

# 2021 Instructions for Form FTB 3510

## Credit for Prior Year Alternative Minimum Tax — Individuals or Fiduciaries

References in these instructions are to the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) as of **January 1, 2015**, and to the California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC).

### General Information

**Tax Computation for Certain Children with Investment Income** – California conforms to the provision of the Small Business and Work Opportunity Tax Act of 2007, which increased the age of children to 18 and under or a student under age 24, for elections made by parents reporting their child’s interest and dividends.

**Registered Domestic Partner (RDP)** – For purposes of California income tax, references to a spouse, husband, or wife also refer to a California RDP, unless otherwise specified.

**Net Operating Loss Suspension** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2023, California has suspended the net operating loss (NOL) carryover deduction. Taxpayers may continue to compute and carryover an NOL during the suspension period. **However**, taxpayers with net business income or modified adjusted gross income of less than \$1,000,000 or with disaster loss carryovers are not affected by the NOL suspension rules.

The carryover period for suspended losses is extended by:

- Three years for losses incurred in taxable years beginning before January 1, 2020.
- Two years for losses incurred in taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2021.
- One year for losses incurred in taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, and before January 1, 2022.

For more information, see California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Section 17276.23.

**NOL Carrybacks** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, NOL carrybacks are not allowed.

### A Purpose

Use form FTB 3510, Credit for Prior Year Alternative Minimum Tax – Individuals or Fiduciaries, to figure your 2021 California credit for prior year alternative minimum tax (AMT) incurred in a taxable year beginning after 1986.

### B Who Must File

To claim the credit for prior year AMT, individuals and fiduciaries must complete form FTB 3510. Individuals and fiduciaries qualify for the credit if one of following applies:

- Had an AMT credit carryover from 2020.
- Paid AMT for 2020, and had 2020 adjustments and tax preference items other than exclusions.

Corporations must use Schedule P (100 or 100W), Alternative Minimum Tax and Credit Limitations – Corporations, Part III to claim the credit for prior year AMT.

### C Exclusions and Deferral Preferences

The 2020 AMT you paid is attributable to two types of adjustments and tax preferences: exclusions and deferral preferences. The amount of AMT attributable to the deferral preferences is available as a credit in 2021.

**Exclusions** are those adjustments and preference items that cause a permanent difference in the amount of tax you pay. The adjustments and preference items include all of the following:

- The standard deduction or itemized deductions.
- Depletion.

**Deferral preferences** are adjustments and tax preference items that cause only a temporary difference in the amount of tax you pay. The deferral preferences are all the other items listed on your 2020 Schedule P (540, 540NR, or 541), Alternative Minimum Tax and Credit Limitations, that are not exclusions.

Use form FTB 3510, Part I, to figure the amount of 2020 AMT that was attributable to only the exclusions.

Use form FTB 3510, Part II, to figure the amount of 2020 AMT that was attributable to the deferral preferences and the amount available as a credit in 2021.

California conforms to the federal repeal of the AMT depletion adjustment for independent oil and gas producers and royalty owners. As a result, for AMT purposes follow the methods prescribed by the federal rules to adjust the depletion amounts deducted from income for purposes of computing the regular tax. Your California depletion costs may continue to differ from the federal amounts because of prior differences in the law and differences in basis.

### Specific Line Instructions

Complete your 2021 Schedule P (540) through Part II, line 24; Schedule P (540NR) through Part II, line 43; or Schedule P (541) through Part III, line 8, before figuring this credit.

**Line 1** – Estates and trusts: Skip line 1 through line 3. Complete a second 2020 Schedule P (541), Part I and Part II. Enter only exclusion items from Schedule P (541), line 4a through line 4d and any other exclusion items on Schedule P (541), line 4p. If the amount on Schedule P (541), Part I, line 10 is zero or less, enter -0- on line 4 of form FTB 3510.

Otherwise, enter on line 4 of form FTB 3510, the amount from line 10 of Schedule P (541) adjusted for the beneficiary’s exclusion items.

**Line 2** – Enter the adjustments and tax preference items treated as exclusions.

Schedule P (540 and 540NR) filers, combine your 2020 Schedule P (540 and 540NR), Part I, line 1 through line 7, line 13b, and line 13i.

**Do not** include any amount from line 12 of your 2020 Schedule P (540 and 540NR). Instead, include the exclusion items from line 12e, column (d) of your Schedule K-1 (541), Beneficiary’s Share of Income, Deductions, Credits, etc. for 2020.

If you included any exclusions on a line other than those listed above, add these exclusions to the total.

**Line 3** – Determine your 2020 Alternative Minimum Tax Credit Net Operating Loss Deduction (AMTCNOLD) and the AMTCNOLD that may be carried over to other years by following the provisions set forth under R&TC Sections 17276.2, ~~17276.3~~, 17276, 17276.21, and 17276.22 with appropriate modifications taken into account for exclusion items.

**Line 4** – If line 4 is zero and you paid 2020 AMT, all of the 2020 AMT is attributable to the deferral preferences. Enter -0- on line 13, then complete Part I, Section B, if applicable, and Part II to figure the credit available for 2021.

**Married/RDP taxpayers filing separate California tax returns:** Complete the following computation if line 4 is more than \$386,350:

1.	Enter the amount from line 4 . . . . .	
2.	Maximum exemption amount . . . . .	\$386,350
3.	Subtract line 2 from line 1 . . . . .	
4.	Multiply line 3 by 25% (.25) . . . . .	
5.	Enter the smaller of line 4 or \$49,851 . . . . .	
6.	Add line 1 and line 5. Enter the result here and replace the amount on form FTB 3510, line 4 with this amount . . . . .	

**Line 9** – Enter the smaller of (1) the amount by which line 5 exceeds line 8 or (2) the child’s 2020 earned income plus \$7,950, if the child did not file a joint return for 2020, at least one parent was alive at the end of 2020, and one of the following statements is true.

1. The child was under age 18 at the end of 2020.
2. The child was age 18 at the end of 2020, and did not have earned income that was more than half of their support.
3. The child was a full-time student over age 18 and under age 24 at the end of 2020, and did not have earned income that was more than half of their support.

**Certain January 1 Birthdays.** If the child was born on January 1, 2003, the child is considered to be 18 at the end of 2020. If the child was born on January 1, 2002, the child is considered to be 19 at the end of 2020. If the child was born on January 1, 1997, the child is considered to be 24 at the end of 2020.

**Line 10** – If line 10 is -0- and you paid 2020 AMT, all of the 2020 AMT is attributable to the deferral preferences. Enter -0- on line 13, then complete Part I, Section B, if applicable, and Part II to figure the available credit for 2021.

**Line 18** – Enter the adjustments and tax preference items treated as exclusions. Combine your 2020 Schedule P (540NR), Part II, lines 29a and 29h. **Do not** include any amount from line 29f. Instead, include the exclusion items from your 2020 Schedule K-1 (541), line 12e, column (e).

**Line 28** – Reduce the amount on line 28 by the same amount shown on one of the forms below if you reduced your 2020 AMT by any solar energy credit carryover or commercial solar energy credit carryover:

- Schedule P (540), Part III, line 22 and line 23, column (b).
- Schedule P (540NR), Part III, line 22 and line 23, column (b).
- Schedule P (541), Part IV, line 17 and line 18, column (b).

Write the amount of the reduction in the space to the left of line 28.

**Line 31** – Enter the amount of any unused AMT credit carryover from one of the following 2020 forms:

- Schedule P (540), Part III, line 10, column (d).
- Schedule P (540NR), Part III, line 10, column (d).
- Schedule P (541), Part IV, line 9, column (d).

**Line 32** – If line 32 is zero or less, you do not have an AMT credit or an AMT credit to carry over. **Do not** complete the rest of this form. If line 32 is more than zero, enter the amount here and in column (a) of one of the following 2021 forms:

- Schedule P (540), Part III, line 10.
- Schedule P (540NR), Part III, line 10.
- Schedule P (541), Part IV, line 9.

**Line 34** – Exemption and other allowable credits that cannot reduce regular tax below the tentative minimum tax.

**Residents enter on line 34 the total of the following:**

- The exemption credits from Form 540, line 32 (or Form 541, line 22).
- The amount of other allowable credits that are listed on your 2021 Schedule P (540 or 541), Section A1 and Section A2, column (b).

**Nonresidents or Part-Year Residents enter on line 34 the total of the following:**

- The exemption and other allowable credits from Form 540NR, line 39.
- The amount of other allowable credits that are listed on your 2021 Schedule P (540NR), Section A1 and Section A2, column (b).

See Schedule P (540, 540NR, or 541) for more information.

**Line 36** – Enter the tentative minimum tax from one of the following 2021 forms:

- Schedule P (540), Part II, line 24.
- Schedule P (540NR), Part II, line 43.
- Schedule P (541), Part III, line 8.

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