STATEMENT OF MISSION

The California Tax Education Council (CTEC) will continue to establish professional tax education standards, approve tax education providers who comply with these standards, and facilitate tax preparer compliance for the benefit of California taxpayers.

—California Tax Education Council

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INTRODUCTION

The California Tax Education Council (CTEC) is the organization that registers non-exempt paid preparers, the second largest segment of tax preparation professionals serving California consumers.

Anyone who, for a fee, assists with or prepares a state or federal income tax return, excluding CPAs, attorneys and enrolled agents or their employees, must be registered with CTEC.

The responsibility for approving tax schools was transferred by the California State Legislature and the Governor from the California Department of Consumer Affairs to CTEC effective July 1, 1997. The Council is a nonprofit quasi public benefit corporation made up of CTEC Registered Tax Preparers, as well as appointees from nonprofit and for-profit organizations which represent tax professionals. Representatives to the Council are appointed as described in Section 22251 of the California Business & Professions Code.

The Council is charged with providing a list of approved curriculum providers, approving providers of tax education, verifying education and registering tax preparers who must also obtain a bond.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Twenty years ago the California State Legislature had a revolutionary idea to transform a state run program into a non-profit organization, known today as the California Tax Education Council (CTEC).

Throughout the years, the mission of CTEC has never wavered. It has, and continues to be, focused on the protection of taxpayers by enforcing strict tax education standards for nonexempt paid tax preparers.

Despite early obstacles, board members showed undying dedication during those formative years. They traveled throughout California to hold meetings and, in some cases, paid for the expenses out of their own pockets without knowing how long it would take for reimbursement.

Since our inception in 1997, tax preparer registration has increased from 28,821 to an average of

40,000 each year. Over the years there have been several legislative changes, most notably the partnership with the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) to identify and penalize unregistered tax preparers. The 13 year partnership has resulted in the number of unregistered tax preparers dropping from an estimated 10,000 to 3.000 statewide.

Since our inception in 1997, tax preparer registration has increased from 28,821 to an average of 40,000 each year.

Each year the Council reviews the quality of education tax preparers receive by continually updating policies and procedures as well as conducting regular audits on the courses and the courses are the course are the course are the courses are the course a

procedures, as well as conducting regular audits on the courses and materials submitted by CTEC approved education providers.

Our public awareness campaign continues to expand awareness through advertising, social media and media relations. Two independent research studies have been conducted over the years to measure the results, which have increased from "moderate" to "strong" awareness regarding CTEC and California tax preparer requirements. Another independent study will be conducted next year to measure the awareness of a new campaign targeting tax preparers who don't sign tax returns.

The tax preparer industry, California taxpayers, and I personally, are all fortunate that CTEC is supported by the California State Legislature, the professionals who volunteer to serve on the Council, as well as an excellent staff. I can say with great confidence that CTEC can no longer be classified as the so called "grand experiment," but rather an established organization serving California taxpayers.

It has been an honor to serve a third term as Chair. Congratulations to everyone for their hard work and dedication. You are the reason CTEC is celebrating its 20th anniversary with such excitement and accomplishment.



C. Lester Crawford, CRTP

2016 - 2017 Council Members



C. Lester Crawford

Chair

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20 HISTORIC YEARS

Twenty years ago the California State Legislature had a novel idea. Take a state run tax preparer registration program and put it in the hands of the private tax industry.

It started with one shoebox full of tax preparer data. It did not take long before it escalated into a tax preparer program that made so many leaps and bounds, even the IRS continues to study the program for federal requirements.

Twenty years later, "California's Grand Experiment" is no longer a hypothetical question. It is a proven success. None of it could have been accomplished without the dedication of volunteer board members, education providers, staff, the support of the California State Legislature and, of course, the registered tax preparers who comply with the law.

Thank you, California!

CALIFORNIA TAX EDUCATION COUNCIL (CTEC)

YEARLY REGISTRATIONS

In January 1997 when CTEC took over the former Tax
Preparer Program from the
California Department of
Consumer Affairs, there were approximately 27,000
registered tax preparers in
California.

As of June 30, 2017, CTEC has registered 39,306 preparers.

The following table shows each year's annual registration numbers.

Registration Year	Total Registrations
07/01/97-06/30/98	28,831
07/01/98-06/30/99	29,009
07/01/99-06/30/00	29,773
07/01/00-06/30/01	28,444
07/01/01-06/30/02	29,943
07/01/02-06/30/03	32,093
07/01/03-06/30/04	34,391
07/01/04-06/30/05	36,931
07/01/05-06/30/06	39,226
07/01/06-06/30/07	40,565
07/01/07-06/30/08	41,881
07/01/08-06/30/09	44,888
07/01/09-06/30/10	44,147
07/01/10-06/30/11	43,674
07/01/11-06/30/12	41,934
07/01/12-06/30/13	38,481
07/01/13-06/30/14	39,201
07/01/14-06/30/15	41,564
07/01/15-06/30/16	39,965
07/01/16-06/30/17	39,306

CALIFORNIA TAX EDUCATION COUNCIL (CTEC)

REGISTERED TAX PREPARERS BY COUNTY

ON JUNE 30, 2017, THERE WERE 39,306 CRTPS



THE EVOLUTION OF PUBLIC AWARENESS

Over the past 20 years, board members have come and gone. Each brought different perspectives, experience and personalities to the table. New policies have emerged and old policies retired.

Despite the many changes and varying opinions over the course of two decades, the importance of public awareness was never debated. Every board member has always understood the value of such an endeavor.

The mission is clear.

To educate the public about CTEC and CTEC Registered Tax Preparers (CRTPs); with the objective to expand the public's knowledge of CRTPs and communicate the benefits of engaging their services.

CTEC hired its first public relations firm in 1998. During those first years, many independent professionals and firms implemented different campaign strategies to promote the message, "hire a CRTP." The results, however, did not generate the level of awareness the Council believed possible.

In 2007, the Council recognized a different direction was needed and implemented a new message focus - "Is your tax preparer legal?" There were two reasons for the revised approach.

First, attorneys, certified public accountants and enrolled agents are also "legal" tax preparers, not just CRTPs. To exclude those tax preparers from the campaign message does not properly educate the public of what California law requires or why CTEC exists.

Second, focusing on only educating the public to "hire a CRTP" suggests CTEC is a membership organization rather than a state mandate.

Thanks to the revised message, CTEC more than

doubled its media coverage during the 2007 tax season. It also prompted taxpayers to call the CTEC office with questions about tax preparer requirements, including unregistered tax preparers who did not know about CTEC.

Due to the heightened level of awareness, the Council hired an independent research firm in 2009 to get a better understanding of the results.

Thanks to the revised message, CTEC more than doubled its media coverage during the 2007 tax season.

For the 2009 campaign, CTEC spent \$73,000 on bus sign advertising in Los Angeles for four months during tax season. Based on survey results, the firm classified the campaign as achieving a "moderate" 10 percent awareness from the campaign.

The firm compared the results to McDonald's that spends millions of dollars on advertising in Los Angeles year round and averages 40 percent awareness from its campaign.

Most of the respondents said they found out about CTEC through word of mouth or media reports. Advertisements and radio PSAs were the next most popular medium for generating awareness. The survey also found the majority of taxpayers believed the new message "Is Your Tax Preparer Legal?" was a good fit for CTEC and gave it a "5" rating. The rating was based on a scale of 1 to 5. A "1" rating meant "strongly disagree" and a "5" rating meant "strongly agree."

And so began the revolution of the CTEC public awareness campaign.

THE REVOLUTION OF PUBLIC AWARENESS

2007 CTEC forms partnerships with Franchise Tax Board Taxpayer Advocate and Public Affairs Departments, Board of Equalization, Employment Development Department, California Better Business Bureau Offices and Hispanic Association of Professional Services to help promote the new message - "Is Your Tax Preparer Legal?"

2011 CTEC creates a Wikipedia page explaining CRTP requirements and California law.

2013 CTEC heightens its outreach through social media and refreshes its message from "Is Your Tax Preparer Legal?" to "Is Your Tax Preparer California Approved?"

2016 CTEC launches new YouTube videos and a microsite targeting Millennials on how to choose a tax preparer. More than 400,000 taxpayers visited the microsite during 2016 tax season. The microsite is also nominated for the Awwwards. Nominees must show their website is innovative and beautiful.

2005

2010

2008 CTEC implements its first Internet advertising campaign targeting all California taxpayers.

2009 CTEC conducts its first research study to measure the results of its new campaign message - "Is Your Tax Preparer Legal?" Results show CTEC received "moderate" awareness.

2010 CTEC produces its first YouTube video in English and Spanish on how to choose a tax preparer.

2014 CTEC conducts its second study since 2009 to measure public awareness efforts and the effectiveness of the new message. Results show CTEC has increased from "moderate" to "strong" awareness.

2017 CTEC implements a new strategy to target tax preparers who don't sign tax returns.

2015

2020

2016 Microsite



WHAT IS A MICROSITE?

A microsite is a separate website commonly developed by organizations or companies that want to measure the effectiveness of a specific campaign. It usually takes more creative leaps in design, is focused on one message and has a different website address.

PUBLIC AWARENESS REINVENTED

There is still one issue that continues to elude enforcement teams on both a federal and state level. Tax preparers who don't sign tax returns. These tax preparers often set up a storefront during tax season, collect a fee and disappear after April 15th. They never sign client tax returns, which makes them almost impossible to track down.

In 2017, CTEC launched a new campaign through media relations, social media, Internet advertisements, as well as outdoor advertisements, to warn California taxpayers about tax preparers who don't sign tax returns. The message focused on educating taxpayers that "If you pay, they must sign" and if a tax preparer "doesn't sign your tax return, that's fraud."

The Internet campaign ran in English and Spanish. CTEC billboards and bus signs were strategically posted in areas of Los Angeles that FTB identified as having the most issues with questionable tax preparers. The advertisements were posted in English, Spanish and Mandarin.

All advertisements directed taxpayers to a new microsite called reporttaxpreparerfraud.org. The microsite provided more information on how to identify fraudulent signatures, as well as how to find a California approved tax preparer.



WHY SO MUCH FOCUS IN LOS ANGELES?

Over the years, CTEC advertisements have been posted in different California markets; however, FTB reports Los Angeles still has the most problems with questionable tax preparers.

During the 2017 tax season, more than 84,000 taxpayers watched CTEC videos on how to choose a tax preparer and how to identify ghost tax preparers. Close to 160,000 taxpayers visited the microsite in English, Spanish and Mandarin. Approximately 38 percent of those visits were the result of outdoor advertisements in Los Angeles.

CTEC also secured 40 media reports to educate taxpayers on how to choose a tax preparer.

For the 2018 public awareness campaign, CTEC and FTB public affairs will work together through media relations and social media to warn California taxpayers about tax preparers who don't sign tax returns.

An independent study will be conducted after tax season to measure the effectiveness of the campaign.

TAX PREPARER ENFORCEMENT

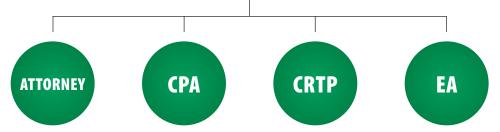
HOW CALIFORNIA DEALS WITH UNREGISTERED TAX PREPARERS

California law requires paid tax preparers to be licensed or registered. Tax preparers who are not an attorney, certified public accountant (CPA), or enrolled agent (EA), are required by law to register with the California Tax Education Council (CTEC).

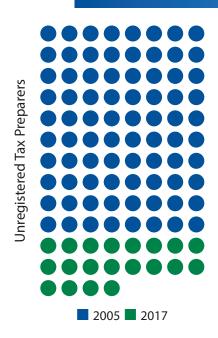
Each CTEC Registered Tax Preparer (CRTP) must complete a qualifying tax education course, obtain a bond to protect clients against fraud and take continuing tax education courses each year. Tax preparers who prepare federal tax returns must also register for an IRS Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN).

Anyone caught doing business without a legal designation may face penalties up to \$5,000 from the Franchise Tax Board (FTB).

CALIFORNIA APPROVED TAX PREPARERS



ENFORCEMENT HISTORY



3,000UNREGISTERED TAX PREPARERS
STATEWIDE AS OF 2017

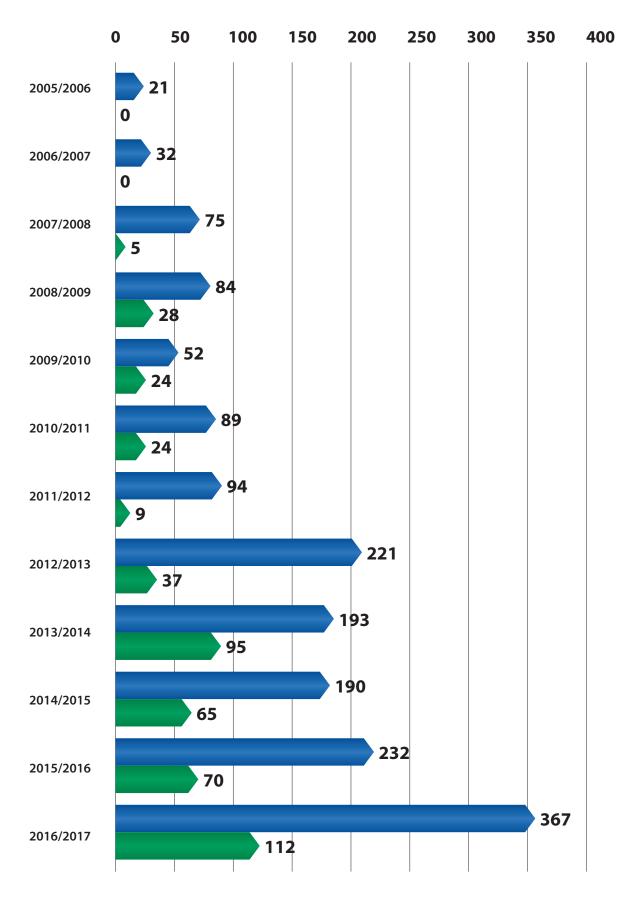
California Senate Bill 1543 took effect in 2005, which gave the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) authority to pursue and penalize unregistered tax preparers.

Before the legislation, FTB estimated 10,000 – 20,000 tax preparers were doing business unregistered statewide. As of 2015, that number has dropped to an estimated 4,000 – 5,000!

Tax preparers caught doing business without a legal designation will be issued a \$2,500 penalty for the first offense. If they still fail to comply the next year, a \$5,000 penalty will be issued.

PENALTIES ISSUED

\$2,500 \$5,000



ENFORCEMENT PURSUES AND PENALIZES TAX PREPARERS

When California Senate Bill 1543 took effect in 2005, the strategy was clear. Work with the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) to pursue and penalize unregistered tax preparers.

Tax preparers who are caught preparing tax returns without a legal designation (attorney, certified public accountant, CTEC registered tax preparer "CRTP" or enrolled agent), are issued a \$2,500 penalty letter from FTB. They have 90 days to comply and register with CTEC. If the tax preparer fails to comply, the \$2,500 penalty will be assessed. If the tax preparer still fails to comply the next year, a \$5,000 penalty will be issued each year until they either register with CTEC or sign a waiver to stop preparing tax returns for a fee.

Before the legislation, FTB estimated 10,000 unregistered tax preparers were doing business in California. As of 2017, that number has dropped to an estimated 3,000. The biggest enforcement results occurred in 2007 when CTEC revised its public awareness strategy. With both programs working in tandem, taxpayers got a better understanding of how to verify their tax preparer, while unregistered tax preparers got a better understanding of CTEC requirements. In 2007, CTEC registered a historic high of more than 40,000 tax preparers.

Due to the success of those first few years, the Council and FTB agreed enforcement needed to be taken to the next level - specifically, to better identify employees who "assist" tax preparers.

Enter the passage of California Senate Bill 797. The legislation, which took effect in 2008, expanded the definition of tax preparation to include "inputting of tax data into a computer." Additionally, under the revised law, employees of attorneys, certified public accountants and enrolled agents could no longer sign tax returns unless they became a CRTP.

The goal, of course, is to ensure taxpayers are protected from the inside out. Many tax preparer employees handle delicate taxpayer information that can impact the accuracy of their tax return, as well as leave them vulnerable to identity theft. The Council believed, due to the sensitivity of the information, certain employees should meet CTEC registration standards.

Although the legislation gave FTB more authority, one question continued to plague the Council. What about CRTPs who are unethical? After all, enforcing registration requirements does not always guarantee the most ethical tax preparers.

And that's when California Senate Bill 484 came into play, which gave CTEC the authority to deny, suspend or revoke registrations from questionable tax preparers. Since the passage of that legislation, the Council has worked closely with the IRS and FTB to ensure

fraudulent tax preparers are not registered with CTEC.

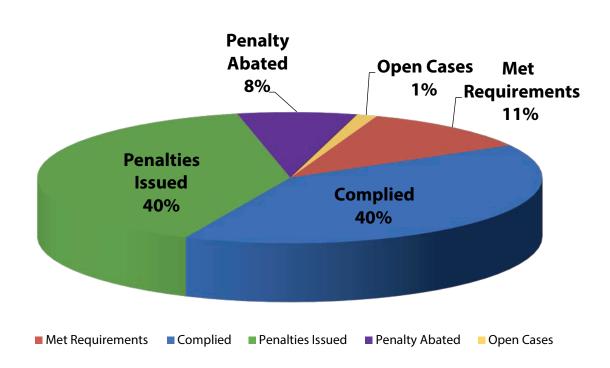
One could argue the enforcement and registration programs are smooth sailing, but as history shows, FTB and CTEC are never complacent. There is yet another enforcement issue that even the IRS struggles to get under control - tax preparers who don't sign tax returns and disappear after tax season, also often referred to as "ghost" tax preparers.

It is an issue CTEC and FTB are now attempting to identify for the first time in California.

Pursuing ghost tax preparers will not be an easy task, but the Council believes it will help FTB obtain new numbers that will lead to even better results for the protection of California taxpayers.

Since the legislation's inception in 2005, CTEC has reimbursed FTB for all expenses and staff salaries that are required to carry out the enforcement program. Every penalty collected by FTB is deposited into the state's general fund.

2016/2017 Contact Results



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3200 Ramos Circle Sacramento, CA 95827-2513 916-366-6646 916-366-6674 (Fax) www.csea.org Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 1001

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SCHOOLS APPROVED FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION (20 HOURS)

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF TAX PROFESSIONALS

11700 NE 95th St, Ste 100 Vancouver, WA 98682 360-695-8309 360-695-7115 (Fax) www.nstp.org Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 2001

PRONTO TAX SCHOOL, INC.

Los Angeles, CA 90066
310-422-1283
www.prontotaxschool.com
Instructional Method: S
CTEC Provider #: 6201

4501 S. Centinela Ave.

SPIDELL PUBLISHING

P.O. Box 61044 Anaheim, CA 92803 714-776-7850 714-776-9906 (Fax) www.caltax.com Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 1019

TAX COURSE CENTRAL / JORDAN & JORDAN FINANCIAL

31858 Castaic Rd Ste 179 Castaic, CA 91384 800-349-8905 www.taxcoursecentral.com/

CTEC-Courses
Instructional Method: C, S
CTEC Provider #: 1068

TAX PRACTICE PRO, INC.

2364 State Route 17A Goshen, NY 10924 800-943-1750 845-206-0648 (Fax) www.taxptacticepro.com Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 6248

THE TAX INSTITUTE

424 18th Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301
661-861-0635
661-633-2119 (Fax)
www.taxcollege.com
Instructional Method: S
CTEC Provider #: 1007

NATIONAL TAX TRAINING SCHOOL

P.O. Box 767
Mahwah, NJ 7430
201-684-0828
201-684-0829 (Fax)
www.nattax.com
Instructional Method: C, S
CTEC Provider #: 1025

REFUNDS TODAY DBA NATIONAL TAX SCHOOL

Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 323-261-0240 877-329-2829 (Fax) www.nationaltaxschool.net Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 3044

10430 Pioneer Blvd. Suite 2

SUPER LAB TAX AND ACCOUNTING FIRM

753 San Simeon Street Sunnyvale, CA 94085 408-738-8382 Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 3061

TAX EASE, LLC

39270 Paseo Padre Pwy #624 Fremont, CA 94538 877-829-2667 510-779-5251 (Fax) www.taxeaseed.com Instructional Method: S CTEC Provider #: 3064

TAX TALK TODAY

10319 Westlake Drive #146 Bethesda, MD 20817 202-559-9330 202-559-9333 (Fax) www.taxtalktoday.com Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 3022

THE TAX SCHOOL

7080 Donlon Way Suite 201 Dublin, CA 94568 800-327-1040 800-426-2345 (Fax) www.thetaxschool.com Instructional Method: S CTEC Provider #: 1003

PLATINUM PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, INC.

Seal Beach, CA 90740 877-315-1772 877-315-2725 (Fax) www.platinumprostudies.com Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 2052

12340 Seal Beach Blvd. Suite 271B

RIVERSIDE TAX CONSULTANTS ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 5546 Riverside, CA 92517 951-369-5088 951-369-5075 (Fax) www.rtcaweb.org Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 2036

SURGENT MCCOY CPE,

237 Lancaster Ave.
Devon, PA 19333
800-778-7436
610-688-3977 (Fax)
www.cpenow.com
Instructional Method: C, S
CTEC Provider #: 6217

TAX LINK SEMINARS

2335 W. Foothill Blvd Ste 16 Upland, CA 91786 909-621-1982 909-625-4293 (Fax) Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 1048

TAXRESOURCES, INC.

600 Coolidge Drive, Suite 300 Folsom, CA 95630 714-382-7732 916-904-8499 (Fax) www.taxaudit.com Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 3027

THE TAX UNIVERSITY

1776 Locust Shade Ln Charlottesville, VA 22911 434-566-0875 www.onlinetaxuniversity.com Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 6219

PROEDTECH LLC

2222 Sedwick Road
Durham, Nc 27713
239-280-2300
800-508-2592 (Fax)
www.elifinancial.com/Taxation
Instructional Method: C
CTEC Provider #: 6251

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TAX PROFESSIONALS, INC.

5360 Jackson Dr Ste 118 La Mesa, CA 91942 619-698-0508 619-698-9735 (Fax) www.sctaxpro.org Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 6207

TAX CENTERS OF AMERICA, INC.

1611 East Main Street
Russellville, AR 72801
479-968-4796
479-968-8012 (Fax)
www.taxschoolsofamerica.com
Instructional Method: C, S
CTEC Provider #: 6230

TAX MATERIALS, INC.

15105 Minnetonka Ind. Rd., Suite 221 Minnetonka, MN 55345 952-746-5276 952-746-5278 (Fax) www.thetaxbook.com Instructional Method: S CTEC Provider #: 6193

THE INCOME TAX SCHOOL

10120 West Broad Street, Suite A Glen Allen, VA 23060 804-204-1040 804-213-4248 (Fax) www.theincometaxschool.com Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 1071

WEBCE

12222 Merit Dr, Suite 500
Dallas, TX 75251
877-488-9315
214-570-0213 (Fax)
www.webce.com
Instructional Method: C, S
CTEC Provider #: 6216

SCHOOLS APPROVED FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION (20 HOURS)

WESTERN CPE

243 Pegasus Drive Bozeman, MT 59718 406-556-0115 206-774-1285 (Fax) www.westerncpe.com Instructional Method: C, S

CTEC Provider #: 2071

WOLTERS KLUWER, CCH 2700 Lake Cook Road

Riverwoods, IL 60015 800-344-3734 773-866-3084(Fax) www.cchgroup.com Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 1075



SCHOOLS APPROVED FOR QUALIFYING EDUCATION (60 HOURS)

101 EDUCATION SERVICES INC.

9 S. Elmhurst Drive, #943 Prospect Heights, II 60070 800-214-4307 877-674-9290 (Fax) www.irstaxtraining.com Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 6224

3IS TAX SCHOOL

16756 Blackhawk Street Granada Hills, CA 91344 855-620-7988 818-742-6248 (Fax) www.3lsschool.com Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 6239

A & B OFFICE INCOME **TAX SCHOOL**

12432 Oxnard St. North Hollywood, CA 91606 818-505-3537 818-308-8533 (Fax) www.aboffice.com Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 1057

AMERICAN BUSINESS COLLEGE, INC.

7283 Engineer Road, Suite H San Diego, CA 92111 858-836-1420 858-836-1438 (Fax) www.theaccountingacademy.com Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 6252

AROUND THE BLOCK TAX BESTAX & INSURANCE **SERVICES**

214 N. Palm Ave. Ontario, CA 91762 909-270-6471 Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 3094

SERVICE

23962 Alessandro Blvd Ste Q Moreno Valley, CA 92553 951-653-2202 951-653-2473 (Fax) www.bestaxservice.net Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 6206

CABRILLO COLLEGE

6500 Soquel Drive Bela Division Aptos, CA 95003 831-479-6378 www.cabrillo.edu Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 2070

CALIFORNIA INCOME TAX LEARNING CENTER

2212 Fenton Parkway #214 San Diego, CA 92108 (Fax) Https://www.facebook.com/Taxpreptraining?Fref=Ts Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 6236

CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA TAX TAX CONSULTANTS, INC.

65 Enterprise Aliso Viejo, CA 92656 949-715-4192 949-715-6931 (Fax) www.cstcsociety.org Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 1000

INSTITUTE

5281 Laurel View Circle

Yorba Linda, CA 92886 800-995-1747 714-777-4267 (Fax) www.californiataxinstitute.com Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 1022

CHAFFEY COLLEGE

5885 Haven Ave. Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91737 909-652-6846 909-652-6825 (Fax) www.chaffey.edu Instructional Method: C CTFC Provider #: 2046

COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO

1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd. San Mateo, CA 94402 650-574-6161 www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/ **Accounting** Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 3025

COLLEGE OF THE DESERT COMMUNITY 1ST TAX

43-500 Monterrey Avenue Palm Desert, CA 92260 760-776-7316 www.colleofthedesert.edu Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 6235

SOLUTIONS

7867 S. Western Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90047 323-752-1040 (Fax) Instructional Method: C. S CTEC Provider #: 6246

COMPRO TAX

5349 Crenshaw Blvd., Suite 103 Los Angeles, CA 90043 323-292-5812 323-292-5816 (Fax) Comprotax.net Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 3013

EVERGREEN VALLEY COLLEGE

3095 Yerba Buena Road San Jose, CA 95135 408-274-7900 www.evc.edu Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 6182

FOOTHILL COLLEGE

12345 El Monte Road Los Altos Hills, CA 94022 650-949-7394 650-948-2845 (Fax) www.foothill.edu Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 3043

GOLDEN STATE TAX TRAINING INSTITUTE, INC.

PO Box 930 Prospect Heights, II 60070 877-674-9290 877-674-3472 (Fax) www.gstti.com Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 2040

H&R BLOCK TAX SERVICES, INC.

7604 Pacific Avenue, 2Nd Fl Stockton, CA 95207 916-529-9106 916-218-6261 (Fax) www.hrblock.com Instructional Method: C CTFC Provider #: 1040

HOANG LE FAST TAX & FINANCIAL PLANNING INC.

98 S. Abel Street Milpitas, CA 95035 510-697-9559 510-779-5588 (Fax) Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 6242

IRVINE VALLEY COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS SCIENCES

5500 Irvine Center Drive Irvine, CA 92618 949-451-5532 949-451-5775 (Fax) www.ivc.edu Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 6189

JACKSON HEWITT TAX SERVICE 501 N. Cattlemen Road, Suite 300

Sarasota, Fl 34232 800-234-1040 www.jacksonhewitt.com Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 1009

LATINO TAX PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION

1588 Moffett Street Ste. F Salinas, CA 93905 866-936-2587 831-424-3218 (Fax) www.latinotaxpro.org Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 2080

LIBERTY TAX SERVICE

303 Talmage Rd, Ste. B Ukiah, CA 95482 707-972-7335 707-462-6016 (Fax) www.libertytax.com Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 2097

SCHOOLS APPROVED FOR QUALIFYING EDUCATION (60 HOURS)

LOS RIOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

8401 Center Parkway Sacramento, CA 95823 916-691-7226 916-691-7443 (Fax) www.crc.losrios.edu Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 3006

NORCO COLLEGE

2001 Third Street Norco, CA 92860 951-372-7194 951-972-7192 (Fax) www.norcocollege.edu Instructional Method: C. CTEC Provider #: 6228

PRONTO TAX SCHOOL, INC.

4501 S. Centinela Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90066 310-422-1283 www.prontotaxschool.com Instructional Method: S CTEC Provider #: 6201

RIO HONDO COLLEGE

3600 Workman Mill Road Whittier, CA 90601 562-463-7358 562-463-4650 (Fax) www.riohondo.edu Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 6210

SANTA ANA COLLEGE

1530 W. 17th Street Santa Ana, CA 92706 714-564-6771 714-564-6133 (Fax) www.sac.edu Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 2019

TAX LEGEND SERVICES

1855 West Manchester Ave Los Angeles, CA 90047 310-412-1400 424-331-5665 (Fax) www.taxlegendonline.com Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 6240

MIRA COSTA COLLEGE BUSINESS DEPT.

Business Dept, 1 Barnard Drive Oceanside, CA 0 760-757-2121 X6488 760-795-6770 (Fax) www.miracosta.edu Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 1074

PASADENA CITY COLLEGE

1570 E. Colorado Blvd. Pasadena, CA 91106 626-585-7704 626-585-7704 (Fax) www.pasadena.edu Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 6185

R&VINCOMETAX SERVICES

2998 Mission Street San Francisco, CA 94110 415-933-1104 www.randvincometaxservices.com Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 3073

SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE

1313 Park Blvd. San Diego, CA 92101 619-388-3488 www.sdccd.edu Instructional Method: C CTFC Provider #: 2006

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE SEAL SERVICES INC.

1900 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90405 310-434-4846 310-434-3603 (Fax) www.smc.edu Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 6244

THE INCOME TAX **SCHOOL**

10120 West Broad Street, Suite A Glen Allen, Va 23060 804-204-1040 804-213-4248 (Fax) www.theincometaxschool.com Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 1071

MKG ENTERPRISES CORP D/B/A MKG TAX **CONSULTANTS**

3003 N Blackstone Ave Suite 209 Fresno, CA 93703 559-412-7248 609-277-8181 (Fax) www.mkgtax.com/Mkg-Tax-School-Course-6234

Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 6234 **PLATINUM**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE,

12340 Seal Beach Blvd. Suite 271B Seal Beach, CA 90740 877-315-1772 877-315-2725 (Fax) www.platinumprostudies.com Instructional Method: C, S

CTEC Provider #: 2052

REDEEMED BUSINESS & TAX SEVICES

1481 W. 7Th Street #62 Upland, CA 91786 562-606-2531 888-440-1379 (Fax) www.getredeemednow.com Instructional Method: C, S

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

CTEC Provider #: 6249

12927 Pomerado Road Poway, CA 92064 858-679-8661 858-762-4603 (Fax) www.sdmesa.edu Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 3053

3270 E. Belmont Avenue Fresno, CA 93702 559-266-6555 559-485-5384 (Fax) Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 6215

WOODLAND **COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

2300 E. Gibson Avenue Woodland, CA 95776 530-661-5714 www.wcc.yccd.edu Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 6241

NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE, INC.

6630 Telegraph Road Commerce, CA 90040 323-728-9636 323-728-0952 (Fax) www.npcollege.edu Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 6202

PLOVER FINANCIAL

11200 Crenshaw Blvd Inglewood, CA 90303 323-757-6900 310-496-0109 (Fax) Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 3058

REFUND REPUBLIC

983 N La Brea Suite 983 Inglewood, CA 90302 844-868-5433 www.refundrepublic.com Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 6247

SAN DIEGO MIRAMAR COLLEGE

10440 Black Mountain Road Attn: M107-P San Diego, CA 92126 619-388-7699 www.sdmiramar.edu Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 6250

TAX COURSE CENTRAL JORDAN & JORDAN FINANCIAL"

31858 Castaic Rd Ste 179 Castaic, CA 91384 800-349-8905 www.taxcoursecentral.com/ **CTEC-Courses** Instructional Method: C, S CTEC Provider #: 1068

YUBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2088 N. Beale Road Marysville, CA 95901 530-741-6908 530-741-8958 (Fax) www.yccd.edu Instructional Method: C CTEC Provider #: 2003

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors California Tax Education Council Sacramento, California

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the California Tax Education Council, which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Council's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

1515 River Park Drive, Suite 150 Sacramento, CA 95815-4606 Tel (916) 481-2856 Fax (916) 488-4428 http://www.dhscpa.com We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of California Tax Education Council as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The statements of activities and changes in net assets – budget to actual on pages 35-36 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

DAMORE, HAMRIC & SCHNEIDER, INC.

Certified Public Accountants

November 6, 2017

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

		2017	 2016
ASSETS			
Current Assets Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note 2) Certificates of Deposit (Note 3) Prepaid Expenses	\$	179,637 1,200,000 942	\$ 314,560 650,000 942
Total Current Assets	<u>\$</u>	1,380,579	\$ 965,502
Equipment, Net (Note 4)	\$	43,252	\$ 64,375
Total Assets	<u>\$</u>	1,423,831	\$ 1,029,877
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$	108,561	\$ 68,300
Total Current Liabilities and Total Liabilities	\$	108,561	\$ 68,300
Net Assets Net Assets - Unrestricted	\$	1,315,270	\$ 961,577
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	1,423,831	\$ 1,029,877
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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

		2017	2016		
Revenue:	,				
Registration Fees	\$	1,297,365	\$	1,327,722	
Late Registration Fees		381,315		384,758	
Certificates		7,050		7,528	
Provider Fees		28,050		24,800	
Mailing List		2,000		3,250	
Other Income		340		309	
Interest		3,362		2,474	
Total Revenues	\$	1,719,482	\$	1,750,841	
Expenses:					
Board Activities	\$	152,402	\$	125,980	
Audit Oversight Committee		18,003		19,334	
General and Administrative		108,865		100,804	
Communication and Technology		57,435		52,140	
Curriculum Provider Committee		89,612		90,121	
Budget and Finance Committee					
Executive Committee					
Governmental Relations Committee		252,414		311,022	
Public Awareness Committee		385,066		378,110	
Tax Preparer Committee		301,992		312,001	
Total Expenses	\$	1,365,789	\$	1,389,512	
Increase in Net Assets	\$	353,693	\$	361,329	
Net Assets, Beginning of Fiscal Year		961,577		600,248	
Net Assets, End of Fiscal Year	<u>\$</u>	1,315,270	\$	961,577	

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Board Activities	Audit Oversight Committee	General & Administrative	Communication & Technology	Curriculum Provider Committee	Budget & Finance Committee	Executive Committee	Governmental Relations Committee	Public Awareness Committee	Tax Preparer Committee	Total Expenses
Accounting	\$ —	\$ 13,230	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 13,230
Advertising & Promotion	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	329,781	_	329,781
Audit Review	_	_	_	_	3,748	_	_	_	_	_	3,748
Bank Service Charges	_	_	185	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	185
Credit Card Fees	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	47,807	47,807
Depreciation	_	_	_	_	4,225	_	_	_	8,449	8,449	21,123
Enforcement	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	164,602	_	_	164,602
Fees & Licenses	_	_	180	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	180
Insurance	_	_	2,807	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	2,807
Legal	_	_	17,537	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	17,537
Management Fee	82,350	_	82,350	27,450	27,450	_	_	82,350	27,450	219,600	549,000
Meetings & Conferences	40,989	_	_	_	1,500	_	_	1,032	_	_	43,521
Miscellaneous	_	_	556	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	556
Outside Consultants	_	_	_	6,660	52,689	_	_	_	_	_	59,349
Postage	_	_	340	_	_	_	_	_	4,501	11,000	15,841
Printing	_	4,773	4,910	_	_	_	_	_	10,531	15,136	35,350
Telephone & Fax	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1,290	_	1,290
Travel	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	4,430	3,064	_	7,494
Mileage	3,016	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	3,016
Airfare	3,304	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	3,304
Hotel	17,825	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	17,825
Per Diem	3,000	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	3,000
Cab	572	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	572
Parking	1,346		_			_	_	_	_	_	1,346
Web Page		_	_	23,325		_		_		_	23,325
Total Expenses	\$ 152,402	\$ 18,003	\$ 108,865	\$ 57,435	\$ 89,612	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 252,414	\$ 385,066	\$ 301,992	\$ 1,365,789

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Board Activities	Audit Oversight Committee	General & Administrative	Communication & Technology	Curriculum Provider Committee	Budget & Finance Committee	Executive Committee	Governmental Relations Committee	Public Awareness Committee	Tax Preparer Committee	Total Expenses
Accounting	\$ —	\$ 14,500	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 14,500
Advertising & Promotion	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	305,159	_	305,159
Audit Review	_	_	_	_	5,599	_	_	_	_	_	5,599
Bank Service Charges	_	_	250	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	250
Credit Card Fees	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	60,131	60,131
Depreciation	_	_	_	_	4,233	_	_	_	8,464	8,464	21,161
Enforcement	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	224,301	_	_	224,301
Fees & Licenses		_	150	_	_	_		_	_	_	150
Insurance	_	_	2,807	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	2,807
Legal	_	_	12,127	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	12,127
Management Fee	82,350	_	82,350	27,450	27,450	_	_	82,350	27,450	219,600	549,000
Meetings & Conferences	21,251	_	_	_	1,791	_	_	905	_	_	23,947
Miscellaneous	_	_	10	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	10
Outside Consultants	_	_	_	6,164	51,048	_	_	_	_	_	57,212
Postage	_	_	535	_	_	_	_	_	15,865	10,953	27,353
Printing	_	4,834	2,575	_	_	_	_	_	17,394	12,853	37,656
Telephone & Fax	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1,325	_	1,325
Travel	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	3,466	2,453	_	5,919
Mileage	3,959	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	3,959
Airfare	2,533	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	2,533
Hotel	12,097	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	12,097
Per Diem	2,700	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	2,700
Cab	422	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	422
Parking	668	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	668
Web Page	_	_	_	18,526	_	_	_	_	_	_	18,526
Total Expenses	\$ 125,980	\$ 19,334	\$ 100,804	\$ 52,140	\$ 90,121	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 311,022	\$ 378,110	\$ 312,001	\$ 1,389,512

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

		2017		2016
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:				
Increase in Net Assets	\$	353,693	\$	361,329
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash				
from operating activities:				
Depreciation		21,123		21,161
Increase (Decrease) in accounts payable		40,261	(9,763)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$	415,077	\$	372,727
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:				
Purchase of computer equipment	\$		(\$	5,824)
Proceeds from the redemption of certificates of deposits		650,000		400,000
Purchase of certificates of deposits	(_	1,200,000)	(650,000)
Net Cash Used by Investing Activities	<u>(\$</u>	550,000)	(<u>\$</u>	255,824)
Net (Decrease) Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>(\$</u>	134,923)	\$	116,903
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	\$	314,560	\$	197,657
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$	179,637	\$	314,560

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES:

<u>Principles of Accounting and Nature of Operations</u> - The accompanying financial statements reflect the operations for the California Tax Education Council (CTEC), which was incorporated on January 14, 1997, and commenced active operations on July 1, 1997. CTEC is a public benefit corporation and use or distribution of its assets is subject to certain restrictions.

The State of California requires that all persons in California who prepare taxes for a fee meet certain education requirements and register annually, with exception to IRS Circular 230 tax preparers. CTEC collects registration fees, verifies that tax preparers have met the education and bond requirements, issues certificates, and approves education providers. CTEC registered 39,306 and 39,965 tax preparers in 2017 and 2016, respectively.

<u>Basis of Accounting</u> - The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions according to three classes of net assets as follows:

Unrestricted Net Assets - Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met, either by actions of the Organization and/or the passage of time. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. The Organization had no temporarily restricted net assets at June 30, 2017 or 2016.

Permanently Restricted Net Assets - This component of net assets consists of stipulations that certain assets are to be maintained permanently by the recipient. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the recipient to use all or part of the income earned on any related investments for general or specific purposes. The Organization did not have permanently restricted net assets at June 30, 2017 or 2016.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (Continued):

<u>Use of Estimates</u> - The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

<u>Investments</u> - Investments, composed of certificates of deposit, are valued at fair value. Interest earned is reported as revenue. Although all of the investments are managed through Wells Fargo Bank, who purchases, reinvests and redeems the certificates on behalf of CTEC, the individual certificates of deposits are held with various banking institutions and no single certificate exceeds the federally insured balance at any one banking institution. There is, therefore, no concentration of credit risk present.

<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u> - Cash and cash equivalents include demand deposits and money market accounts.

Equipment - All equipment is recorded at historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated assets are valued at estimated fair value on the date received. CTEC capitalizes equipment with a cost of over \$500 and an estimated life of one year or more. Costs of assets sold or retired (and the related amounts of accumulated depreciation) are eliminated from the statement of financial position in the year of sale or retirement, and the resulting gain or loss is recognized on the statement of activities and changes in net assets.

Depreciation is provided on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of assets as follows.

Description	Estimated Useful Life
Computer Equipment	5 Years
Software Development	7 Years

<u>Revenue Recognition</u> - Revenue is recognized when the required fee is received by CTEC.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (Continued):

Advertising and Promotion Costs - CTEC expenses advertising costs the first time the advertising occurs on a contract spanning less than a year in length. CTEC uses advertising to assure that the public is informed of the requirements for unlicensed tax preparers practicing in California to be registered. Advertising and promotion costs for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 was \$329,781 and \$305,159, respectively. For the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, \$75,000 and \$72,000, respectively, was related to the hiring of an outside public relations firm. These amounts are included in advertising and promotion costs.

<u>Enforcement</u> - CTEC contracts with the State of California, Franchise Tax Board (FTB) for reimbursement of expenses incurred by the FTB's Fraud and Discovery Section while educating and enforcing the provisions of the Business and Professions Code Section 22250-22259 relating to the registration of tax preparers and California Revenue and Taxation Code 19167 (d) and (e).

For the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 CTEC budgeted enforcement expenses at \$260,000. Actual expenditures for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 were \$164,602 and \$224,301, respectively.

<u>Income Taxes</u> - CTEC is exempt from income taxes under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Section 501 (c)(3) of the code provides for the exemption of organizations that organize and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or education purposes and whose net earnings do not inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual. The State of California recognizes this exemption.

CTEC applies the accounting principles related to accounting for uncertainty in income taxes and has determined that there is no material impact on the financial statements.

<u>Reclassifications</u> - Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2016 financial statements to conform to the 2017 financial statement presentation.

<u>Subsequent Events Review</u> - Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date of the audit report, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

NOTE 2 CASH AND CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK:

CTEC considers short-term highly liquid investments to be cash equivalents provided that they are both readily convertible to cash and had an original maturity of three months or less when purchased.

The Organization maintains a cash balance at Wells Fargo Banks. Accounts at the bank are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000. At June 30, 2017, no cash exceeded federally insured limits.

The balance in cash and cash equivalents held by Wells Fargo at June 30 include:

		2016		
Bank accounts Money market funds	\$	140,386 39,251	\$	28,514 286,046
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	179,637	\$	314,560

NOTE 3 CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS:

CTEC's certificates of deposit mature as follows for the year ended of June 30, 2017:

Institution	Maturity Date	Amount		
First Financial Bank	July 16, 2017	\$	250,000	
Bank of Baroda	August 23, 2017		250,000	
Safra National Bank	February 1, 2018		250,000	
Bank of India NY	February 7, 2018		250,000	
Goldman Sachs Bank USA	March 28, 2018		200,000	
		\$	1,200,000	

CTEC's certificates of deposit mature as follows for the year ended of June 30, 2016:

Institution	Maturity Date	 Amount
Bank of Baroda	August 23, 2016	\$ 250,000
Santander Bank CD	February 21, 2017	200,000
Worlds Foremost Bank	May 19, 2017	200,000
		\$ 650,000

NOTE 3 <u>CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS (Continued)</u>:

At June 30, 2017 and 2016, certificates of deposit included \$1,200,000 and \$650,000, respectively, which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

NOTE 4 <u>EQUIPMENT</u>:

Equipment as of June 30, 2017 was as follows:

	Jun	e 30, 2016	A	dditions	Deletions	Jun	e 30, 2017
Computer Equipment Software	\$	22,905 147,874	\$		\$	\$	22,905 147,874
Total Equipment	\$	170,779	\$		\$	\$	170,779
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(106,404)	(21,123)		(127,527)
Equipment, net	\$	64,375	(<u>\$</u>	21,123)	\$	\$	43,252

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2017 was \$21,123.

Software development cost are related to CTEC's internally developed software and are recorded at cost and depreciated over a 7 year period.

Equipment as of June 30, 2016 was as follows:

	June 30, 2015 Addition		Additions	Deletions	Jun	June 30, 2016	
Computer Equipment Software	\$	22,905 142,050	\$	5,824	\$	\$	22,905 147,874
Total Equipment	\$	164,955	\$	5,824	\$	\$	170,779
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(85,243)	(21,161)		(106,404)
Equipment, net	\$	79,712	(<u>\$</u>	15,337)	\$	\$	64,375

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2016 was \$21,161.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

NOTE 5 MANAGEMENT COMPANY:

Advocation Strategies Inc. (Management Company) provides management services for CTEC. CTEC pays the Management Company a flat monthly fee under the current contract of \$45,750. CTEC's current contract with the Management Company expires June 30, 2017. CTEC paid the Management Company \$549,000 for each of the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016.

The Management Company's fee covers all their employee related costs. CTEC has no employees.

NOTE 6 <u>CONTINGENCIES</u>:

CTEC was created by the California State Legislature and was reauthorized pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Sections 22250 during 2014. This legislation remains in effect until January 1, 2019. Unless new legislation is enacted before January 1, 2019 to extend this date, this statute will be repealed.

NOTE 7 FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES:

The costs of providing the various programs and activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

California Tax Education Council Statement Of Activities And Changes in Net Assets Budget To Actual

For The Year Ended June 30, 2017

		Budget	Actual	Variance Over Budget (Under Budget)	
REVENUE					_
Registration Fees	\$	1,334,000	\$ 1,297,365	(\$	36,635)
Late Registration		363,500	381,315		17,815
Certificates		7,500	7,050	(450)
Provider Fees		31,000	28,050	(2,950)
Mailing List		3,500	2,000	(1,500)
Other Income		450	340	(110)
Interest		1,400	 3,362		1,962
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$</u>	1,741,350	\$ 1,719,482	(\$	21,868)
EXPENSES					
Board Activities	\$	148,850	\$ 152,402	\$	3,552
Audit Oversight Committee		22,500	18,003	(4,497)
General and Administrative		105,750	108,865		3,115
Communication and Technology		58,850	57,435	(1,415)
Curriculum Provider Committee		172,450	89,612	(82,838)
Budget and Finance Committee		250		(250)
Executive Committee		500		(500)
Governmental Relations Committee		349,850	252,414	(97,436)
Public Awareness Committee		391,200	385,066	(6,134)
Tax Preparer Committee		318,850	 301,992	(16,858)
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$</u>	1,569,050	\$ 1,365,789	(\$	203,261)
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	\$	172,300	\$ 353,693	\$	181,393
NET ASSETS BEGINNING OF YEAR		1,209,839	961,577		
NET ASSETS END OF YEAR	<u>\$</u>	1,382,139	\$ 1,315,270		

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

California Tax Education Council Statement Of Activities And Changes in Net Assets Budget To Actual

For The Year Ended June 30, 2016

	 Budget	Actual		Variance Over Budget (Under Budget)	
REVENUE					
Registration Fees	\$ 1,341,000	\$	1,327,722	(\$	13,278)
Late Registration	342,500		384,758	`	42,258
Certificates	7,500		7,528		28
Provider Fees	26,500		24,800	(1,700)
Mailing List	2,000		3,250		1,250
Other Income	250		309		59
Interest	 200		2,474		2,274
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,719,950	\$	1,750,841	\$	30,891
EXPENSES					
Board Activities	\$ 137,850	\$	125,980	(\$	11,870)
Audit Oversight Committee	22,500		19,334	*	3,166)
General and Administrative	105,650		100,804	,	4,846)
Communication and Technology	57,850		52,140	(5,710)
Curriculum Provider Committee	205,950		90,121	(115,829)
Budget and Finance Committee	250			(250)
Executive Committee	500			(500)
Governmental Relations Committee	350,850		311,022	(39,828)
Public Awareness Committee	379,450		378,110	(1,340)
Tax Preparer Committee	 371,850		312,001	(59,849)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,632,700	\$	1,389,512	(\$	243,188)
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 87,250	\$	361,329	\$	274,079
NET ASSETS BEGINNING OF YEAR	 600,248		600,248		
NET ASSETS END OF YEAR	\$ 687,498	\$	961,577		