



## For Senior Taxpayers

**Question:** I entered into a “reverse mortgage” arrangement with my bank, are proceeds of the loan taxable to me?

**Answer:** A **reverse mortgage** is a loan where the lender pays you (in a lump sum, a monthly advance, a line of credit, or a combination of all three) while you continue to live in your home. With a reverse mortgage, you retain title to your home. Depending on the plan, your reverse mortgage becomes due with interest when you move, sell your home, reach the end of a pre-selected loan period, or die. Because reverse mortgages are considered loan advances and not income, **the amount you receive is not taxable**. Any interest (including original issue discount) accrued on a reverse mortgage is not deductible until you actually pay it, which is usually when you pay off the loan in full. Your deduction may be limited because a reverse mortgage loan generally is subject to the limit on Home Equity Debt discussed in Part II.

See [Publication 936](#) on **Home Mortgage Interest Deduction**.

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