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The Tax Treatment of Homeownership Tax Implications of Home Ownership

Homeowner Imputed Rent and Capital Gains International Monetary Fund

"This paper analyzes the connection between the asymmetric tax treatment of homeowners and landlords and the progressivity of income taxation using a quantitative overlapping generations general equilibrium model with housing and rental markets. Our model emphasizes the determinants of tenure choice (own vs. rent) and the household decision to supply housing services to the rental market. This formulation breaks the link between the rental price and the equilibrium interest rate and, hence, the aggregate supply of rental property responds differently to the direction of rental price changes, marginal tax rate changes, and maintenance cost changes. We show that the model replicates the key factors and the distributional patterns of ownership, house size, and landlords. The degree of progressivity in the income tax code has important implications for housing tenure and housing consumption. We find a movement toward a less progressive income tax code can generate sizeable increases in homeownership and welfare that result from the equilibrium effects and a portfolio reallocation mechanism absent in economies with a single asset (i.e. Conesa and Krueger (2006)). An examination of the removal of existing asymmetries in the tax code are found to have effects on housing that differ from those reported in the literature. We show that housing policy can increase the ownership rate of a particular segment of the population, but generate nontrivial distributional costs. The welfare increases are no larger than those found when the progressivity of the tax code is reduced"--Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis web site.

Income Taxes and Housing John Wiley & Sons

The current system of housing assistance differs enormously from an ideal system based on compelling arguments for government action. The bulk of housing subsidies is provided to middle- and upper-income households through the favorable tax treatment of homeownership under the federal individual income tax. These tax provisions induce more middle- and upper-income households to be homeowners than if the homeownership preferences were eliminated and tax rates were reduced proportionally to raise the same tax revenue, and they induce homeowners in these income categories to occupy better housing than under this alternative tax system. These distortions in individual choice serve no compelling social purpose. In contrast to the housing subsidies provided under the tax code to middle- and upper-income households, the current system of low-income housing assistance is strongly biased against homeownership. Programs that subsidize homeownership account for only 10 percent of total spending on income-tested housing programs and for even less spending on programs that help the poorest households. Calculations from the 2003 National American Housing Survey show that the average per capita income of the households served by low-income homeownership programs is about three times as large as the average for households served by low-income rental programs. This paper takes no position on whether governments should encourage low-income households to become homeowners but does assume that governments should not actively discourage it. To neutralize the current bias in government programs against homeownership, the paper suggests reforms that do not require additional spending. The appropriate level of spending is a separable question not addressed here.

DATC Brookings Institution Press

Western countries' income tax systems exempt the return from investing in owner-occupied housing. Returns from other investments are instead taxed, thus distorting households' portfolio choices, although it is argued that housing property taxation might act as a counterbalance. Based on data drawn from the Statistics of Income and Living Conditions and the UK Family Resources Survey, and building on tax-benefit model EUROMOD, we provide novel evidence on the interplay of income and property taxation in budgetary, efficiency and equity terms in eight European countries. Results reveal that, even accounting for recurrent housing property taxation, a sizeable 'homeownership bias' i.e. a lighter average and marginal taxation for homeownership investment, is embedded in current tax systems, and displays heterogeneous distributional profiles across different countries. Housing property taxation represents only a partial correction towards neutrality.

Estimates of Federal Tax Expenditures John Wiley & Sons

America's #1 bestselling home buying guide Are you looking to buy a house, but don't quite know where to begin? Have no fear! This new edition of Home Buying Kit For Dummies arms you with Eric Tyson and Ray Brown's time-tested advice and strategies for buying a home in current market conditions. Packed with valuable tips for getting the best deal on your new home and navigating an ever-changing housing market, it shows you how to find the right property, make smart financial decisions, and understand the latest lending requirements and tax implications. Thanks to looser lending standards, lower down payment mortgages, and a wider selection of homes to choose from, first-time homebuyers are making a comeback in the housing market. But if you don't know a Colonial from a counter offer, the process of buying a home can be daunting. Luckily, this bestselling guide is here to take the confusion out of the process! In plain English, it provides step-by-step guidance for buying the home of your dreams, from inspecting a property to evaluating a location to making sense of loan applications, tax documents, and counter offer forms. Negotiate your best deal and obtain a lower down payment mortgage Improve your credit score Make sense of changing lending standards Take the confusion out of lending laws, mortgage rates, and marketplace conditions Whether you're a renter, investor, or current homeowner, everything you need to plant roots in a new home sweet home is just a page away.

The Impact of the Federal Income Tax on Investment in Housing Urban Inst Press

Seminar paper from the year 2010 in the subject Business economics - Miscellaneous, grade: A, Oxford Brookes

University, language: English, abstract: One of the most important decisions a person makes in life that requires proper consideration is the decision to purchase a new home. This is because this is not a decision that can be made abruptly given its long term implications on one's finances. Nevertheless, majority of Americans are willing to become home owners. The 2010, US census depicted homeownership at a rising trend, 67.1%, a bit abnormal given the economic hardships the country experienced in the recent past. (U.S. Census, 2010). This figure represents both first time home owners as well as those that had purchased houses before. In spite of this, a myriad of factors needs to be taken into consideration before making this very important decision of owning a home. They include marginal costs and benefits, the country's economy strength, principles as well as the played by both internal and international trade. This paper discusses some aspects that prospective home owners need to know before purchasing a home.

Owner-occupied Housing Taxation GRIN Verlag

This research identifies and quantifies horizontal and vertical inequities resulting from selected owner-occupied housing tax policies through micro-simulation. The simulations are spread sheet constructions underpinned by the respective UK and US tax systems. Within each country-specific simulation case families are established varying with regard to income levels and investment choices. The specific tax policies analysed are the acquisition taxes, property taxes, elements specific to housing affecting income taxes (i.e. mortgage interest relief) and capital gains taxes. In addition to the specific tax policies, the overall tax obligations (the sum of the four specific taxes) are considered. The time frame of the study is a twenty-year period from 1990 through 2009. A recurring theme in the literature is that homeowners ought to be taxed as investors in rental properties to ensure tenure neutrality or, alternatively, taxed as any other investor to ensure tax neutrality. This research considers the corresponding effects on horizontal and vertical equity by modifying the UK and US tax systems for increased levels of neutrality through further micro-simulation analysis. Finally, the respective owner-occupied housing tax policy changes and reforms that occurred within the twenty-year period studied are evaluated in terms of enhancements to or hindrances of horizontal and vertical equity. This is accomplished by simulating sixteen five-year periods within the twenty-year time frame and evaluating horizontal and vertical equity on a within-country and a cross-country basis. What appears to be lacking in the literature is an extensive comparative analysis of the specific owner-occupied housing tax policies and their interrelationship with respect to the complex overall tax system in which they are present. The aim of this research is to contribute to the middle/high range of comparative analytical work. The research is set within a comprehensive theoretical framework and systematically ii compares the two countries' specific tax policies and their overall impact on the respective tax systems. The methodology used is consistent between the two countries, ensuring a robust dual-nation comparison. The US specific tax policies relevant to homeownership and the overall tax system were found to have greater inherent horizontal inequities when compared with the UK tax policies and tax system. Both countries' specific tax systems were found to have varying inherent vertical inequities. The UK homeowner occupiers experience more vertical equity (progressivity) in the acquisition tax system when compared with the US investors. Conversely, the US homeowner occupiers experience more vertical equity (progressivity) in the property tax, income tax and capital gains tax systems. Overall, the US investors experience a more progressive tax system when compared directly with the UK investors. The abolition of the UK Mortgage Interest Relief at Source (MIRAS) resulted in a less progressive income tax system for homeowner occupiers but one that is

more horizontally equitable with other investors. The erosion of the benefits realised from the US mortgage interest and real estate tax deductions has resulted in a more vertically and horizontally equitable income tax system for all but the most wealthy. Vertical equity was improved by the adoption of the UK council tax in that it is a less regressive form of property taxation when compared with its predecessor. The recent reforms to the UK stamp duty (land tax) have made the system of acquisition taxation more vertically equitable but have exacerbated the horizontal inequity of the system with respect to other capital investors. The US capital gains tax system as it relates to the homeowner occupier changed significantly with the Tax Reform Act of 1997, resulting in a simpler but less equitable system depending on circumstances. With regard to the equity of the overall tax systems of the two countries, the UK's progressivity has decreased while the horizontal equity has improved during the twenty-year period, whereas the progressivity of the US system has remained relatively flat with an improvement in horizontal equity. iii The author concludes with a call for the gradual repeal of the mortgage interest relief in the US, a subsidy shown to be extremely vertically inequitable in this study and one that was estimated to cost the exchequer \$79 million in lost tax revenue in 2010 by the US Office for Management and Budget. While a taxable imputed rental income may be theoretically optimal, the well-recognised administrative and compliance issues associated with such tax reform make it untenable. Therefore, the second best option and the one adopted by the UK and most other developed nations, is not to allow a deduction for a cost in generating untaxed income. This research contributes a unique synthesis of methodological techniques to the housing equity literature. The combined analyses of horizontal equity under the classical definition with the chosen structural and distributional techniques in evaluating vertical equity have never been done before. The analysis of the overall tax system comprising four specific tax systems is also original in this area of research and employs the Suits (1977) method for determining overall progressivity. There is an attempt within this research to replicate the results derived from the Suits indices by similarly extending the structural indices, thus testing the transferability of the methodology established by Suits. This is the first attempt to extend the structural indices established decades earlier to researcher's knowledge. The results from two of the three structural measures are inconsistent with each other and the results from the Suits indices and therefore not believed to be informative. However, the results from the extended Liability Progression of both countries are indeed consistent with the results of Suits indices. This is an interesting research observation and may be indicative of the transferability of the Suits methodology. This area of research continues to be discussed by academics and policymakers given the conflicting underpinning theories and continued fiscal favouritism in many developed countries. This research area has become even more topical in the last few years given the recent financial crisis. The multi-layered, comparative micro-simulation technique employed within this research provides a solid platform from which to appraise conventional wisdoms and proposals for future policy with regard to owner-occupied housing taxation and beyond.

Tax Reform and Real Estate Zyrus Press

Modern empirical work on the choice between renting and owning focuses on the concept of the "user cost" of housing, which integrates into a single measure the various components of housing costs. The standard approach implicitly assumes that households know the user cost of housing with certainty. However, the ex post user cost measure exhibits substantial variability over time, and it is highly unlikely that individuals believe themselves able to forecast these fluctuations with certainty. In this paper, we construct and estimate a model of the tenure choice that explicitly allows for the effects of uncertainty. The results suggest that previous work which ignored uncertainty may have overstated the effects of the income tax system upon the tenure choice.

The Tax Treatment of Homeownership Tax Implications of Home Ownership... discusses the tax consequences of the purchase, financing, refinancing and sale or exchange of a taxpayer's principal residence. Inflation, Income Taxes and Owner-occupied Housing The Regional Implications of the Homeownership Income Tax Subsidy Elimination of Double Tax Benefits for Military Homeowners How Changes in the Tax Treatment of Homeownership Will Change the Probability of Home Ownership OECD Tax Policy Studies Housing Taxation in OECD Countries

The goal of this book, the first in a series, is to bring policymakers, practitioners, and scholars up to speed on the state of knowledge on various aspects of urban and regional policy. What do we know about the effectiveness of select policy approaches, reforms, or experiments on key social and economic problems facing cities, suburbs, and metropolitan areas? What can we say about what works, what doesn't, and why? And what does this knowledge and experience imply for future policy questions? The authors take a fresh look at several different issues (e.g., economic development, education, land use) and conceptualize how each should be thought of. Once the contributors have presented the essence of what is known, as well as the likely implications, they identify the knowledge gaps that need to be filled for the successful formulation and implementation of urban and regional policy.

Housing Taxation

It is well known that the preferential tax treatment of housing induces an inefficient allocation of saving and investment. This paper analyzes, in a

portfolio framework, how eliminating the deductibility of mortgage interest payments for federal income tax purposes might affect investment in housing. Expected rate of return and risk is estimated for three assets, bonds, housing, and stocks. The possibility that assets are imperfect substitutes is explicitly recognized in one section of the paper. The model suggests that the share of housing is likely to decrease by 4 to 9 percentage points if mortgage interest payments are not deductible. This may call for careful phrasing of the change in policy.

#### Implications of Fiscal Policy for Housing Tenure Decisions

This paper surveys the effects of two of the most important federal policies toward housing: the "implicit subsidy" for owner-occupied housing in the income tax code, and the provision of housing for low income families at rents below cost. Emphasis is placed on the methodological problems that arise in attempts to assess the efficiency and distributive implications of these programs. Section 1 critically discusses the rationalization for a government housing policy. Section 2 investigates the econometric problems associated with estimating the effects of government policy upon housing decisions. The federal tax treatment of owner-occupation and how it affects the cost and demand for homeownership are discussed in Section 3. In Section 4, the positive and normative implications of U.S. policies for low income housing are evaluated. The conclusion notes that the policies under concern have led to a greater than efficient amount of housing consumption, and have on net probably led to a more unequal distribution of income.

#### *How Changes in the Tax Treatment of Homeownership Will Change the Probability of Home Ownership*

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#### **Tax Advantages of Owning Real Estate**

Tax Advantages of Owning Real Estate is written for real estate licensees, attorneys, investors and owners, with emphasis on California transactions. The objective of this book is to fully provide buyers, owner-operators and sellers of real estate complete knowledge of the federal tax consequences that accompany all real estate transactions. Many real estate decisions, particularly for sellers, are driven by the transaction's profit tax implications. Thus, it is important for buyers, owners and sellers of homes, business premises, income-producing properties and investment real estate to understand and apply tax rules in their real estate transactions. For the broker or agent, advice about taxes, if made known, may hold strong influence over a client's decision to buy, sell, finance or lease real estate. To this end, Tax Advantages of Owning Real Estate discusses the advice brokers can and should give to a client regarding the tax consequences of real estate transactions. On completion of this book, brokers and agents will be able to competently articulate various income tax consequences, analyze the application of federal tax rules to various real estate transactions, use worksheets to back up their advice, and represent buyers and sellers on ever higher-valued properties. Similarly, individual investors and owners will gain a firm understanding of the tax rules and financial implications of their real estate decisions.

#### Investment in Housing in the United States

Investigates the role of home ownership in Australia.

#### Basis of Assets

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#### *The Role of Home Ownership*

Many of the world's wealthy countries provide fiscal incentives to homeowners. Yet, the impact of such tax breaks on housing tenure decision is unclear. Using difference-in-differences approach, this study

estimates the effect of mortgage interest deduction on home ownership in the United States. The identification relies on the large changes in income tax rates and standard deduction. The largest of these changes increased income tax rate by as much as 23.9% and decreased standard deduction by 7.2% between 2002 and 2004. The baseline estimates suggest that increase in income tax rate in a state that allows mortgage interest deduction is associated to 3 percentage points increase in home ownership relative to states that didn't change their fiscal policy and to 5 percentage points - relative to states that do not allow mortgage interest deduction but had a comparable increase in tax rates. The results are robust to a range of alternative specifications.

#### *Elimination of Double Tax Benefits for Military Homeowners*

... discusses the tax consequences of the purchase, financing, refinancing and sale or exchange of a taxpayer's principal residence. *Inflation, Income Taxes and Owner-occupied Housing*

Tax incentives favouring homeownership are widely used in developed economies. Homeownership is often thought to bring a number of positive contributions, from the promotion of households' saving to enhanced community engagement. However, housing tax incentives are also considered as a major source of distortions for households' decisions, especially in absence of taxation of in-kind services related to housing consumption (i.e. imputed rents) and in presence of mortgage interest payment deductibility. These distortions can have wide-ranging consequences for investment, consumption and public finances. Housing tax distortions have rarely been analysed from a cross-country perspective over time, however, not least because of the absence of comparable data and the difficulty to gather detailed information on the specific tax treatment of homeownership. In this paper we aim to fill this gap by providing comparable time series on the main features of housing taxation in European countries. Our database includes information on transfer taxes incurred when buying a house, implicit recurrent property taxes owed by households, capital gain taxes, imputed rent taxation and mortgage interest tax reliefs. The data is provided for the period 1995-2017 by the time of writing this paper and will be updated annually and made available at the following website: <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/thematic-research-fiscal-policy/housing-taxation>. We use this data to estimate the user cost of owner-occupied housing (UCOH) following the approach proposed by Poterba, (1992) and Poterba and Sinai (2008), which provides a synthetic indicator on the distortions exerted by the tax system on households' housing investment choices. A number of additional data used to calculate the UCOH indicator, such as maximum loan to value ratio and maximum loan duration, interest rate for long-term government bonds, interest income tax and house price are also provided.

#### **The Tax Treatment of Homeownership**

Are you exploring home ownership? Are you looking to buy a house in this hectic San Francisco Bay area real estate market but don't quite know where to begin? "100 Questions A First Time Home-Buyer in the Bay Area Should Ask" - is a great starter book with insightful advice and strategies for buying a home in today's real estate market. Packed with valuable tips on how to choose the best agent for the job to navigating an ever-changing housing market, you quickly pick up how to find the right property, plan financially, and learn the latest lending requirements and tax implications that come with investing and owning property.

#### **Tax Implications of Credit & Housing Markets**

Owner-occupied housing is said to be favored in the tax code because mortgage interest and property taxes can be deducted in the computation of one's income tax base in spite of the fact that the returns from owner-occupied housing = not taxed. The special tax treatment reduces the user cost of capital for owner-occupied housing. The issue treated in this paper is the measurement of the tax rate to be employed in the user cost calculations. It is argued that different tax rates are appropriate for the tenure choice and quantity-demanded decisions, and that these values depend on the detailed tax position of the household and the method of finance. Average 1977 tax rates for households in different income ranges are calculated using the NBER TAXSIM microeconomic data file on individual tax returns.