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ACA – Introduction

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ACA – Mission

American Citizens Abroad (ACA, Inc.) mission is to educate, advocate and inform both the US Government and US Citizens living and working overseas on issues of concern to the overseas US Citizen community.





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ACA works to find practical solutions to resolve issues impacting overseas US Citizens and communicates results to constituents stateside and abroad. ACA is the premier thought-leader on issues affecting US Citizens living and working overseas.

- ACA educates both the US Government and US Citizens living and working overseas on critical issues impacting the overseas American community.
- ACA advocates for practical, implementable solutions that allows the community of US Citizens overseas to thrive, while continuing to contribute to the US society and economy. ACA solutions are driven by the following criteria; achievability, practicality and ease of implementation.
- ACA informs the community of US citizens overseas by monitoring legislation, engaging in dialogue with the Legislative, Administrative and Judicial branches of the US government and, by listening to US Citizens living overseas, gathering knowledge from globally-minded professional experts in the field, gaining input from our Country Information Managers, monitoring the media and fielding research projects via our sister organization American Citizens Abroad Global Foundation (ACAGF).





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ACA, Inc. is a membership organization representing Americans living abroad. It is incorporated as a nonprofit organization under the laws of the State of Delaware. Its structure and operations fall within the rules applicable to an exempt social welfare organization (section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code). Alongside it is American Citizens Abroad Global Foundation, organized as a publicly-supported charity under section 501(c)(3).

ACA is nonpartisan and does not support any political group. ACA favors a balanced approach to subjects, supporting efforts that provide tangible results.

ACA does not support or campaign for any candidates. It does not provide tax, legal or investment advice. It does not market the services of any person or group.





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ACA – News

1. **SDFCU – State Department Federal Credit Union** – Us Savings, Checking, Credit Card, Debit card Accounts available for overseas Americans – members of ACA
2. **Same Country Exception** – In regular discussions with Assistant Secretary of Treasury (International) Robert Stack for FATCA form 8938 filing. Would not require a legal change, just a rules change. Support from several members of Congress. ACA's most recent meeting just before the summer – this has a good possibility of coming into effect.
3. **Taxpayer Advocate Services Conference on “Future State of the IRS:** ACA was asked to provide a panelist at the recently held Taxpayer Advocate Services conference on the Future State of the IRS. The Taxpayer Advocate is a great supporter of the community of Americans overseas and has highlighted our issues to the Congress annually in their report to Congress
4. **Residence-based taxation:** ACA is the only organization representing Americans overseas that has developed a proposal for Residence-based taxation. Our proposals relies on using the taxation model for nonresident aliens as a base for moving Americans overseas to a territorial approach to taxation, no taxation on income generated outside of the United States. ACA is working with a professional scoring agency in Washington DC to make this work happen. This will involve a fund-raising campaign which ACA is in the process of developing.
5. **Passport Revocation Provision:** Late in 2015 the Congress passed a provision buried in the Surface Transportation Act. The provision calls for the revocation/denial of passport for Americans with a tax debt of \$50,000. This is a provision which ACA has opposed for many years as it has been proposed various times before.
6. **Social Security:** Recent measures that would have blocked most overseas Americans from accessing their accounts on-line were reversed in part due to the input of ACA.
7. **Media:** ACA is actively working with the media on an ongoing basis to keep the issues and stories of Americans overseas in the forefront of the discussion. Recently ACA has been quoted in USA Today, the WSJ, International Investment, The South China News, Tax Analyst.





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