



The Investor's Guide to Bitcoin Mining Tax Strategy 2025

How Individuals, Family Offices, and Institutions Unlock After-Tax Yield with MiningStore

Executive Summary

Bitcoin mining has evolved into a strategic infrastructure investment offering exceptional after-tax ROI. For allocators, the question is not simply how much Bitcoin to own, but how to generate infrastructure-backed yield while minimizing tax exposure.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), signed in 2025, permanently reinstates 100% bonus depreciation and expanded Section 179 expensing, creating unprecedented opportunities for investors to immediately recover capital costs.

This guide explains how investors can:

- Unlock powerful tax deductions through mining
- Compare hydro-cooled and air-cooled hosting models
- Structure investments correctly as W-2 employees or 1099 contractors
- Demonstrate active participation to avoid IRS passive-income classification
- Understand why MiningStore is the partner of choice for institutional-grade mining investments

Why Tax Strategy is the Hidden Alpha in Mining

In traditional investments, tax structuring often determines whether returns are average or exceptional. Bitcoin mining is no different.

When treated as an active business, mining allows investors to:

- Deduct electricity costs, the largest operational expense
- Depreciate or immediately expense mining equipment under OBBBA
- Write off hosting and facility costs, including security, internet, and maintenance
- Deduct other ordinary business expenses, from consulting to software

These strategies reduce taxable income and improve cash flow, making mining one of the most tax-advantaged digital asset plays available today.

W-2 Employees vs. 1099 Independent Contractors: Tailored Paths to Tax Efficiency

W-2 Employees

- Without structuring, mining risks being treated as a hobby, no deductions allowed.
- By forming an LLC, employees can treat mining as a business, deduct electricity and hosting costs, and qualify for 100% bonus depreciation.

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- LLC profits may also qualify for the 20% Qualified Business Income (QBI) deduction, further lowering tax liability.
- Net effect: salary income can be offset by mining business deductions.

1099 Independent Contractors

- Already treated as business operators, making integration smoother.
- Can form a dedicated mining LLC for liability separation and tax optimization.
- Eligible for full equipment expensing, hosting/electricity deductions, and QBI benefits.
- Mining income flows through alongside project income, lowering overall taxable income.

Key Point for Both: The IRS requires proof of material participation. Investors must demonstrate they are engaged in a trade or business with a regular, continuous, and substantial involvement, not merely holding a passive investment.

Avoiding Passive Classification: How MiningStore Helps

The IRS limits deductions for passive activities. To qualify mining as an active business, investors need documentation of material participation.

MiningStore helps clients substantiate active involvement by providing:

- Transparent Dashboards: Continuous monitoring of hashrate, uptime, and expenses
- Lifecycle Logs: Detailed records of hardware, maintenance, and replacements
- Ticketing System: Documentation of investor communications with on-site technicians
- Operational Reports: Regular updates proving investor oversight and decision-making

This audit-ready documentation supports the position that your mining is an active trade or business, unlocking deductions and protecting tax advantages.

OBBBA: A Game-Changer for Investors

On July 4, 2025, the U.S. signed the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) into law. Key provisions:

- 100% Bonus Depreciation: Immediately expense the full cost of rigs and infrastructure
- Expanded Section 179 Expensing: Deduct up to \$2.5M annually (ideal for mid-sized fleets)
- Improved Interest Deductions: Favorable EBITDA rules for debt-financed operations
- Enhanced R&E Deductions: Immediate expensing for U.S.-based research and optimization

Investor takeaway: OBBBA makes now the optimal time to allocate capital into tax-optimized mining.



Hydro vs. Air Cooling: Choosing the Right Model

MiningStore offers both models, tailored to investor profiles:

Hydro-Cooled Hosting

- High-density, high-efficiency infrastructure for large fleets
- Reduced downtime and lower OpEx from efficient thermal control
- Extended ASIC lifespan for stronger long-term ROI

Air-Cooled Hosting

- Cost-effective entry point for smaller investors and HNWIs
- Broad hardware compatibility (S19, S21, Whatsminer series)
- Flexible, scalable deployment options

Many investors deploy a hybrid strategy, balancing cost, efficiency, and tax benefits.

The MiningStore Advantage

Bitcoin mining is complex, choosing the wrong partner risks missed deductions, poor uptime, and weak audit support. MiningStore reduces this risk through:

- CapEx planning and entity formation guidance (with your CPA)
- Performance dashboards and expense tracking
- IRS-compliant lifecycle logs and ticketing
- Institutional-grade uptime with ESG-aligned operations
- Proven experience: Supporting 180+ HNWI, family office, and institutional clients

The window for tax-optimized Bitcoin mining is open now. With OBBBA in effect and hosting capacity limited, investors should act before year-end to capture bonus depreciation in 2025.

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