

IRS NEWS FOR BUSINESS
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- [Publication 4894](#) is a tri-fold that outlines the Affordable Care Act. It is only available on-line.
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DATE (<i>planned</i>)	TAX TOPIC	EVENT TYPE
<i>April 7, 2011</i>	<i>Retirement Plan Seminar</i>	<i>webinar</i>
<i>to be determined</i>	<i>Construction</i>	<i>phone forum</i>

- The IRS national phone forum on [recordkeeping](#) is now available as an audio file.
- [IR 11-8](#), IRS Launches the IRS2Go App for iPhone, Android; Taxpayers Can Check Refunds.
- [Tax Tips for 2011](#) includes [IRS Tax Tip 11-17](#), Tax Help for Small Businesses and Self-Employed and many other topics.
- Under the [Small Business Jobs Act](#) (SBJA) taxpayers can claim the self-employed health insurance deduction against 2010 SE tax if the insurance plan is [established under the business](#) and any of the following are true:

They were self-employed and had a net profit for the year, or
They received wages from an S corporation in which the taxpayer was a more-than-2-percent shareholder.

The deduction is not available if a self-employed individual is eligible to participate in an employer-subsidized health plan maintained by an employer of the taxpayer or the taxpayer's spouse. The self-employed health insurance deduction may be limited and may not exceed the earned income derived from the trade or business to which the health plan is established. The 2010 [Form 1040 Schedule SE](#) and its [instructions](#) contain directions on how to calculate the deduction.

- Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 Tax Provisions: Find the latest information on [tax provisions](#) designed to encourage investment and provide access to capital for businesses
- [IR 11-13](#) Over 12,000 free tax preparation sites will be open nationwide this year providing vital tax preparation services for low- to moderate-income and elderly taxpayers.
- [Check out how you can participate in Open Government today.](#)
- Pacific Market Research (PMR), will be calling randomly selected small businesses for the IRS to take a survey from January until mid – April, 2011. The survey is strictly voluntary and all responses will remain anonymous. PMR will not ask any personal financial information.
- [Startup America](#) is an initiative for empowering entrepreneurship. Small business can submit ideas.
- The [SBA now has community pages](#) for businesses with bulletin boards, blogs, and idea sharing.