

GUIDELINES FOR ABSOLUTE POSITIONING FORM SCHEDULE CA (540)

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1-3	Blank lines	–	–	–	–
4	“Taxable Year” and “Underline”	6	9	14	Conventional form size/style
4	Title of Form	15	42	56	Conventional form size/style
4	Anchor Mark	59	2	60	Anchor mark, Conventional form size/style
4	“Schedule” and “Underline”	69	12	80	Conventional form size/style
5	Tax Year Area	7	6	12	Conventional form size/style
5	Title of Form	15	42	56	Conventional form size/style
5	Form Identifier “CA (540)” Area	70	10	79	Conventional form size/style
6	Tax Year Area	7	6	12	Conventional form size/style
6	Title of Form	15	42	56	Conventional form size/style
6	Form Identifier “540NR” Area	70	10	79	Conventional form size/style
6	Bold Line	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
7-8	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
9	Taxpayer’s Name	6	59	64	Alpha
9	Taxpayer’s SSN or ITIN	66	11	76	Numeric
10-13	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
13	1A. Wages, Salaries, Tips, etc. – Federal	37	12	48	Numeric
13	1B. Wages, Salaries, Tips, etc. – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
13	1C. Wages, Salaries, Tips, etc. – Additions	68	13	80	Numeric
14	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
15	2a. Taxable interest	20	11	30	Numeric
15	2bA. Taxable Interest – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
15	2bB. Taxable Interest – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
15	2bC. Taxable Interest – Additions	68	13	80	Numeric
16	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
17	3a. Ordinary dividends	20	11	30	Numeric
17	3bA. Ordinary Dividends – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
17	3bB. Ordinary Dividends – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
17	3bC. Ordinary Dividends – Additions	68	13	80	Numeric
18	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
19	4a. IRA distributions	20	11	30	Numeric
19	4bA. IRA distributions – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
19	4bB. IRA distributions – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
19	4bC. IRA distributions – Additions	68	13	80	Numeric
20-21	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
22	5a. Pensions and annuities	20	11	30	Numeric
22	5bA. Pensions and annuities – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
22	5bB. Pensions and annuities – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
22	5bC. Pensions and annuities – Additions	68	13	80	Numeric

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23	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
24	6a. Social security benefits	20	11	30	Numeric
24	6bA. Social security benefits – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
24	6bB. Social security benefits – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
24	6bC. Social security benefits – Additions	68	13	80	DO NOT USE
25	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
26	7A. Capital Gain or (Loss) – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
26	7B. Capital Gain or (Loss) – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
26	7C. Capital Gain or (Loss) – Additions	68	13	80	Numeric
27-28	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
29	1A. Taxable refunds, credits, or offsets of state and local income taxes – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
29	1B. Taxable refunds, credits, or offsets of state and local income taxes – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
29	1C. Taxable refunds, credits, or offsets of state and local income taxes – Additions	68	13	80	DO NOT USE
30	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
31	2aA. Alimony Received – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
31	2aB. Alimony Received – Subtractions	52	13	64	DO NOT USE
31	2aC. Alimony Received – Additions	68	13	80	Numeric
32	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
33	3A. Business Income or (Loss) – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
33	3B. Business Income or (Loss) – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
33	3C. Business Income or (Loss) – Additions	68	13	80	Numeric
34	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
35	4A. Other Gains or (Losses) – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
35	4B. Other Gains or (Losses) – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
35	4C. Other Gains or (Losses) – Additions	68	13	80	Numeric
36	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
37	5A. Rental Real Estate, Royalties, Partnerships, S Corporations, Trusts, etc. – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
37	5B. Rental Real Estate, Royalties, Partnerships, S Corporations, Trusts, etc. – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
37	5C. Rental Real Estate, Royalties, Partnerships, S Corporations, Trusts, etc. – Additions	68	13	80	Numeric
38	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
39	6. Farm Income or (Loss) – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
39	6. Farm Income or (Loss) – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
39	6. Farm Income or (Loss) – Additions	68	13	80	Numeric
40	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
41	7A. Unemployment Compensation – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
41	7B. Unemployment Compensation – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
41	7C. Unemployment Compensation – Additions	68	13	80	Numeric

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42	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
43	8aA. Other Income: Federal net operating loss – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
43	8aB. Other Income: Federal net operating loss – Subtractions	52	13	64	DO NOT USE
43	8aC. Other Income: Federal net operating loss – Additions	68	13	80	Numeric
44	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
45	8bA. Other Income: Gambling Income – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
45	8bB. Other Income: Gambling Income – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
45	8bC. Other Income: Gambling Income – Additions	68	13	80	DO NOT USE
46	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
47	8cA. Other Income: Cancellation of debt – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
47	8cB. Other Income: Cancellation of debt – Subtractions	52	13	64	DO NOT USE
47	8cC. Other Income: Cancellation of debt – Additions	68	13	80	Numeric
48	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
49	8dA. Other Income: Foreign earned income – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
49	8dB. Other Income: Foreign earned income – Subtractions	52	13	64	DO NOT USE
49	8dC. Other Income: Foreign earned income – Additions	68	13	80	Numeric
50	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
51	8eA. Other Income: Taxable Health Savings Account distribution – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
51	8eB. Other Income: Taxable Health Savings Account distribution – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
51	8eC. Other Income: Taxable Health Savings Account distribution – Additions	68	13	80	DO NOT USE
52	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
53	8fA. Other Income: Alaska Permanent Fund dividends – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
53	8fB. Other Income: Alaska Permanent Fund dividends – Subtractions	52	13	64	DO NOT USE
53	8fC. Other Income: Alaska Permanent Fund dividends – Additions	68	13	80	DO NOT USE
54	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
55	8gA. Other Income: Jury duty pay – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
55	8gB. Other Income: Jury duty pay – Subtractions	52	13	64	DO NOT USE
55	8gC. Other Income: Jury duty pay – Additions	68	13	80	DO NOT USE

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56	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
57	8hA. Other Income: Prizes and awards – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
57	8hB. Other Income: Prizes and awards – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
57	8hC. Other Income: Prizes and awards – Additions	68	13	80	DO NOT USE
58	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
59-61	Blank Lines	–	–	–	–
62-63	Bottom Registration Mark, Anchor Mark, and conventional Schedule Ca 540	–	–	–	End of bottom registration mark, anchor
63	CTP ID (mandatory)	32	3	34	Numeric
63	Doc ID (mandatory)	40	7	46	Numeric "7731214"

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1-3	Blank lines	–	–	–	–
4	Anchor Mark	59	2	60	Anchor mark, Conventional form size/style
5-6	Blank lines	–	–	–	–
7-9	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
10	8iA. Other Income: Activity not engaged in for profit income – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
10	8iB. Other Income: Activity not engaged in for profit income – Subtractions	52	13	64	DO NOT USE
10	8iC. Other Income: Activity not engaged in for profit income – Additions	68	13	80	DO NOT USE
11	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
12	8jA. Other Income: Stock options – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
12	8jB. Other Income: Stock options – Subtractions	52	13	64	DO NOT USE
12	8jC. Other Income: Stock options – Additions	68	13	80	DO NOT USE
13	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
14	8kA. Other Income: Income from the rental of personal property – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
14	8kB. Other Income: Income from the rental of personal property – Subtractions	52	13	64	DO NOT USE
14	8kC. Other Income: Income from the rental of personal property – Additions	68	13	80	DO NOT USE
15	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
16	8lA. Other Income: Olympic and Paralympic medals and USOC prize money – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
16	8lB. Other Income: Olympic and Paralympic medals and USOC prize money – Subtractions	52	13	64	DO NOT USE
16	8lC. Other Income: Olympic and Paralympic medals and USOC prize money – Additions	68	13	80	DO NOT USE
17	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
18	8mA. Other Income: IRC Section 951(a) inclusion – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
18	8mB. Other Income: IRC Section 951(a) inclusion – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
18	8mC. Other Income: IRC Section 951(a) inclusion – Additions	62	15	76	DO NOT USE
19	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
20	8nA. Other Income: IRC Section 951A(a) inclusion – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
20	8nB. Other Income: IRC Section 951A(a) inclusion – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
20	8nD. Other Income: IRC Section 951A(a) inclusion – Additions	62	15	76	DO NOT USE
21	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
22	8oA. Other Income: IRC Section 461(l) excess business loss adjustment – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric

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22	80B. Other Income: IRC Section 461(l) excess business loss adjustment – Subtractions	52	13	64	DO NOT USE
22	80C. Other Income: IRC Section 461(l) excess business loss adjustment – Additions	62	15	76	Numeric
23	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
24	8pA. Other Income: Taxable distributions from an ABLE account – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
24	8pB. Other Income: Taxable distributions from an ABLE account – Subtractions	52	13	64	DO NOT USE
24	8pC. Other Income: Taxable distributions from an ABLE account – Additions	62	15	76	DO NOT USE
25-26	Form area	62	15	76	Conventional form size/style
27	8z. Other income “Write In”	10	20	29	Alphanumeric
27	8zA. Other income – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
27	8zB. Other income – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
27	8zC. Other income – Additions	62	15	76	Numeric
28	Form area	48	–	48	Conventional form size/style
29	9aA. Total other income – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
29	9aB. Total other income – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
29	9aC. Total other income – Additions	62	15	76	Numeric
30	Form area	–	–	–	Conventional form size/style
31	9b1A. Disaster loss deduction from FTB 3805V – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	DO NOT USE
31	9b1B. Disaster loss deduction from FTB 3805V – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
31	9b1C. Disaster loss deduction from FTB 3805V – Additions	62	15	76	DO NOT USE
32	Form area	–	–	–	Conventional form size/style
33	9b2A. NOL deduction from FTB 3805V – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	DO NOT USE
33	9b2B. NOL deduction from FTB 3805V – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
33	9b2C. NOL deduction from FTB 3805V – Additions	62	15	76	DO NOT USE
34	Form area	–	–	–	Conventional form size/style
35	9b3A. NOL from FTB 3805Z, 3807, or 3809 – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	DO NOT USE
35	9b3B. NOL from FTB 3805Z, 3807, or 3809 – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
35	9b3C. NOL from FTB 3805Z, 3807, or 3809 – Additions	62	15	76	DO NOT USE
36	Form area	–	–	–	Conventional form size/style
37	9b4A. Student loan discharged – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	DO NOT USE
37	9b4B. Student loan discharged – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
37	9b4C. Student loan discharged – Additions	62	15	76	DO NOT USE

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38-40	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
41	10A. Total – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
41	10B. Total – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
41	10C. Total – Additions	62	15	76	Numeric
42-45	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
46	11A. Educator Expenses – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
46	11B. Educator Expenses – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
46	11C. Educator Expenses – Additions	62	15	76	DO NOT USE
47	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
48	12A. Certain Business Expenses of Reservists, Performing Artists, and Fee-Basis Government Officials – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
48	12B. Certain Business Expenses of Reservists, Performing Artists, and Fee-Basis Government Officials – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
48	12C. Certain Business Expenses of Reservists, Performing Artists, and Fee-Basis Government Officials – Additions	62	15	76	Numeric
49	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
50	13A. Health Savings Account Deduction – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
50	13B. Health Savings Account Deduction – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
50	13C. Health Savings Account Deduction – Additions	62	15	76	DO NOT USE
51	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
52	14A. Moving Expenses – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
52	14B. Moving Expenses – Subtractions	52	13	64	DO NOT USE
52	14C. Moving Expenses – Additions	62	15	76	Numeric
53	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
54	15A. Deductible Part of Self-employment Tax – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
54	15B. Deductible Part of Self-employment Tax – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
54	15C. Deductible Part of Self-employment Tax – Additions	62	15	76	DO NOT USE
55	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
56	16A. Self-employed, SEP, SIMPLE, and Qualified Plans – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric
56	16B. Self-employed, SEP, SIMPLE, and Qualified Plans – Subtractions	52	13	64	DO NOT USE
56	16C. Self-employed, SEP, SIMPLE, and Qualified Plans – Additions	62	15	76	DO NOT USE
57	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
58	17A. Self-employed Health Insurance Deduction – Federal Amounts	37	12	48	Numeric

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58	17B. Self-employed Health Insurance Deduction – Subtractions	52	13	64	Numeric
58	17C. Self-employed Health Insurance Deduction – Additions	62	15	76	DO NOT USE
59	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
60-61	Blank Lines	–	–	–	–
62-63	Bottom Registration Mark, Anchor Mark, and conventional Schedule Ca 540	–	–	–	End of bottom registration mark, anchor mark, and conventional form size/style
63	CTP ID (mandatory)	32	3	34	Numeric
63	Doc ID (mandatory)	40	7	46	Numeric “7732214”

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4	Anchor Mark	59	2	60	Anchor mark, Conventional form size/style
5-6	Blank lines	–	–	–	–
7-9	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
10	18A. Penalty on Early Withdrawal of Savings – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
10	18B. Penalty on Early Withdrawal of Savings – Subtractions	54	11	64	DO NOT USE
10	18C. Penalty on Early Withdrawal of Savings – Additions	69	12	80	DO NOT USE
11	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
12	19aA. Alimony Paid – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
12	19aB. Alimony Paid – Subtractions	54	11	64	DO NOT USE
12	19aC. Alimony Paid – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
13	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
14	19b. Alimony Recipient – SSN	21	11	31	Numeric
15	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
16	19b. Alimony Recipient – Last Name	18	15	32	Alpha
17	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
18	20A. IRA Deduction – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
18	20B. IRA Deduction – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
18	20C. IRA Deduction – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
19	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
20	21A. Student Loan Interest Deduction – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
20	21B. Student Loan Interest Deduction – Subtractions	54	11	64	DO NOT USE
20	21C. Student Loan Interest Deduction – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
21-23	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
24	23A. Archer MSA deduction – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
24	23B. Archer MSA deduction – Subtractions	54	11	64	DO NOT USE
24	23C. Archer MSA deduction – Additions	69	12	80	DO NOT USE
25	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
26	24aA. Other adjustments: Jury duty pay – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
26	24aB. Other adjustments: Jury duty pay – Subtractions	54	11	64	DO NOT USE
26	24aC. Other adjustments: Jury duty pay – Additions	69	12	80	DO NOT USE
27-28	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
29	24bA. Other adjustments: Deductible expenses – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric

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29	24bB. Other adjustments: Deductible expenses – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
29	24bC. Other adjustments: Deductible expenses – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
30-31	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
32	24cA. Other adjustments: Nontaxable amount of the value of Olympic and Paralympic money medals and USOC prize – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
32	24cA. Other adjustments: Nontaxable amount of the value of Olympic and Paralympic money medals and USOC prize – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
32	24cA. Other adjustments: Nontaxable amount of the value of Olympic and Paralympic money medals and USOC prize – Additions	69	12	80	DO NOT USE
33	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
34	24dA. Other adjustments: Reforestation amortization and expenses – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
34	24dB. Other adjustments: Reforestation amortization and expenses – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
34	24dC. Other adjustments: Reforestation amortization and expenses – Additions	69	12	80	DO NOT USE
35	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
36	24eA. Other adjustments: Repayment of supplemental unemployment benefits – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
36	24eB. Other adjustments: Repayment of supplemental unemployment benefits – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
36	24eC. Other adjustments: Repayment of supplemental unemployment benefits – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
37	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
38	24fA. Other adjustments: Contributions to IRC Section 501(c)(18)(D) pension plans – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
38	24fB. Other adjustments: Contributions to IRC Section 501(c)(18)(D) pension plans – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
38	24fC. Other adjustments: Contributions to IRC Section 501(c)(18)(D) pension plans – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
39	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
40	24gA. Other adjustments: Contributions by certain chaplains to IRC Section 403(b) plans – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
40	24gA. Other adjustments: Contributions by certain chaplains to IRC Section 403(b) plans – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric

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Print Line Number	Identification	Begin Print Position	Maximum Field Length	End Print Position	Field Description
40	24gC. Other adjustments: Contributions by certain chaplains to IRC Section 403(b) plans – Federal Amounts	69	12	80	Numeric
41	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
42	24hA. Other adjustments: Attorney fees and court costs for actions involving certain unlawful discrimination claims – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
42	24hB. Other adjustments: Attorney fees and court costs for actions involving certain unlawful discrimination claims – Subtractions	54	11	64	DO NOT USE
42	24hC. Other adjustments: Attorney fees and court costs for actions involving certain unlawful discrimination claims – Additions	69	12	80	DO NOT USE
43-44	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
45	24iA. Other adjustments: Attorney fees and court costs for actions involving certain unlawful discrimination claims – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
45	24iB. Other adjustments: Attorney fees and court costs for actions involving certain unlawful discrimination claims – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
45	24iC. Other adjustments: Attorney fees and court costs for actions involving certain unlawful discrimination claims – Additions	69	12	80	DO NOT USE
46	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
47	24jA. Other adjustments: Housing deduction – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
47	24jB. Other adjustments: Housing deduction – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
47	24jC. Other adjustments: Housing deduction – Additions	69	12	80	DO NOT USE
48	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
49	24kA. Other adjustments: Excess deductions – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
49	24kB. Other adjustments: Excess deductions – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
49	24kC. Other adjustments: Excess deductions – Additions	69	12	80	DO NOT USE
50-51	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
52	24z. Other adjustments: Other adjustments “Write In”	11	22	32	Alphanumeric
52	24zA. Other adjustments: Other adjustments – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
52	24zB. Other adjustments: Other adjustments – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
52	24zC. Other adjustments: Other adjustments – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric

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	ALPHANUMERIC = A-Z (MUST BE ALL CAPS), 0-9				
53	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
54	25. Total other adjustments – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
54	25. Total other adjustments – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
54	25. Total other adjustments – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
55	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
56	26. Add line 11 through line 23 and line 25 in columns A, B, and C – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
56	26. Add line 11 through line 23 and line 25 in columns A, B, and C – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
56	26. Add line 11 through line 23 and line 25 in columns A, B, and C – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
57	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
58	27. Total – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
58	27. Total – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
58	27. Total – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
59	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
60-61	Blank lines	–	–	–	–
62-63	Bottom Registration Mark, Anchor Mark, and conventional Schedule Ca 540	–	–	–	End of bottom registration mark, anchor mark, and conventional form size/style
63	CTP ID (mandatory)	32	3	34	Numeric
63	Doc ID (mandatory)	40	7	46	Numeric "7733214"

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Absolute Positioning Form Schedule CA (540) Specifications (Side 4)

Definitions	ALPHA = A-Z (MUST BE ALL CAPS)	Use Courier 12-point
	NUMERIC = 0-9	font, not bold,
	ALPHANUMERIC = A-Z (MUST BE ALL CAPS), 0-9	for taxpayer data (print lines 7–60) and CTP ID, Doc ID and Paper Return Survey. (print line 63). All printed text and data must be Left Aligned unless specific instruction is provided in Field Description column.

Print Line Number	Identification	Begin Print Position	Maximum Field Length	End Print Position	Field Description
1-3	Blank lines	–	–	–	–
4	Anchor Mark	59	2	60	Anchor mark, Conventional form size/style
5-6	Blank lines	–	–	–	–
7-8	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
9	Check Box if did NOT itemize for federal but will itemize for California	52	1	52	Numeric
10-14	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
15	1. Medical and dental expenses "Write in"	22	11	32	Numeric
16-17	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
18	2. Enter amount from federal Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 11 "Write in"	22	11	32	Numeric
19	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
20	3. Multiply line 2 by 7.5% (0.075) "Write in"	22	11	32	Numeric
21	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
22	4A. Subtract line 3 from line 1 – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
22	4B. Subtract line 3 from line 1 – Subtractions	54	11	64	DO NOT USE
22	4C. Subtract line 3 from line 1 – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
23	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
24	5aA. State and local income tax or general sales taxes – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
24	5aB. State and local income tax or general sales taxes – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
24	5aC. State and local income tax or general sales taxes – Additions	69	12	80	DO NOT USE
25	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
26	5bA. State and local real estate taxes – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
26	5bB. State and local real estate taxes – Subtractions	54	11	64	DO NOT USE
26	5bC. State and local real estate taxes – Additions	69	12	80	DO NOT USE
27	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
28	5cA. State and local personal property taxes – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
28	5cB. State and local personal property taxes – Subtractions	54	11	64	DO NOT USE
28	5cC. State and local personal property taxes – Additions	69	12	80	DO NOT USE
29	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
30	5dA. Add lines 5a through line 5c – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
30	5dB. Add lines 5a through line 5c – Subtractions	54	11	64	DO NOT USE
30	5dA. Add lines 5a through line 5c – Additions	69	12	80	DO NOT USE

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	ALPHANUMERIC = A-Z (MUST BE ALL CAPS), 0-9	

Print Line Number	Identification	Begin Print Position	Maximum Field Length	End Print Position	Field Description
32-35	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
36	5eA. Enter the smaller of line 5d or \$10,000 – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
36	5eB. Enter the smaller of line 5d or \$10,000 – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
36	5eC. Enter the smaller of line 5d or \$10,000 – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
37	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
38	6. Other taxes “Write in”	22	11	32	Numeric
38	6A. Other taxes – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
38	6B. Other taxes – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
38	6C. Other taxes – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
39	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
40	7A. Add line 5e and line 6 – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
40	7B. Add line 5e and line 6 – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
40	7C. Add line 5e and line 6 – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
41-42	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
43	8aA. Home mortgage interest and points reported to you on federal Form 1098 – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
43	8aB. Home mortgage interest and points reported to you on federal Form 1098 – Subtractions	54	11	64	DO NOT USE
43	8aC. Home mortgage interest and points reported to you on federal Form 1098 – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
44	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
45	8bA. Home mortgage interest not reported to you on federal Form 1098 – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
45	8bB. Home mortgage interest not reported to you on federal Form 1098 – Subtractions	54	11	64	DO NOT USE
45	8bC. Home mortgage interest not reported to you on federal Form 1098 – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
46	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
47	8cA. Points not reported to you on federal Form 1098 – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
47	8cB. Points not reported to you on federal Form 1098 – Subtractions	54	11	64	DO NOT USE
47	8cC. Points not reported to you on federal Form 1098 – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
48	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
49	8dA. Mortgage insurance premiums – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
49	8dB. Mortgage insurance premiums – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric

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Print Line Number	Identification	Begin Print Position	Maximum Field Length	End Print Position	Field Description
49	8dC. Mortgage insurance premiums – Additions	69	12	80	DO NOT USE
50	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
51	8eA. Add line 8a through line 8d – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
51	8eB. Add line 8a through line 8d – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
51	8eC. Add line 8a through line 8d – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
52	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
53	9A. Investment interest – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
53	9B. Investment interest – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
53	9C. Investment interest – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
54	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
55	10A. Add lines 8e and line 9 – Federal Amounts	39	10	49	Numeric
55	10B. Add lines 8e and line 9 – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
55	10C. Add lines 8e and line 9 – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
56	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
57-61	Bottom Registration Mark, Anchor Mark, and conventional Schedule Ca 540	–	–	–	–
62-63	Bottom Registration Mark, Anchor Mark, and conventional Schedule Ca 540	–	–	–	End of bottom registration mark, anchor mark, and conventional form size/style
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1-3	Blank lines	–	–	–	–
4	Anchor Mark	59	2	60	Anchor mark, Conventional form size/style
5-6	Blank lines	–	–	–	–
7-9	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
10	11. Gifts by cash or check – Federal Amounts	39	11	49	Numeric
10	11. Gifts by cash or check – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
10	11. Gifts by cash or check – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
11	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
12	12. Other than by cash or check – Federal Amounts	39	11	49	Numeric
12	12. Other than by cash or check – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
12	12. Other than by cash or check – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
13	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
14	13. Carryover from prior year – Federal Amounts	39	11	49	Numeric
14	13. Carryover from prior year – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
14	13. Carryover from prior year – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
15	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
16	14. Add line 11 through line 13 – Federal Amounts	39	11	49	Numeric
16	14. Add line 11 through line 13 – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
16	14. Add line 11 through line 13 – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
17-18	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
19	15. Casualty or theft loss(es) – Federal Amounts	39	11	49	Numeric
19	15. Casualty or theft loss(es) – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
19	15. Casualty or theft loss(es) – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
20-21	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
22	16. Other – Federal Amounts	39	11	49	Numeric
22	16. Other – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
22	16. Other – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
23	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
24	17. Add lines 4, 7, 10, 14, 15, and 16 in columns A, B, and C – Federal Amounts	39	11	49	Numeric
24	17. Add lines 4, 7, 10, 14, 15, and 16 in columns A, B, and C – Subtractions	54	11	64	Numeric
24	17. Add lines 4, 7, 10, 14, 15, and 16 in columns A, B, and C – Additions	69	12	80	Numeric
25	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
26	18. Total	69	12	80	Numeric
27-29	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
30	19. Unreimbursed employee expenses	54	11	64	Numeric
31	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
32	20. Tax preparation fees	54	11	64	Numeric

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Print Line Number	Identification	Begin Print Position	Maximum Field Length	End Print Position	Field Description
33	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
34	21. Other expenses "Write in"	34	14	47	Numeric
34	21. Other expenses	54	11	64	Numeric
35	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
36	22. Add line 19 through line 21	54	11	64	Numeric
37	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
38	23. Enter amount from federal Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 11	34	11	44	Numeric
39	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
40	24. Multiply line 23 by 2% (0.02). If less than zero, enter 0	54	11	64	Numeric
41	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
42	25. Subtract line 24 from line 22	69	11	79	Numeric
43	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
44	26. Total Itemized Deductions.	69	11	79	Numeric
45	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
46	27. Other adjustments "Write in"	34	29	62	Numeric
46	27. Other adjustments	69	11	79	Numeric
47	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
48	28. Combine line 26 and line 27	69	11	79	Numeric
49-54	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
55	29. California Itemized Deductions	69	11	79	Numeric
56-59	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
60	30. Larger of California Itemized Deductions or Standard Deduction	69	11	79	Numeric
61	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
62-63	Bottom Registration Mark, Anchor Mark, and conventional Schedule Ca 540	–	–	–	End of bottom registration mark, anchor mark, and conventional form size/style
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