

Private Aviation tax deductions: What Happens If the IRS Asks for Proof?

The IRS isn't asking if your deductions are smart. They're asking if you can prove them.

You've deducted private aircraft use for business—charters, owner-flown trips, maybe even mixed-use flights. But when the IRS shows up, they're not questioning your strategy, they'll challenge—it's the **lack of contemporaneous documentation**

They're asking: "**Who was on board? Was this really for business? Was it necessary?**". If you can't prove the purpose, the passengers, and the timing—in *real time*—your deduction vanishes. No agenda? No backup? - No write-off. Period.

Aviation Tax Deductions & Exemptions Requiring Contemporaneous Documentation:

1. Material Participation (500hrs/other rules)

- Decision-making/ management
- Involvement in scheduling, budgeting...

2. Business Use %

- Depreciation (MACRS)/ 280F Luxury rules
- Proof of business use % (flight logs)

3. State Income tax exemptions

- Meet Business use threshold
- Passenger manifests and flight logs

4. Deduction of charter cost for client travel

- Charter Invoice
- Flight itinerary, purpose, passenger list.

The IRS Wants Proof of Intent. MID Delivers It.

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