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Home Buyer Tax Credit Extended By Congress – President Expected To Sign

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Although it will only affect a limited number of home buyers, the expected extension of the home buyer credit is welcome news for certain taxpayers.

The extension only affects home buyers that met the April 30, 2010 deadline for having a signed contract to purchase a primary residence. In many cases, these individuals weren't able to meet the original June 30 deadline for closing the deal. Because many of these buyers were relying on the financial boost provided by the credit, the June 30 deadline would have caused many of these home buyers to back out of their contracts. The extension of the deadline is an attempt by Congress to help alleviate this dilemma.

Unfortunately for many buyers, this extension does not allow for additional time to enter into a purchase agreement. Buyers that did not meet the April 30 deadline for a signed purchase contract will not be eligible for the credit (unless Congress acts to pass another extension, which is unlikely).

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