interest</p> <p>P5 #3 Adopt</p> <p>P4 #6 educator expenses</p> <p>Group #5</p> <p>P5 #7 Make estimated payments</p> <p>P5 #2 debt forgiveness</p> <p>P5 #5 energy-efficient</p> <p>P5 #10 stimulus (if needed for next year)</p> <p>P5 #11 ATC (if needed for next year)</p> <p>Group #6</p> <p>P5 #4 EIC Disallowed</p> <p>P3 #6 Alimony income</p> <p>P4 #1 Alimony payments</p> <p>P3 #8 Cash/check/virtual currency</p> <p>P5 #6 First Time Homebuyers</p> <p>P5 #8 Capital loss</p> <p>P3 #14 Income (or loss) from Rental Property</p>
<p>PAGE 2</p> <p>The wording of questions – lead with the topic, then the question. Some commonly misunderstood questions include:</p> <p>P5 #4 – Have you had any of these <u>disallowed</u>? EIC, CTC, AOC. If so, what year? (this needs to be reworded like this. Almost all think it's asking if they got EIC)</p> <p>P5 #5 – Educator expenses – As a teacher, aide...have you paid for supplies for your classroom?</p> <p>P5 #9 – Marketplace/Exchange/Obamacare – many don't realize marketplace is Obamacare</p> <p>P5 #2 – Cancellation of debt – Did you have....</p> <p>P4 #8 – Student loan payments – Did you make any student loan payments this year?</p>
<p>PAGE 2</p> <p>Somewhat redundant questions</p> <p>P3 #8, P3 #15 are very similar. Could/should be combined</p>
<p>PAGE 3</p> <p>#6 (frankly, I think this should be on Page 2, but it probably won't fit. I'd put it in group #3)</p> <p>#3</p> <p>#4</p> <p>#1</p> <p>#2</p> <p>#5</p> <p>#7 through 14 should be a chart. It's very hard for people to figure out what lines up with what question</p> <p>#11 through 14 – separate self from spouse. Easier for single people, i.e., your race then your ethnicity, then your spouses</p>

If you have any questions, please let me know.



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