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## 2021 Personal Income Tax Booklet

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## Important Dates

When the due date falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline to file and pay without penalty is extended to the next business day. Due to the federal Emancipation Day holiday observed on April 15, 2022, tax returns filed and payments mailed or submitted on April 18, 2022, will be considered timely.

April 18, 2022*	Last day to file and pay the 2021 amount you owe to avoid penalties and interest.* See form FTB 3519 for more information. *If you are living or traveling outside the United States on April 18, 2022, the dates for filing your tax return and paying your tax are different. See form FTB 3519 for more information.
October 17, 2022	Last day to file or e-file your 2021 tax return to avoid a late filing penalty and interest computed from the original due date of April 18, 2022.
April 18, 2022 June 15, 2022 September 15, 2022 January 17, 2023	The dates for 2022 estimated tax payments. Generally, you do not have to make estimated tax payments if the total of your California withholdings is 90% of your required annual payment. Also, you do not have to make estimated tax payments if you will pay enough through withholding to keep the amount you owe with your tax return under \$500 (\$250 if married/registered domestic partner (RDP) filing separately). However, if you do not pay enough tax either through withholding or by making estimated tax payments, you may have an underpayment penalty. See Form 540-ES instructions for more information.

## \$\$\$ for You

### Earned Income Tax Credit

- **Federal Earned Income Credit (EIC)** – Go to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website at [irs.gov/taxtopics](https://irs.gov/taxtopics) and choose topic **601**, get the federal income tax booklet, or go to [irs.gov](https://irs.gov) and search for **eitc assistant**.
- **California Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)** – EITC reduces your California tax obligation, or allows a refund if no California tax is due. You may qualify if you have wage income earned in California and/or net earnings from self-employment of less than \$30,001. You do not need a child to qualify. For more information, go to [ftb.ca.gov](https://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **eitc** or get form FTB 3514, California Earned Income Tax Credit.

### Young Child Tax Credit

- **Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC)** – YCTC reduces your California tax obligation, or allows a refund if no California tax is due. You may qualify for the credit if you qualified for the CA EITC and you have at least one qualifying child who is younger than six years old as of the last day of the taxable year. For more information, see the instructions for Form 540, California Resident Income Tax Return, line 76, and get form FTB 3514.

**Refund of Excess State Disability Insurance (SDI)** – If you worked for at least two employers during 2021 who together paid you more than \$128,298 in wages, you may qualify for a refund of excess SDI. See the instructions on page 17.

## Common Errors and How to Prevent Them

Help us process your tax return quickly and accurately. When we find an error, it requires us to stop to verify the information on the tax return, which slows processing. The most common errors consist of:

- Claiming the wrong amount of estimated tax payments.
- Claiming the wrong amount of standard deduction or itemized deductions.
- Claiming a dependent already claimed on another return.
- The amount of refund or payments made on an original return does not match our records when amending your tax return.
- Claiming the wrong amount of withholding by incorrectly totaling or transferring the amounts from your federal Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement.

- Claiming the wrong amount of real estate withholding.
- Claiming the wrong amount of SDI.
- Claiming the wrong amount of exemption credits.

To avoid errors and help process your tax return faster, use these helpful hints when preparing your tax return.

### Claiming estimated tax payments:

- Verify the amount of estimated tax payments claimed on your tax return matches what you sent to the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) for that year. Go to [ftb.ca.gov](https://ftb.ca.gov) and login or register for MyFTB to view your total estimated tax payments before you file your tax return.
- Verify the overpayment amount from your 2020 tax return you requested to be applied to your 2021 estimated tax.

### Claiming state disability insurance:

- Verify the amount of SDI used to figure the amount of excess SDI claimed on Form 540, line 74, matches amounts from your W-2's.

### Claiming standard deduction or itemized deductions:

- See Form 540, line 18 instructions and worksheets for the amount of standard deduction or itemized deductions you can claim.

### Claiming withholding amounts:

- Go to [ftb.ca.gov](https://ftb.ca.gov) and login or register for MyFTB to verify withheld amount or see instructions for line 71 of Form 540. Confirm only California income tax withheld is claimed.
- Verify real estate or other withholding amount from Form 592-B, Resident and Nonresident Withholding Tax Statement, and Form 593, Real Estate Withholding Statement. See instructions for line 73 of Form 540.

### Claiming refund or payments made on an original return when amending your tax return:

- Go to [ftb.ca.gov](https://ftb.ca.gov) and login or register for MyFTB to check tax return records for refund or payments made.
- Verify the amount from your original return Form 540, line 115 and include any adjustment by FTB.

### Use e-file:

- By using e-file, you can eliminate many common errors. Go to [ftb.ca.gov](https://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **efile options**.

# Do I Have to File?

## Steps to Determine Filing Requirement

**Step 1:** Is your gross income (all income received from all sources in the form of money, goods, property, and services that are not exempt from tax) more than the amount shown in the California Gross Income chart below for your filing status, age, and number of dependents? If yes, you have a filing requirement. If no, go to Step 2.

**Step 2:** Is your adjusted gross income (federal adjusted gross income from all sources reduced or increased by all California income adjustments) more than the amount shown in the California Adjusted Gross Income chart below for your filing status, age, and number of dependents? If yes, you have a filing requirement. If no, go to Step 3.

**Step 3:** If your income is less than the amounts on the chart you may still have a filing requirement. See "Requirements for Children with Investment Income" and "Other Situations When You Must File." Do those instructions apply to you? If yes, you have a filing requirement. If no, go to Step 4.

**Step 4:** Are you married/RDP filing separately with separate property income? If no, you do not have a filing requirement. If yes, prepare a tax return. If you owe tax, you have a filing requirement.

On 12/31/21, my filing status was:	and on 12/31/21, my age was: (If your 65th birthday is on January 1, 2022, you are considered to be age 65 on December 31, 2021)	California Gross Income			California Adjusted Gross Income		
		Dependents			Dependents		
		0	1	2 or more	0	1	2 or more
Single or Head of household	Under 65	19,310	32,643	42,643	15,448	28,781	38,781
	65 or older	25,760	35,760	43,760	21,898	31,898	39,898
Married/RDP filing jointly Married/RDP filing separately (The income of both spouses/RDPs must be combined; both spouses/RDPs may be required to file a tax return even if only one spouse/RDP had income over the amounts listed.)	Under 65 (both spouses/RDPs)	38,624	51,957	61,957	30,901	44,234	54,234
	65 or older (one spouse/RDP)	45,074	55,074	63,074	37,351	47,351	55,351
	65 or older (both spouses/RDPs)	51,524	61,524	69,524	43,801	53,801	61,801
Qualifying widow(er)	Under 65		32,643	42,643		28,781	38,781
	65 or older		35,760	43,760		31,898	39,898
<b>Dependent of another person</b> – Any filing status	Any age	More than your standard deduction (Use the California Standard Deduction Worksheet for Dependents on page 13 to figure your standard deduction.)					

## Requirements for Children with Investment Income

California law conforms to federal law which allows parents' election to report a child's interest and dividend income from children under age 19 or a student under age 24 on the parent's tax return. For each child under age 19 or student under age 24 who received more than \$2,200 of investment income in 2021, complete Form 540 and form FTB 3800, Tax Computation for Certain Children with Unearned Income, to figure the tax on a separate Form 540 for your child.

If you qualify, you may elect to report your child's income of \$11,000 or less (but not less than \$1,100) on your tax return by completing form FTB 3803, Parents' Election to Report Child's Interest and Dividends. To make this election, your child's income must be **only** from interest and/or dividends. To get forms FTB 3800 or FTB 3803, see "Order Forms and Publications" or go to [ftb.ca.gov/forms](http://ftb.ca.gov/forms).

## Other Situations When You Must File

If you have a tax liability for 2021 or owe any of the following taxes for 2021, you must file Form 540.

- Tax on a lump-sum distribution.
- Tax on a qualified retirement plan including an Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA) or an Archer Medical Savings Account (MSA).
- Tax for children under age 19 or student under age 24 who have investment income greater than \$2,200 (see paragraph above).
- Alternative minimum tax.
- Recapture taxes.
- Deferred tax on certain installment obligations.
- Tax on an accumulation distribution from a trust.

## Filing Status

Use the same filing status for California that you used for your federal income tax return, unless you are an RDP. If you are an RDP and file single for federal, you must file married/RDP filing jointly or married/RDP filing separately for California. If you are an RDP and file head of household for federal purposes, you may file head of household for California purposes only if you meet the requirements to be considered unmarried or considered not in a domestic partnership.

**Exception:** If you file a joint tax return for federal purposes, you may file separately for California if either spouse was either of the following:

- An active member of the United States armed forces or any auxiliary military branch during 2021.
- A nonresident for the entire year and had no income from California sources during 2021.

**Community Property States:** If the spouse earning the California source income is domiciled in a community property state, community income will be split equally between the spouses. Both spouses will have California source income and they will not qualify for the nonresident spouse exception.

If you had no federal filing requirement, use the same filing status for California that you would have used to file a federal income tax return.

If you filed a joint tax return and either you or your spouse/RDP was a nonresident for 2021, file Form 540NR, California Nonresident or Part-Year Resident Income Tax Return.

### Single

You are single if **any** of the following was true on December 31, 2021:

- You were not married or an RDP.
- You were divorced under a final decree of divorce, legally separated under a final decree of legal separation, or terminated your registered domestic partnership.
- You were widowed before January 1, 2021, and did not remarry or enter into another registered domestic partnership in 2021.

### Married/RDP Filing Jointly

You may file married/RDP filing jointly if **any** of the following is true:

- You were married or an RDP as of December 31, 2021, even if you did not live with your spouse/RDP at the end of 2021.
- Your spouse/RDP died in 2021 and you did not remarry or enter into another registered domestic partnership in 2021.
- Your spouse/RDP died in 2022 before you filed a 2021 tax return.

### Married/RDP Filing Separately

- Community property rules apply to the division of income if you use the married/RDP filing separately status. For more information, get FTB Pub. 1031, Guidelines for Determining Resident Status, FTB Pub. 737, Tax Information for Registered Domestic Partners, or FTB Pub. 1032, Tax Information for Military Personnel. See "Order Forms and Publications" or go to [ftb.ca.gov/forms](http://ftb.ca.gov/forms).
- You cannot claim a personal exemption credit for your spouse/RDP even if your spouse/RDP had no income, is not filing a tax return, and is not claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return.
- You may be able to file as head of household if your child lived with you and you lived apart from your spouse/RDP during the entire last six months of 2021.

### Head of Household

For the specific requirements that must be met to qualify for head of household (HOH) filing status, get FTB Pub. 1540, Tax Information for

Head of Household Filing Status. In general, HOH filing status is for unmarried individuals and certain married individuals or RDPs living apart who provide a home for a specified relative. You may be entitled to use HOH filing status if **all** of the following apply:

- You were unmarried and not in a registered domestic partnership, or you met the requirements to be considered unmarried or considered not in a registered domestic partnership on December 31, 2021.
- You paid more than one-half the cost of keeping up your home for the year in 2021.
- For more than half the year, your home was the main home for you and one of the specified relatives who by law can qualify you for HOH filing status.
- You were not a nonresident alien at any time during the year.

For a child to qualify as your foster child for HOH purposes, the child must either be placed with you by an authorized placement agency or by order of a court.

California requires taxpayers who use HOH filing status to file form FTB 3532, Head of Household Filing Status Schedule, to report how the HOH filing status was determined.

Beginning in tax year 2018, if you do not attach a completed form FTB 3532 to your tax return, we will deny your HOH filing status. For more information about the HOH filing requirements, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov)

and search for **hoh**. To get form FTB 3532, see "Order Forms and Publications" or go to [ftb.ca.gov/forms](http://ftb.ca.gov/forms).

#### **Qualifying Widow(er)**

Check the box on Form 540, line 5 and use the joint return tax rates for 2021 if **all** five of the following apply:

- Your spouse/RDP died in 2019 or 2020 and you did not remarry or enter into another registered domestic partnership in 2021.
- You have a child, stepchild, or adopted child (not a foster child) whom you can claim as a dependent or could claim as a dependent except that, for 2021:
  - The child had gross income of \$4,300 or more;
  - The child filed a joint return, or
  - You could be claimed as a dependent on someone else's return.

If the child isn't claimed as your dependent, enter the child's name in the entry space under the "Qualifying widow(er)" filing status.

- This child lived in your home for all of 2021. Temporary absences, such as for vacation or school, count as time lived in the home.
- You paid over half the cost of keeping up your home for this child.
- You could have filed a joint tax return with your spouse/RDP the year he or she died, even if you actually did not do so.

## **What's New and Other Important Information for 2021**

### **Differences between California and Federal Law**

In general, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, California law conforms to the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) as of January 1, 2015. However, there are continuing differences between California and federal law. When California conforms to federal tax law changes, we do not always adopt all of the changes made at the federal level. For more information, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **conformity**. Additional information can be found in FTB Pub. 1001, Supplemental Guidelines to California Adjustments, the instructions for California Schedule CA (540), California Adjustments – Residents, and the Business Entity tax booklets.

The instructions provided with California tax forms are a summary of California tax law and are only intended to aid taxpayers in preparing their state income tax returns. We include information that is most useful to the greatest number of taxpayers in the limited space available. It is not possible to include all requirements of the California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) in the instructions. Taxpayers should not consider the instructions as authoritative law.

**Conformity** – For updates regarding federal acts, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **conformity**.

### **2021 Tax Law Changes/What's New**

**Voluntary Contributions** – You may contribute to the following new funds:

- Mental Health Crisis Prevention Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund
- California Community and Neighborhood Tree Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund

**COBRA Premium Assistance** – The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, enacted on March 11, 2021, allows an exclusion from gross income for COBRA premium assistance subsidies received by eligible individuals for the COBRA coverage period beginning on April 1, 2021 and ending on September 30, 2021. California law does not conform to this federal provision. For more information, see Schedule CA (540) instructions.

**Employer-Provided Dependent Care Assistance Exclusion** – California conforms to the employer-provided dependent care assistance exclusion from gross income as of the specified date of January 1, 2015, without any modifications. The ARPA of 2021 enacted on March 11, 2021, temporarily increases the amount of the exclusion from gross income from \$5,000 to \$10,500 (and half of that amount for married filing separate) for employer-provided dependent care assistance. CA law does not conform to this change under the federal ARPA. For more information, see Schedule CA (540) instructions.

**Expanded Definition of Qualified Higher Education Expenses** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, California law conforms to the expanded definition of qualified higher education expenses associated with participation in a registered apprenticeship program and payment on the principal or interest of a qualified education loan under the federal Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020.

**Federal Acts** – In general, R&TC does not conform to the changes under the following federal acts. California taxpayers continue to follow the IRC as of the specified date of January 1, 2015, with modifications. For specific adjustments due to the following acts, see the Schedule CA (540) instructions.

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 (enacted on March 11, 2021)
- Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA), 2021 (enacted on December 27, 2020)
- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (enacted on March 27, 2020)
- Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act (enacted on December 20, 2019)

**California Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Grant** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2023, California law allows an exclusion from gross income for grant allocations received by a taxpayer pursuant to the California Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Program that is administered by the Office of Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA). For more information, see R&TC Section 17158.1 and Schedule CA (540) instructions.

**Shuttered Venue Operator Grant** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, California law allows an exclusion from gross income for amounts awarded as a shuttered venue operator grant under the CAA, 2021. The CAA, 2021, allows deductions for eligible expenses paid for with grant amounts. California law conforms to this federal provision, with modifications. For California purposes, these deductions do not apply to an ineligible entity. "Ineligible entity" means a taxpayer that is either a publicly-traded company or does not meet the 25% reduction from gross receipts requirements under Section 311 of Division N of the CAA, 2021. For more information, see R&TC Section 17158.3 and Schedule CA (540) instructions.

**California Venues Grant** – For taxable years beginning on or after September 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2030, California law allows an exclusion from gross income for grant allocations received by a taxpayer pursuant to the California Venues Grant Program that is administered by CalOSBA. For more information, see R&TC Section 17158 and Schedule CA (540) instructions.

**Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2030, California allows an exclusion from gross income for grant allocations received by a taxpayer pursuant to the COVID-19 Relief Grant under Executive Order No. E 20/21-182 and the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program established by Section 12100.83 of the Government Code. For more information, see Schedule CA (540) instructions.

**Income Exclusion for Rent Forgiveness** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2025, gross income shall not include a tenant's rent liability that is forgiven by a landlord or rent forgiveness provided through funds grantees received as a direct

allocation from the Secretary of the Treasury based on the federal CAA, 2021. For more information, see Schedule CA (540) instructions.

**Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loans Forgiveness** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, California law allows an exclusion from gross income for covered loan amounts forgiven under the federal CARES Act, Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act of 2020, the CAA, 2021, or the PPP Extension Act of 2021.

Also, the ARPA expands PPP eligibility to include “additional covered nonprofit entities” which includes certain Code 501(c) nonprofit organizations and Internet-only news publishers and Internet-only periodical publishers. California law does not conform to this expansion of PPP eligibility. For more information, see Schedule CA (540) instructions.

The CAA, 2021, allows deductions for eligible expenses paid for with covered loan amounts. California law conforms to this federal provision, with modifications. For California purposes, these deductions do not apply to an ineligible entity. “Ineligible entity” means a taxpayer that is either a publicly-traded company or does not meet the 25% reduction from gross receipts requirements under Section 311 of Division N of the CAA, 2021. For more information, see Schedule CA (540) instructions or R&TC Section 17131.8 or go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **AB 80**.

Revenue Procedure 2021-20 allows taxpayers to make an election to report the eligible expense deductions related to a PPP loan on a timely filed original 2021 tax return including extensions. If a taxpayer makes an election for federal purposes, California will follow the federal treatment for California tax purposes.

**Advance Grant Amount** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, California law conforms to the federal law regarding the treatment for an emergency Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) grant under the federal CARES Act or a targeted EIDL advance under the CAA, 2021.

**Other Loan Forgiveness** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, California law allows an exclusion from gross income for borrowers of forgiveness of indebtedness described in Section 1109(d)(2)(D) of the federal CARES Act as stated by section 278, Division N of the federal CAA, 2021. The CAA, 2021, allows deductions for eligible expenses paid for with covered loan amounts. California law conforms to this federal provision, with modifications. For California purposes, these deductions generally do not apply to an ineligible entity. “Ineligible entity” means a taxpayer that is either a publicly-traded company or does not meet the 25% reduction from gross receipts requirements under Section 311 of the CAA, 2021. For more information, see Schedule CA (540) instructions or go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **AB 80**.

**Gross Income Exclusion for Bruce’s Beach** – Effective September 30, 2021, California law allows an exclusion from gross income for the first time sale in the taxable year in which the land within Manhattan State Beach, known as “Peck’s Manhattan Beach Tract Block 5” and commonly referred to as “Bruce’s Beach” is sold, transferred, or encumbered. A recipient’s gross income does not include the following:

- Any sale, transfer, or encumbrance of Bruce’s Beach;
- Any gain, income, or proceeds received that is directly derived from the sale, transfer, or encumbrance of Bruce’s Beach.

For more information, get Schedule D (540), California Capital Gain or Loss Adjustment.

**Reporting Requirements** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, taxpayers who benefited from the exclusion from gross income for the PPP loans forgiveness, other loan forgiveness, the EIDL advance grant, restaurant revitalization grant, or shuttered venue operator grant, and related eligible expense deductions under the federal CARES Act, Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act of 2020, the ARPA of 2021, the CAA, 2021, or the PPP Extension Act of 2021, should file form FTB 4197, Information on Tax Expenditure Items, as part of the Franchise Tax Board’s annual reporting requirement. For more information, get form FTB 4197.

**Moving Expense Deduction** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, taxpayers should file California form FTB 3913, Moving Expense Deduction, to claim moving expense deductions. Attach the completed form FTB 3913 to Form 540, California Resident Income Tax Return. For more information, see Schedule CA (540) instructions and get form FTB 3913.

**Homeless Hiring Tax Credit** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, and before January 1, 2027, a Homeless Hiring Tax Credit (HHTC) will be available to a qualified taxpayer that hires individuals who are, or recently were, homeless. The amount of the tax credit will be based on the number of hours the employee works in the taxable year. Employers must obtain a certification of the individual’s homeless status from an organization that works with the homeless and must receive a **tentative credit reservation** for that employee. Any credits not used in the taxable year may be carried forward up to three years. For more information, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **hhtc**.

**Elective Tax for Pass-Through Entities (PTE) and Credit for Owners** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, and before January 1, 2026, California law allows an entity taxed as a partnership or an “S” corporation to annually elect to pay an elective tax at a rate of 9.3 percent based on its qualified net income. The election shall be made on an original, timely filed return and is irrevocable for the taxable year.

The law allows a credit against the personal income tax to a taxpayer, other than a partnership, that is a partner, shareholder, or member of a qualified entity that elects to pay the elective tax, in an amount equal to 9.3 percent of the partner’s, shareholder’s, or member’s pro rata share or distributive share and guaranteed payments of qualified net income subject to the election made by the qualified entity. A disregarded business entity and its partners or members cannot claim the credit, except for a disregarded single member limited liability company (SMLLC) that is owned by an individual, fiduciary, estate, or trust subject to personal income tax. For more information, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **pte elective tax** and get the following new PTE elective tax forms and instructions:

- Form FTB 3893, Pass-Through Entity Elective Tax Payment Voucher
- Form FTB 3804, Pass-Through Entity Elective Tax Calculation
- Form FTB 3804-CR, Pass-Through Entity Elective Tax Credit

**Main Street Small Business Tax Credit II** – For the taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2021, and before January 1, 2022, a **new** Main Street Small Business Tax Credit is available to a qualified small business employer that received a tentative credit reservation from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA). For more information, get form FTB 3866, Main Street Small Business Tax Credits.

**New Donated Fresh Fruits or Vegetables Credit** – The sunset date for the New Donated Fresh Fruits or Vegetables Credit is extended until taxable years beginning before January 1, 2027. For more information, get form FTB 3814, New Donated Fresh Fruits or Vegetables Credit.

**Natural Heritage Preservation Credit** – The Natural Heritage Preservation Credit is available for qualified contributions made on or after January 1, 2021, and no later than June 30, 2026. This credit may **not** be claimed for any contributions made on or after July 1, 2020, and on or before December 31, 2020. For more information, get form FTB 3503, Natural Heritage Preservation Credit.

## Other Important Information

**Resident State Tax Filers List** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, taxpayers will include on their Form 540 the address and county of their principal residence as part of the FTB’s annual reporting requirements to the jury commissioner. Taxpayers that are required to provide this information include persons who are 18 years of age or older and have filed a California resident income tax return for the preceding taxable year. The list of resident state tax filers will be used as one of the source lists for jury selection by the jury commissioner’s office. For more information, see specific line instructions or California R&TC Sections 19548.4 and 19585.

**Dependent Exemption Credit with No ID** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, taxpayers claiming a dependent exemption credit for a dependent who is ineligible for a Social Security Number (SSN) and a federal Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) may provide alternative information to the FTB to identify the dependent. To claim the dependent exemption credit, taxpayers complete form FTB 3568, Alternative Identifying Information for the Dependent Exemption Credit, attach the form and required documentation to their tax return, and write “no id” in the SSN field of line 10, Dependents, on Form 540, California Resident Income Tax Return. For each dependent being claimed that does not have an SSN and an ITIN, a form FTB 3568 must be provided along with supporting documentation.

Taxpayers may amend their tax return beginning with taxable year 2018 to claim the dependent exemption credit. For more information on how to amend your tax returns, see “Instructions for Filing a 2021 Amended Return” on page 29.

**CARES Act Qualified Employer Plan Loans** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, California conforms to the qualified employer plan loans provision under the federal CARES Act which temporarily increases the amount of loans allowable from a qualified employer plan to \$100,000 for coronavirus-related relief and delays by one year the due date for any repayment for an outstanding loan from a qualified employer plan if requirements are met.

**Expansion for Credits Eligibility** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, California expanded EITC and YCTC eligibility to allow either the federal ITIN or the SSN to be used by all eligible individuals, their spouses, and qualifying children. If an ITIN is used, eligible individuals should provide identifying documents upon request of the FTB. Any valid SSN can be used, not only those that are valid for work. Additionally, upon receiving a valid SSN, the individual should notify the FTB in the time and manner prescribed by the FTB. The YCTC is available if the eligible individual or spouse has a qualifying child younger than six years old. For more information, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for [eitc](#), or get form FTB 3514.

**Worker Status: Employees and Independent Contractors** – Some individuals may be classified as independent contractors for federal purposes and employees for California purposes, which may also cause changes in how their income and deductions are classified. Proposition 22 was operative as of December 16, 2020 and may affect a taxpayer's worker classification. For more information, see the instructions for Schedule CA (540).

**Minimum Essential Coverage Individual Mandate** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, California law requires residents and their dependents to obtain and maintain minimum essential coverage (MEC), also referred to as qualifying health care coverage. Individuals who fail to maintain qualifying health care coverage for any month during the taxable year will be subject to a penalty unless they qualify for an exemption. For more information, see specific line instructions for Form 540, lines 64, 77, and 92, or get the following health care forms, instructions, and publications:

- Form FTB 3849, Premium Assistance Subsidy
- Form FTB 3853, Health Coverage Exemptions and Individual Shared Responsibility Penalty
- Form FTB 3895, California Health Insurance Marketplace Statement
- Publication 3849A, Premium Assistance Subsidy (PAS)
- Publication 3895B, California Instructions for Filing Federal Forms 1094-B and 1095-B
- Publication 3895C, California Instructions for Filing Federal Forms 1094-C and 1095-C

**Rental Real Estate Activities** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, the dollar limitation for the offset for rental real estate activities shall not apply to the low income housing credit program. For more information, see R&TC Section 17561(d)(1). Get form FTB 3801-CR, Passive Activity Credit Limitations, for more information.

**R&TC Section 41 Reporting Requirements** – Beginning in taxable year 2020, California allows individuals and other taxpayers operating under the personal income tax law to claim credits and deductions of business expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year in conducting commercial cannabis activity. Sole proprietors conducting a commercial cannabis activity that is licensed under California Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act should file form FTB 4197. The FTB uses information from form FTB 4197 for reports required by the California Legislature. Get form FTB 4197 for more information.

**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 R&TC Section 17276.23, and get form FTB 3805V, Net Operating Loss (NOL) Computation and NOL and Disaster Loss Limitations – Individuals, Estates, and Trusts.

**Excess Business Loss Limitation** – The federal CARES Act made amendments to IRC Section 461(l) by eliminating the excess business loss limitation of noncorporate taxpayers for taxable year 2020 and retroactively removing the limitation for taxable years 2018 and 2019. California does **not** conform to those amendments. Also, California law does not conform to the federal changes in the ARPA that extends the limitation on excess business losses of noncorporate taxpayers for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020, and ending before January 1, 2027. Complete form FTB 3461, California Limitation on Business Losses, if you are a noncorporate taxpayer and your net losses from all of your trades or businesses are more than \$262,000 (\$524,000 for married taxpayers filing a joint return). For more information, get form FTB 3461 and the instructions for Schedule CA (540).

**Program 3.0 California Motion Picture and Television Production Credit** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, California R&TC Section 17053.98 allows a third film credit, **program 3.0**, against tax. The credit is allocated and certified by the California Film Commission (CFC). The qualified taxpayer can:

- Offset the credit against income tax liability.
- Sell the credit to an unrelated party (independent films only).
- Assign the credit to an affiliated corporation.
- Apply the credit against qualified sales and use taxes.

For more information, get form FTB 3541, California Motion Picture and Television Production Credit, form FTB 3551, Sale of Credit Attributable to an Independent Film, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **motion picture**, or go to the CFC website at [film.ca.gov](http://film.ca.gov) and search for **incentives**.

**Business Credit Limitation** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2023, there is a \$5,000,000 limitation on the application of business credits for taxpayers. The total of all business credits including the carryover of any business credit for the taxable year may not reduce the "net tax" by more than \$5,000,000. Business credits should be applied against "net tax" before other credits. Business credits disallowed due to the limitation may be carried over. The carryover period for disallowed credits is extended by the number of taxable years the credit was not allowed. For more information, get Schedule P (540), Alternative Minimum Tax and Credit Limitations – Residents.

**Loophole Closure and Small Business and Working Families Tax Relief Act of 2019** – The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) signed into law on December 22, 2017, made changes to the IRC. California R&TC does not conform to all of the changes. In general, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, California conforms to the following TCJA provisions:

- California Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program
- Student loan discharged on account of death or disability
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) Premiums
- Excess employee compensation
- Excess business loss

**Like-Kind Exchanges** – The TCJA amended IRC Section 1031 limiting the nonrecognition of gain or loss on like-kind exchanges to real property held for productive use or investment. California conforms to this change under the TCJA for exchanges initiated after January 10, 2019. However, for California purposes, with regard to individuals, this limitation only applies to:

- A taxpayer who is a head of household, a surviving spouse, or spouse filing a joint return with adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$500,000 or more for the taxable year in which the exchange begins.
- Any other taxpayer filing an individual return with AGI of \$250,000 or more for the taxable year in which the exchange begins.

Get Schedule D-1, Sales of Business Property, for more information.

California requires taxpayers who exchange property located in California for like-kind property located outside of California under IRC Section 1031, to file an annual information return with the FTB. For more information, get form FTB 3840, California Like-Kind Exchanges, or go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **like kind**.

**Young Child Tax Credit** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, the refundable YCTC is available to taxpayers who also qualify for the California EITC and who have at least one qualifying child who is younger than six years old as of the last day of the taxable year. The maximum amount of credit allowable for a qualified taxpayer is \$1,000. The credit amount phases out as earned income exceeds the threshold amount of \$25,000, and completely phases out at \$30,000. For more information, see specific line instructions for Form 540, line 76, and get form FTB 3514.

**Net Operating Loss Carrybacks** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, net operating loss carrybacks are **not** allowed.

**Alimony** – California law does not conform to changes made by the TCJA to federal law regarding alimony and separate maintenance payments that are not deductible by the payor spouse, and are not includable in the income of the receiving spouse, if made under any divorce or separation agreement executed after December 31, 2018, or executed on or before December 31, 2018, and modified after that date (if the modification expressly provides that the amendments apply). See Schedule CA (540) specific line instructions for more information.

**Small Business Accounting/Percentage of Completion Method** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, California law generally conforms to the TCJA's definition of small businesses as taxpayers whose average annual gross receipts over three years do not exceed \$25 million. These small businesses are exempt from the requirement of using the Percentage of Completion Method of accounting for any construction contract if the contract is estimated to be completed within two years from the date the contract was entered into. A taxpayer may elect to apply the provision regarding accounting for long term contracts to contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2018.

**Student Loan Discharged Due to Closure of a For-Profit School** – California law allows an income exclusion for an eligible individual who is granted a discharge of any student loan under specified conditions. This income exclusion has now been expanded to include a discharge of student loans occurring on or after January 1, 2019, and before January 1, 2024, for individuals who attended a Brightwood College school or a location of The Art Institute of California. Additional information can be found in the instructions for California Schedule CA (540).

**Charitable Contribution and Business Expense Deductions**

**Disallowance** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, California law disallows a charitable contribution deduction to an educational organization that is a postsecondary institution or to the Key Worldwide Foundation, and a deduction for a business expense related to a payment to the Edge College and Career Network, LLC, to a taxpayer who meets specific conditions, including that they are named in any of several specified criminal complaints. For taxable years beginning on or after 2014, file an amended Form 540 and Schedule X, California Explanation of Amended Return Changes, to report the correct amount of charitable contribution and business expense deductions, as applicable. Additional information can be found in the instructions of California Schedule CA (540).

**Real Estate Withholding Statement** – Effective January 1, 2020, the real estate withholding forms and instructions have been consolidated into one new **Form 593, Real Estate Withholding Statement**. For more information, get Form 593.

**California Earned Income Tax Credit** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, the age limit for an eligible individual without a qualifying child is revised to 18 years or older. For more information, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **eitc** or get form FTB 3514.

**Native American Earned Income Exemption** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, federally recognized tribal members living in California Indian country who earn income from any federally recognized California Indian country are exempt from California taxation. This exemption applies only to earned income. Enrolled tribal members who receive per capita income must reside in their affiliated tribe's Indian country to qualify for tax exempt status. Additional information can be found in the instructions for Schedule CA (540) and form FTB 3504, Enrolled Tribal Member Certification.

**IRC Section 965 Deferred Foreign Income** – Under federal law, if you own (directly or indirectly) certain foreign corporations, you may have to include on your return certain deferred foreign income. California does not conform. For more information, see the Schedule CA (540) instructions.

**Global Intangible Low-Taxed Income (GILTI) Under IRC Section 951A** – Under federal law, if you are a U.S. shareholder of a controlled foreign corporation, you must include your GILTI in your income. California does not conform. For more information, see the Schedule CA (540) instructions.

**Wrongful Incarceration Exclusion** – California law conforms to federal law excluding from gross income certain amounts received by wrongfully incarcerated individuals for taxable years beginning before, on, or after January 1, 2018. If you included income for wrongful incarceration in a prior taxable year, you can file an amended California personal income tax return for that year. If the normal statute of limitations has expired, you must file a claim by January 1, 2019.

**College Access Tax Credit** – For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2017, and before January 1, 2023, the College Access Tax Credit (CATC) is available to entities awarded the credit from the California Educational Facilities Authority (CEFA). The credit is 50% of the amount contributed by the taxpayer for the taxable year to the College Access Tax Credit Fund. The amount of the credit is allocated and certified by the CEFA. For more information, go to the CEFA website at [treasurer.ca.gov](http://treasurer.ca.gov) and search for **catc**.

**Schedule X, California Explanation of Amended Return Changes** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, use Schedule X to determine any additional amount you owe or refund due to you, and to provide reason(s) for amending your previously filed income tax return. For additional information, see "Instructions for Filing a 2021 Amended Return" on page 29.

**Improper Withholding on Severance Paid to Veterans** – The Combat-Injured Veterans Tax Fairness Act of 2016 gives veterans who retired from the Armed Forces for medical reasons additional time to claim a refund if they had taxes improperly withheld from their severance pay. If you filed an amended return with the IRS on this issue, you have two years to file your amended California return.

**California Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, the California Qualified ABLE Program was established and California generally conforms to the federal income tax treatment of ABLE accounts. This program was established to help blind or disabled U.S. residents save money in a tax-favored ABLE account to maintain health, independence, and quality of life. Additional information can be found in the instructions of form FTB 3805P, Additional Taxes on Qualified Plans (Including IRAs) and Other Tax-Favored Accounts.

**Electronic Funds Withdrawal (EFW)** – Make extension or estimated tax payments using tax preparation software. Check with your software provider to determine if they support EFW for extension or estimated tax payments.

**Payments and Credits Applied to Use Tax** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, if a taxpayer includes use tax on their personal income tax return, payments and credits will be applied to use tax first, then towards income tax, interest, and penalties. For more information, see specific line instructions for Form 540, line 91.

**Dependent Social Security Number** – Taxpayers claiming an exemption credit must write each dependent's SSN in the spaces provided within line 10 for the California Form 540. If you are claiming an exemption credit for a dependent who is ineligible for an SSN and a federal ITIN, you may complete and provide form FTB 3568 with required documentation attached to the tax return and write "no id" in the SSN field of line 10. For more information, see Form 540 specific instructions for line 10 and get form FTB 3568.

**Financial Incentive for Seismic Improvement** – Taxpayers can exclude from gross income any amount received as loan forgiveness, grant, credit, rebate, voucher, or other financial incentive issued by the California Residential Mitigation Program or the California Earthquake Authority to assist a residential property owner or occupant with expenses paid, or obligations incurred, for earthquake loss mitigation. Additional information can be found in the instructions for California Schedule CA (540).

**Disaster Losses** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, and before January 1, 2024, taxpayers may deduct a disaster loss for any loss sustained in any city, county, or city and county in California that is proclaimed by the Governor to be in a state of emergency. For these Governor-only declared disasters, subsequent state legislation is not required to activate the disaster loss provisions. Additional information can be found in the instructions for California form FTB 3805V.

**Penalty Assessed by Professional Sports League** – An owner of all or part of a professional sports franchise will not be allowed a deduction for the amount of any fine or penalty paid or incurred, that was assessed or imposed by the professional sports league that includes that franchise. Additional information can be found in the instructions for California Schedule CA (540).

**Mandatory Electronic Payments** – You are required to remit all your payments electronically once you make an estimate or extension payment exceeding \$20,000 or you file an original tax return with a total tax liability over \$80,000. Once you meet this threshold, all subsequent payments regardless of amount, tax type, or taxable year must be remitted electronically. The first payment that would trigger the mandatory e-pay requirement does not have to be made electronically. Individuals that do not send the payment electronically will be subject to a 1% noncompliance penalty.

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You can request a waiver from mandatory e-pay if one or more of the following is true:

- You have not made an estimated tax or extension payment in excess of \$20,000 during the current or previous taxable year.
- Your total tax liability reported for the previous taxable year did not exceed \$80,000.
- The amount you paid is not representative of your total tax liability.

For more information or to obtain the waiver form, go to [ftb.ca.gov/e-pay](http://ftb.ca.gov/e-pay). Electronic payments can be made using Web Pay on FTB's website, EFW as part of the e-file return, or your credit card.

**Estimated Tax Payments** – Taxpayers are required to pay 30% of the required annual payment for the 1st required installment, 40% of the required annual payment for the 2nd required installment, no installment is due for the 3rd required installment, and 30% of the required annual payment for the 4th required installment.

Taxpayers with a tax liability less than \$500 (\$250 for married/RDP filing separately) do not need to make estimated tax payments.

**Backup Withholding** – With certain limited exceptions, payers that are required to withhold and remit backup withholding to the IRS are also required to withhold and remit to the FTB on income sourced to California. If the payee has backup withholding, the payee must contact the FTB to provide a valid taxpayer identification number, before filing the tax return. Failure to provide a valid taxpayer identification number may result in a denial of the backup withholding credit. For more information, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **backup withholding**.

**Registered Domestic Partners (RDP)** – Under California law, RDPs must file their California income tax return using either the married/RDP filing jointly or married/RDP filing separately filing status. RDPs have the same legal benefits, protections, and responsibilities as married couples unless otherwise specified.

If you entered into a same sex legal union in another state, other than a marriage, and that union has been determined to be substantially equivalent to a California registered domestic partnership, you are required to file a California income tax return using either the married/RDP filing jointly or married/RDP filing separately filing status.

For purposes of California income tax, references to a spouse, husband, or wife also refer to a California RDP, unless otherwise specified. When we use the initials RDP they refer to both a California registered domestic "partner" and a California registered domestic "partnership," as applicable. For more information on RDPs, get FTB Pub. 737.

**Direct Deposit Refund** – You can request a direct deposit refund on your tax return whether you e-file or file a paper tax return. Be sure to fill in the routing and account numbers carefully and double-check the numbers for accuracy to avoid it being rejected by your bank.

**Direct Deposit for ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plans** – If you have a ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan account maintained by the ScholarShare Investment Board, you may have your refund directly deposited to your ScholarShare account. Go to [scholarshare529.com](http://scholarshare529.com) for instructions.

**California Disclosure Obligations** – If the individual was involved in a reportable transaction, including a listed transaction, the individual may have a disclosure requirement. Attach federal Form 8886, Reportable Transaction Disclosure Statement, to the back of the California tax return along with any other supporting schedules. If this is the first time the reportable transaction is disclosed on the tax return, send a duplicate copy of the federal Form 8886 to the address below. The FTB may impose penalties if the individual fails to file federal Form 8886, or fails to provide any other required information. A material advisor is required to provide a reportable transaction number to all taxpayers and material advisors for whom the material advisor acts as a material advisor.

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# Which Form Should I Use?



e-file and you won't have to decide which form to use! The software will select the correct form for you.

## Were you and your spouse/RDP residents during the entire year 2021?

**Yes.** Check the chart below to see which form to use.

**No.** Use Form 540NR. To download or order the California Nonresident or Part-Year Resident Income Tax Booklet, go to [ftb.ca.gov/forms](http://ftb.ca.gov/forms) or see, "Where to Get Income Tax Forms and Publications."

	<b>Form 540 2EZ</b>	<b>Form 540</b>
	<b>Form not included in this booklet. If you qualify to use Form 540 2EZ, see "Where To Get Income Tax Forms and Publications" to download or order this form.</b>	
<b>Filing Status</b>	Single, married/RDP filing jointly, head of household, qualifying widow(er)	Any filing status
<b>Dependents</b>	0-3 allowed	All dependents you are entitled to claim
<b>Amount of Income</b>	Total income of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$100,000 or less if single or head of household</li> <li>• \$200,000 or less if married/RDP filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)</li> </ul> You cannot use Form 540 2EZ if you (or your spouse/RDP) can be claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer, and your TOTAL income is less than or equal to \$15,953 if single; \$31,856 if married/RDP filing jointly or qualifying widow(er); or \$22,556 if head of household.	Any amount of income
<b>Sources of Income</b>	Only income from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wages, salaries, and tips</li> <li>• Taxable interest, dividends, and pensions</li> <li>• Taxable scholarship and fellowship grants (only if reported on federal Form(s) W-2)</li> <li>• Capital gains from mutual funds (reported on federal Form 1099-DIV, box 2a only)</li> <li>• Unemployment compensation reported on federal Form 1099-G</li> <li>• Paid Family Leave Insurance</li> <li>• U.S. social security benefits</li> <li>• Tier 1 and tier 2 railroad retirement payments</li> </ul>	All sources of income
<b>Adjustments to Income</b>	No adjustments to income	All adjustments to income
<b>Standard Deduction</b>	Allowed	Allowed
<b>Itemized Deductions</b>	No itemized deductions	All itemized deductions
<b>Payments</b>	Only withholding shown on federal Form(s) W-2 and 1099-R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Withholding from all sources</li> <li>• Estimated tax payments</li> <li>• Payments made with extension</li> <li>• Excess State Disability Insurance (SDI) or Voluntary Plan Disability Insurance (VPDI)</li> </ul>
<b>Tax Credits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refundable California earned income tax credit</li> <li>• Refundable young child tax credit</li> <li>• Personal exemption credit</li> <li>• Senior exemption credit</li> <li>• Up to three dependent exemption credits</li> <li>• Nonrefundable renter's credit</li> </ul>	All tax credits
<b>Other Taxes</b>	Only tax computed using the 540 2EZ Table	All taxes



If you qualify to use Form 540 2EZ, you may be eligible to use CalFile. Visit [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **calfile**. It's fast, easy, and free.

If you don't qualify for CalFile, you qualify for e-file. Go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **e-file options**.

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# 2021 Instructions for Form 540 — California Resident Income Tax Return

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

## Before You Begin

Complete your federal income tax return Form 1040, U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, or Form 1040-SR, U.S. Tax Return for Seniors, before you begin your Form 540, California Resident Income Tax Return. Use information from your federal income tax return to complete your Form 540. Complete and mail Form 540 by April 18, 2022. If unable to mail your tax return by this date, see page 2.



You may qualify for the federal earned income credit. See page 2 for more information.

**Note:** The lines on Form 540 are numbered with gaps in the line number sequence. For example, lines 20 through 30 do not appear on Form 540, so the line number that follows line 19 on Form 540 is line 31.

**Caution:** Form 540 has five sides. When filing Form 540, you must send all five sides to the Franchise Tax Board (FTB).

If you need to amend your California resident income tax return, complete an amended Form 540 and check the box at the top of Form 540 indicating AMENDED return. Attach Schedule X, California Explanation of Amended Return Changes, to the amended Form 540. For specific instructions, see “Instructions for Filing a 2021 Amended Return” on page 29.



To use our automated phone service and codes, call 800.338.0505. For the complete code list, see “Automated Phone Service.”

## Filing in Your Tax Return

- Use black or blue ink on the tax return you send to the FTB.
- Enter your social security number(s) or individual taxpayer identification number(s) at the top of Form 540, Side 1.
- Print numbers and CAPITAL LETTERS in the space provided. Be sure to line up dollar amounts.
- If you do not have an entry for a line, leave it blank unless the instructions for a line specifically tell you to enter -0-. **Do not** enter a dash, or the word “NONE.”

## Name(s) and Address

Print your first name, middle initial, last name, and street address in the spaces provided at the top of the form.

### Suffix

Use the Suffix field for generational name suffixes such as “SR”, “JR”, “III”, “IV”. Do not enter academic, professional, or honorary suffixes.

### Additional Information

Use the Additional Information field for “In-Care-Of” name and other supplemental address information only.

### Foreign Address

If you have a foreign address, follow the country’s practice for entering the city, county, province, state, country, and postal code, as applicable, in the appropriate boxes. **Do not** abbreviate the country name.

### Principal Business Activity (PBA) Code

For federal Schedule C (Form 1040), Profit or Loss From Business (Sole Proprietorship) business filers, enter the numeric PBA code from federal Schedule C (Form 1040), line B.

### Date of Birth (DOB)

Enter your DOBs (mm/dd/yyyy) in the spaces provided. If your filing status is married/RDP filing jointly or married/RDP filing separately, enter the DOBs in the same order as the names.

### Prior Name

If you or your spouse/RDP filed your 2020 tax return under a different last name, write the last name **only** from the 2020 tax return.

## Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)

Enter your SSN in the spaces provided. If filing a joint tax return, enter the SSNs in the same order as the names.

If you do not have an SSN because you are a nonresident or resident alien for federal tax purposes, and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issued you an ITIN, enter the ITIN in the space for the SSN. An ITIN is a tax processing number issued by the IRS to foreign nationals and others who have a federal tax filing requirement and do not qualify for an SSN. It is a nine-digit number that always starts with the number 9.

## Principal Residence

If you are under 18 years old or have not filed a California resident income tax return in the prior year, then leave the county and principal/physical address fields blank.

Only complete this section if you are age 18 or older and you have filed a California resident income tax return in the prior year.

- **County** – Enter the county where you have your principal/physical residence on the date that you file your Form 540. If you reside in a foreign country at the time of filing, leave the county field blank.
- If your principal/physical residence address at the time of filing is the same as the address you provided at the top of this form, check the box provided on this line.
- If your principal/physical residence address at the time of filing is different from the address at the top of this form, provide the address of your principal/physical residence in the spaces provided.
- If you reside in a foreign country at the time of filing, enter the city, province or state, and country in the city field. Follow the country’s practice for entering the postal code. **Do not** abbreviate the country name.

## Filing Status

### Line 1 through Line 5 – Filing Status

Check only one box for line 1 through line 5. Enter the required additional information if you checked the box on line 3 or line 5. For filing status requirements, see page 3.

Usually, your California filing status must be the same as the filing status you used on your federal income tax return.

**Exception for Married Taxpayers Who File a Joint Federal Income Tax Return** – You may file separate California returns if either spouse was either of the following:

- An active member of the United States Armed Forces or any auxiliary military branch during 2021.
- A nonresident for the entire year and had no income from California sources during 2021.

**Caution – Community Property States:** If either spouse earned California source income while domiciled in a community property state, the community income will be split equally between the spouses. Both spouses will have California source income and they will **not** qualify for the nonresident spouse exception. For more information, get FTB Pub. 1031, Guidelines for Determining Resident Status.

If you had no federal filing requirement, use the same filing status for California you would have used to file a federal income tax return.

Registered domestic partners (RDPs) who file single for federal **must file** married/RDP filing jointly or married/RDP filing separately for California. If you are an RDP and file head of household for federal purposes, you may file head of household for California purposes only if you meet the requirements to be considered unmarried or considered not in a domestic partnership.

If you filed a joint tax return and either you or your spouse/RDP was a nonresident for 2021, you **must file** the Form 540NR, California Nonresident or Part-Year Resident Income Tax Return.

## Exemptions

### Line 6 – Can be Claimed as Dependent



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Check the box on line 6 if someone else can claim you or your spouse/RDP as a dependent on their tax return, even if they chose not to.

### Line 7 – Personal Exemptions

Did you check the box on line 6?

**No** Follow the instructions on Form 540, line 7.

**Yes** Ignore the instructions on Form 540, line 7. Instead, enter in the box on line 7 as shown below for your filing status:

- Single or married/RDP filing separately, enter -0-.
- Head of household, enter -0-.
- Married/RDP filing jointly and both you and your spouse/RDP can be claimed as dependents, enter -0-.
- Married/RDP filing jointly and only one spouse/RDP can be claimed as a dependent, enter 1.

Do not claim this credit if someone else can claim you as a dependent on their tax return.

### Line 8 – Blind Exemptions

The first year you claim this exemption credit, attach a doctor's statement to the back of Form 540 indicating you or your spouse/RDP are visually impaired. If you e-file, attach any requested forms, schedules and documents according to your software's instructions. Visually impaired means not capable of seeing better than 20/200 while wearing glasses or contact lenses, or if your field of vision is not more than 20 degrees.

Do not claim this credit if someone else can claim you as a dependent on their tax return.

### Line 9 – Senior Exemptions

If you were 65 years of age or older by December 31, 2021\*, you should claim an additional exemption credit on line 9. If you are married/or an RDP, each spouse/RDP 65 years of age or older should claim an additional credit. You may contribute all or part of this credit to the California Seniors Special Fund. See "Voluntary Contribution Fund Descriptions" for more information.

\*If your 65th birthday is on January 1, 2022, you are considered to be age 65 on December 31, 2021.

Do not claim this credit if someone else can claim you as a dependent on their tax return.

### Line 10 – Dependent Exemptions

To claim an exemption credit for each of your dependents, you must write each dependent's first and last name, SSN or ITIN and relationship to you in the space provided. If you are claiming more than three dependents, attach a statement with the required dependent information to your tax return. The persons you list as dependents must be the same persons you listed as dependents on your federal income tax return. If you filed form FTB 3568, Alternative Identifying Information for the Dependent Exemption Credit, to qualify to claim your dependents for California purposes, the dependents you claim on your California income tax return may not match those claimed on your federal income tax return. Count the number of dependents listed and enter the total in the box on line 10. Multiply the number you entered by the pre-printed dollar amount and enter the result.

For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, taxpayers claiming a dependent exemption credit for a dependent who is ineligible for an SSN and a federal ITIN may provide alternative information to the FTB to identify the dependent.

To claim the dependent exemption credit, taxpayers complete form FTB 3568, attach the form and required documentation to their tax return, and write "no id" in the SSN field of line 10, Dependents, on Form 540. For each dependent being claimed that does not have an SSN and an ITIN, a form FTB 3568 must be provided along with supporting documentation. If you e-file, attach any requested forms, schedules and documents according to your software's instructions.

Taxpayers may amend their tax returns beginning with taxable year 2018 to claim the dependent exemption credit. These taxpayers should complete an amended Form 540, write "no id" in the SSN field on the Dependents line, and attach Schedule X. To complete Schedule X, check box m for "Other" on Part II, line 1, and write the explanation "Claim dependent exemption credit with no id and form FTB 3568 is attached" on Part II, line 2. Make sure to attach form FTB 3568 and the required supporting documents in addition to the amended tax return and Schedule X. If taxpayers do not claim the dependent exemption credit on their original 2021 tax return, they may amend their 2021 tax return following the same procedures used to amend their previous year amended tax returns beginning with taxable year 2018. For more information, get FTB Notice 2021-01.

If your dependent child was born and died in 2021 and you do not have an SSN or an ITIN for the child, write "Died" in the space provided for the SSN and include a copy of the child's birth certificate, death certificate, or hospital records. The document must show the child was born alive. If you e-file, attach any requested forms, schedules and documents according to your software's instructions.

### Line 11 – Exemption Amount

Add line 7 through line 10 and enter the total dollar amount of all exemptions for personal, blind, senior, and dependent.

## Taxable Income

Refer to your completed federal income tax return to complete this section.

### Line 12 – State Wages



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Enter the total amount of your state wages from all states from each of your federal Form(s) W-2, Wage and Tax Statement. This amount appears on Form W-2, box 16.

If you received wages and do not have a Form W-2, see "Attachments to your tax return."

### Line 13 – Federal Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) from federal Form 1040 or Form 1040-SR, line 11

RDPs who file a California tax return as married/RDP filing jointly and have no RDP adjustments between federal and California, combine their individual AGIs from their federal tax returns filed with the IRS. Enter the combined AGI on line 13.

RDP adjustments include but are not limited to the following:

- Transfer of property between spouses/RDPs
- Capital loss
- Transactions between spouses/RDPs
- Sale of residence
- Dependent care assistance
- Investment interest
- Qualified residence interest acquisition loan & equity loan
- Expense depreciation property limits
- Individual Retirement Account
- Interest education loan
- Rental real estate passive loss
- Rollover of publicly traded securities gain into specialized small business investment companies

RDPs filing as married/RDP filing separately, former RDPs filing single, and RDPs with RDP adjustments will use the California RDP Adjustments Worksheet in FTB Pub. 737, Tax Information for Registered Domestic Partners, or complete a federal pro forma Form 1040 or

1040-SR. Transfer the amount from the California RDP Adjustments Worksheet, line 27, column D, or federal pro forma Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 11, to Form 540, line 13.

**Line 14 – California Adjustments – Subtractions [from Schedule CA (540), Part I, line 27, column B]**

If there are no differences between your federal and California income or deductions, do not file a Schedule CA (540), California Adjustments — Residents.

If there are differences between your federal and California income, i.e. social security, complete Schedule CA (540). Follow the instructions for Schedule CA (540). Enter on line 14 the amount from Schedule CA (540), Part I, line 27, column B. If a negative amount, see Schedule CA (540), Part I, line 27 instructions.

**Line 15 – Subtotal**

Subtract the amount on line 14 from the amount on line 13. Enter the result on line 15. If the amount on line 13 is less than zero, combine the amounts on line 13 and line 14 and enter the result in parentheses. For example: “(12,325).”

**Line 16 – California Adjustments – Additions [from Schedule CA (540), Part I, line 27, column C]**

If there are differences between your federal and California deductions, complete Schedule CA (540). Follow the instructions for Schedule CA (540). Enter on line 16 the amount from Schedule CA (540), Part I, line 27, column C. If a negative amount, see Schedule CA (540), Part I, line 27 instructions.

**Line 18 – California Itemized Deductions or California Standard Deduction**

Decide whether to itemize your charitable contributions, medical expenses, mortgage interest paid, taxes, etc., or take the standard deduction. Your California income tax will be less if you take the **larger** of:

- Your California itemized deductions.
- Your California standard deduction.

California itemized deductions may be limited based on federal AGI. To compute limitations, use Schedule CA (540). RDPs use your recalculated federal AGI to figure your itemized deductions.

On federal tax returns, individual taxpayers who claim the standard deduction are allowed an additional deduction for net disaster losses. For California, deductions for disaster losses are only allowed for those individual taxpayers who itemized their deductions.

If married/or an RDP and filing separate tax returns, you and your spouse/RDP must either both itemize your deductions (even if the itemized deductions of one spouse/RDP are less than the standard deduction) or both take the standard deduction.

If someone else can claim you as a dependent, you may claim the greater of the standard deduction or your itemized deductions. To figure your standard deduction, use the Form 540 – California Standard Deduction Worksheet for Dependents.

**Itemized deductions** – Figure your California itemized deductions by completing Schedule CA (540), Part II, lines 1 through 30. Enter the result on Form 540, line 18.

If you did not itemize deductions on your federal income tax return but will itemize deductions for your Form 540, first complete federal Schedule A (Form 1040), Itemized Deductions. Then check the box on Side 4, Part II of the Schedule CA (540) and complete Part II. Attach both the federal Schedule A (Form 1040) and California Schedule CA (540) to the back of your tax return.

**Standard deduction** – Find your standard deduction on the California Standard Deduction Chart for Most People. If you checked the box on Form 540, line 6, use the California Standard Deduction Worksheet for Dependents.

**California Standard Deduction Chart for Most People**

Do not use this chart if your parent, or someone else, can claim you (or your spouse/RDP) as a dependent on their tax return.

Your Filing Status	Enter On Line 18
1 – Single . . . . .	\$4,803
2 – Married/RDP filing jointly . . . . .	\$9,606
3 – Married/RDP filing separately . . . . .	\$4,803
4 – Head of household . . . . .	\$9,606
5 – Qualifying widow(er) . . . . .	\$9,606

The California standard deduction amounts are less than the federal standard deduction amounts.

**California Standard Deduction Worksheet for Dependents**

Use this worksheet only if your parent, or someone else, can claim you (or your spouse/RDP) as a dependent on their return.

**Use whole dollars only.**

1. Enter your earned income from: line 2 of the “Standard Deduction Worksheet for Dependents” in the instructions for federal Form 1040 or 1040-SR . . . . . 1 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Minimum standard deduction . . . . . 2 \$1,100.00
3. Enter the **larger** of line 1 or line 2 here . . . . . 3 \_\_\_\_\_
4. Enter the amount shown for your filing status
  - Single or married/RDP filing separately, enter \$4,803. . . . . } 4 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Married/RDP filing jointly, head of household, or qualifying widow(er), enter \$9,606. . . . . }
5. **Standard deduction.** Enter the **smaller** of line 3 or line 4 here and on Form 540, line 18 . . . 5 \_\_\_\_\_

**Line 19 – Taxable Income**

**Capital Construction Fund (CCF)** – If you claim a deduction on your federal Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 15 for the contribution made to a CCF set up under the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, reduce the amount you would otherwise enter on line 19 by the amount of the deduction. Next to line 19, enter “CCF” and the amount of the deduction. For more information, get federal Publication 595, Capital Construction Fund for Commercial Fishermen.

**Tax**

When figuring your tax, use the correct filing status and taxable income amount.

**Line 31 – Tax**

To figure your tax, use one of the following methods and check the matching box on line 31:

- **Tax Table** – If your taxable income on line 19 is \$100,000 or less, use the tax table beginning on page 87. Use the correct filing status column in the tax table.
- **Tax Rate Schedules** – If your taxable income on line 19 is over \$100,000, use the tax rate schedule for your filing status on page 93.
- **FTB 3800** – Generally, use form FTB 3800, Tax Computation for Certain Children with Unearned Income, to figure the tax on a separate Form 540 for your child who was age 18 and under or a student under age 24 on January 1, 2022, and who had more than \$2,200 of investment income. Attach form FTB 3800 to the child’s Form 540.
- **FTB 3803** – If, as a parent, you elect to report your child’s interest and dividend income of \$11,000 or less (but not less than \$1,100) on your tax return, complete form FTB 3803, Parents’ Election to Report Child’s Interest and Dividends. File a separate form FTB 3803 for each child whose income you elect to include on your Form 540.

Add the amount of tax, if any, from each form FTB 3803, line 9, to the amount of your tax from the tax table or tax rate schedules and enter the result on Form 540, line 31. Attach form(s) FTB 3803 to your tax return.

To prevent possible delays in processing your tax return or refund, enter the correct tax amount on this line. To automatically figure your tax or to verify your tax calculation, use our online tax calculator. Go to [ftb.ca.gov/tax-rates](http://ftb.ca.gov/tax-rates).



CalFile or e-file and you won't have to do the math. Go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **e-file**.

**Line 32 – Exemption Credits**

Exemption credits reduce your tax. If your federal AGI on line 13 is more than the amount shown below for your filing status, your credits will be limited.

For purposes of computing limitations based upon AGI, RDPs, recalculate their AGI using a federal pro forma or California RDP Adjustments Worksheet (located in FTB Pub. 737). If your recalculated federal AGI is more than the amount shown below for your filing status, your credits will be limited.

If your filing status is: Is Form 540, line 13 more than:

Single or married/RDP filing separately . . . . .	\$212,288
Married/RDP filing jointly or qualifying widow(er) . . . . .	\$424,581
Head of household . . . . .	\$318,437

- Yes** Complete the AGI Limitation Worksheet below.
- No** Follow the instructions on Form 540, line 32.

AGI Limitation Worksheet	
Use whole dollars only.	
<b>a</b> Enter the amount from line 13 . . . . .	<b>a</b> _____
<b>b</b> Enter the amount for your filing status on line b:	
• Single or married/RDP filing separately . . . \$212,288	} <b>b</b> _____
• Married/RDP filing jointly or qualifying widow(er) . . . . . \$424,581	
• Head of household . . . . . \$318,437	
<b>c</b> Subtract line b from line a . . . . .	<b>c</b> _____
<b>d</b> Divide line c by \$2,500 (\$1,250 if married/RDP filing separately). If the result is not a whole number, round it to the next higher whole number. . . . .	<b>d</b> _____
<b>e</b> Multiply line d by \$6 . . . . .	<b>e</b> _____
<b>f</b> Add the numbers from the boxes on lines 7, 8, and 9 (not the dollar amounts) . . . . .	<b>f</b> _____
<b>g</b> Multiply line e by line f. . . . .	<b>g</b> _____
<b>h</b> Add the total <b>dollar amount</b> from lines 7, 8, and 9 . . . . .	<b>h</b> _____
<b>i</b> Subtract line g from line h. If zero or less, enter -0- . . . . .	<b>i</b> _____
<b>j</b> Enter the number from the box on line 10 (not the dollar amount) . . . . .	<b>j</b> _____
<b>k</b> Multiply line e by line j. . . . .	<b>k</b> _____
<b>l</b> Enter the <b>dollar amount</b> from line 10 . . . . .	<b>l</b> _____
<b>m</b> Subtract line k from line l. If zero or less, enter -0- . . . . .	<b>m</b> _____
<b>n</b> Add line i and line m. Enter the result here and on line 32. <b>n</b>	<b>n</b> _____

**Line 34 – Tax from Schedule G-1 and Form FTB 5870A**

If you received a qualified lump-sum distribution in 2021 and you were born before January 2, 1936, get California Schedule G-1, Tax on Lump-Sum Distributions, to figure your tax by special methods that may result in less tax. Attach Schedule G-1 to your tax return.

If you received accumulation distributions from foreign trusts or from certain domestic trusts, get form FTB 5870A, Tax on Accumulation Distribution of Trusts, to figure the additional tax. Attach form FTB 5870A to your tax return.

To get these forms, see “Order Forms and Publications.”

**Special Credits and Nonrefundable Credits**

A variety of California tax credits are available to reduce your tax if you qualify. To figure and claim most special credits, you must complete a separate form or schedule and attach it to your Form 540. The Credit Chart on page 25 describes the credits and provides the name, credit code, and number of the required form or schedule. Many credits are limited to a certain percentage or a certain dollar amount. In addition, the total amount you may claim for all credits is limited by tentative minimum tax (TMT); go to Box A to see if your credits are limited.

If you are not claiming any special credits, go to line 40 and line 46 to see if you qualify for the Nonrefundable Child and Dependent Care Expenses Credit or the Nonrefundable Renter's Credit.

<p><b>Box A –</b> Did you complete federal Schedule C, D, E, or F <b>and</b> claim or receive any of the following (<b>Note:</b> If your business gross receipts are less than \$1,000,000 from all trades or businesses, you do not have to report alternative minimum tax (AMT). For more information, see line 61 instructions.):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accelerated depreciation in excess of straight-line</li> <li>• Intangible drilling costs</li> <li>• Depletion</li> <li>• Circulation expenditures</li> <li>• Research and experimental expenditures</li> <li>• Mining exploration/development costs</li> <li>• Amortization of pollution control facilities</li> <li>• Income/loss from tax shelter farm activities</li> <li>• Income/loss from passive activities</li> <li>• Income from long-term contracts using the percentage of completion method</li> <li>• Pass-through AMT adjustment from an estate or trust reported on Schedule K-1 (541)</li> </ul> <p><b>Yes</b> Get and complete Schedule P (540). See “Order Forms and Publications.”</p> <p><b>No</b> Go to Box B.</p>
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<p><b>Box B –</b> Did you claim or receive any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investment interest expense</li> <li>• Income from incentive stock options in excess of the amount reported on your tax return</li> <li>• Income from installment sales of certain property</li> </ul> <p><b>Yes</b> Get and complete Schedule P (540). See “Order Forms and Publications.”</p> <p><b>No</b> Go to Box C.</p>
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<p><b>Box C –</b> If your filing status is: <span style="float: right;">Is Form 540, line 17 more than:</span></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Single or head of household . . . . .</td> <td>\$292,763</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Married/RDP filing jointly or qualifying widow(er) . . . . .</td> <td>\$390,351</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Married/RDP filing separately . . . . .</td> <td>\$195,172</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Yes</b> Get and complete Schedule P (540). See “Order Forms and Publications.”</p> <p><b>No</b> Your credits are not limited. Go to the instructions for line 40.</p>	Single or head of household . . . . .	\$292,763	Married/RDP filing jointly or qualifying widow(er) . . . . .	\$390,351	Married/RDP filing separately . . . . .	\$195,172
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Married/RDP filing separately . . . . .	\$195,172					

**Line 40 – Nonrefundable Child and Dependent Care Expenses Credit — Code 232**

Claim this credit if you paid someone to care for your qualifying child under the age of 13, other dependent who is physically or mentally incapable of caring for him or herself, or spouse/RDP if physically or mentally incapable of caring for him or herself. The care must be provided in California. To claim this credit, your federal AGI must be \$100,000 or less and you must complete and attach form FTB 3506, Child and Dependent Care Expenses Credit.

**Line 43 through Line 45 – Additional Special Credits**

A code identifies each credit. To claim only one or two credits, enter the credit name, code, and amount of the credit on line 43 and line 44.

To claim more than two credits, use Schedule P (540), Part III. Get Schedule P (540) instructions, "How to Claim Your Credits."

**Important:** Attach Schedule P (540) and any supporting schedules or statements to your Form 540.

**Carryovers:** If you claim a credit with carryover provisions and the amount of the credit available this year exceeds your tax, carry over any excess credit to future years until the credit is used (unless the carryover period is a fixed number of years). If you claim a credit carryover for an expired credit, use form FTB 3540, Credit Carryover and Recapture Summary, to figure the amount of the credit. Otherwise, enter the amount of the credit on Schedule P (540), Part III, and **do not** attach form FTB 3540.

**Credit for Joint Custody Head of Household — Code 170**

You may **not** claim this credit if you used the married/RDP filing jointly, head of household, or qualifying widow(er) filing status.

Claim the credit if unmarried and not an RDP at the end of 2021 (or if married/or an RDP, you lived apart from your spouse/RDP for all of 2021 and you used the married/RDP filing separately filing status); and if you furnished more than one-half the household expenses for your home that also served as the main home of your child, step-child, or grandchild for at least 146 days but not more than 219 days of the taxable year. If the child is married/or an RDP, you must be entitled to claim a dependent exemption credit for the child.

Also, the custody arrangement for the child must be part of a decree of dissolution or legal separation or part of a written agreement between the parents where the proceedings have been initiated, but a decree of dissolution or legal separation has not yet been issued.

Use the worksheet below to figure the Joint Custody Head of Household credit **using whole dollars only**.

1. Enter the amount from Form 540, line 35 . . . . .	1	_____
2. Credit percentage — 30% . . . . .	2	_____ .30
3. Credit amount. Multiply line 1 by line 2. Enter the result or \$513, whichever is less . . . . .	3	_____

If you qualify for the Credit for Joint Custody Head of Household and the Credit for Dependent Parent, claim only one credit. Select the credit that allows the maximum benefit.

**Credit for Dependent Parent — Code 173**

You may **not** claim this credit if you used the single, head of household, qualifying widow(er), or married/RDP filing jointly filing status.

Claim this credit only if all of the following apply:

- You were married/or an RDP at the end of 2021 and you used the married/RDP filing separately filing status.
- Your spouse/RDP was not a member of your household during the last six months of the year.
- You furnished over one-half the household expenses for your dependent mother's or father's home, whether or not she or he lived in your home.

To figure the amount of this credit, use the worksheet for the Credit for Joint Custody Head of Household above. If you qualify for the Credit for Joint Custody Head of Household and the Credit for Dependent Parent, claim only one. Select the credit that will allow the maximum benefit.

**Credit for Senior Head of Household — Code 163**

You may claim this credit if you:

- Were 65 years of age or older on December 31, 2021\*.
- Qualified as a head of household in 2019 or 2020 by providing a household for a qualifying individual who died during 2019 or 2020.
- Did not have AGI over \$83,039 for 2021.

\* If your 65th birthday is on January 1, 2022, you are considered to be age 65 on December 31, 2021.

If you meet all the conditions listed above, you do not need to qualify to use the head of household filing status for 2021 in order to claim this credit.

Use this worksheet to figure this credit **using whole dollars only**.

1. Enter the amount from Form 540, line 19 . . . . .	1	_____
2. Credit percentage — 2% . . . . .	2	_____ .02
3. Credit amount. Multiply line 1 by line 2. Enter the result or \$1,565, whichever is less . . . . .	3	_____

**Credit for Child Adoption Costs — Code 197**

For the year in which an adoption decree or an order of adoption is entered (e.g., adoption is final), claim a credit for 50% of the cost of adopting a child who was **both**:

- A citizen or legal resident of the United States.
- In the **custody** of a California public agency or a California political subdivision.

Treat a prior unsuccessful attempt to adopt a child (even when the costs were incurred in a prior year) and a later successful adoption of a different child as one effort when computing the cost of adopting the child. Include the following costs if directly related to the adoption process:

- Fees for Department of Social Services or a licensed adoption agency.
- Medical expenses not reimbursed by insurance.
- Travel expenses for the adoptive family.

**Note:**

- This credit does not apply when a child is adopted from another country or another state, or was not in the custody of a California public agency or a California political subdivision.
- Any deduction for the expenses used to claim this credit must be reduced by the amount of the child adoption costs credit claimed.

Use the worksheet below to figure this credit **using whole dollars only**. If more than one adoption qualifies for this credit, complete a separate worksheet for each adoption. The maximum credit is limited to \$2,500 per minor child.

1. Enter qualifying costs for the child . . . . .	1	_____
2. Credit percentage — 50% . . . . .	2	_____ .50
3. Credit amount. Multiply line 1 by line 2. Do not enter more than \$2,500 . . . . .	3	_____

Your allowable credit is limited to \$2,500 for 2021. Carry over the excess credit to future years until the credit is used.

**Line 46 – Nonrefundable Renter's Credit**

If you paid rent for at least six months in 2021 on your principal residence located in California you may qualify to claim the nonrefundable renter's credit which may reduce your tax. Complete the qualification record on page 23.

**Line 48**

Subtract the amount on line 47 from the amount on line 35. Enter the result on line 48. If the amount on line 47 is more than the amount on line 35, enter -0-.

**Other Taxes**

Attach the specific form or statement required for each item below.

**Line 61 – Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT)**

If you claim certain types of deductions, exclusions, and credits, you may owe AMT if your total income is more than:

- \$104,094 married/RDP filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)
- \$78,070 single or head of household
- \$52,044 married/RDP filing separately

A child under age 19 or a student under age 24 may owe AMT if the sum of the amount on line 19 (taxable income) and any preference items listed on Schedule P (540) and included on the return is more than the sum of \$7,850 and the child's earned income.

AMT income does not include income, adjustments, and items of tax preference related to any trade or business of a qualified taxpayer who has gross receipts, less returns and allowances, during the taxable year of less than \$1,000,000 from all trades or businesses.

Get Schedule P (540) for more information. See "Order Forms and Publications."

**Line 62 – Mental Health Services Tax**

If your taxable income is more than \$1,000,000, compute the Mental Health Services Tax **using whole dollars only**:

1. Taxable income from Form 540, line 19 . . . . .	1	
2. Less . . . . .	2	\$(1,000,000)
3. Subtotal . . . . .	3	
4. Tax rate – 1% . . . . .	4	.01
5. Mental Health Services Tax – Multiply line 3 by line 4. Enter this amount here and on line 62. . . . .	5	

**Line 63 – Other Taxes and Credit Recapture**

If you received an early distribution of a qualified retirement plan and were required to report additional tax on your federal tax return, you may also be required to report additional tax on your California tax return. Get form FTB 3805P, Additional Taxes on Qualified Plans (including IRAs) and Other Tax-Favored Accounts. If required to report additional tax, report it on line 63 and write "FTB 3805P" to the left of the amount.

In general, California conforms to federal law for income received under IRC Section 409A on a nonqualified deferred compensation (NQDC) plan and discounted stock options and stock appreciation rights. Income received under IRC Section 409A is subject to an additional 5% tax of the amount required to be included in income plus interest. Include the additional tax, if any, on line 63. Write "NQDC" on the dotted line to the left of the amount.

If you owe interest on deferred tax from installment obligations, include the additional tax, if any, in the amount you enter on line 63. Write "IRC Section 453A interest" and the amount on the dotted line to the left of the amount on line 63.

If you used form(s):

- FTB 3531, California Competes Tax Credit – Enter only the recaptured amount used. Get the instructions for form FTB 3531, Part III, Credit Recapture, for more information.
- FTB 3540, Credit Carryover and Recapture Summary
- FTB 3554, New Employment Credit

Include the additional tax for credit recapture, if any, on line 63. Write the form number and the amount on the dotted line to the left of the amount on line 63.

**Line 64 – Excess Advance Premium Assistance Subsidy (APAS) Repayment**

Enter your excess APAS repayment amount from form FTB 3849, line 29.

You may have to repay excess APAS even if someone else enrolled you, your spouse, or your dependent in coverage purchased through Covered California (Marketplace). In that case, another individual may have received form FTB 3895 for the coverage.

You also may have to repay excess APAS if you enrolled an individual in coverage through the Marketplace, you don't claim the individual as a dependent on your return, and no one else claims that individual as a dependent. For more information, get the instructions for form FTB 3849 and FTB Pub 3849A.

**Payments**

To avoid a delay in the processing of your tax return, enter the correct amounts on line 71 through line 74.

**Line 71 – California Income Tax Withheld**

Enter the total California income tax withheld from your federal Forms:

- W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, box 17
- W-2G, Certain Gambling Winnings, box 15

- 1099-DIV, Dividends and Distributions, box 15
- 1099-INT, Interest Income, box 17
- 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Information, box 15
- 1099-NEC, Nonemployee Compensation, box 5
- 1099-OID, Original Issue Discount, box 14
- 1099-R, Distributions from Pensions, Annuities, Retirement, or Profit Sharing Plans, IRAs, Insurance Contracts, etc., box 14

Do not include city, local, or county tax withheld, tax withheld by other states, or nonconsenting nonresident (NCNR) member's tax from Schedule K-1 (568), line 15e. Do not include withholding from Forms 592-B, Resident and Nonresident Withholding Tax Statement, or Form 593, Real Estate Withholding Statement, on this line. For more information, see instructions for line 73.

Generally, tax should not be withheld on federal Form 1099-MISC or Form 1099-NEC. If you want to pre-pay tax on income reported on federal Form 1099-MISC or Form 1099-NEC, use Form 540-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals.

**Line 72 – 2021 CA Estimated Tax and Other Payments**

Enter the total of any:

- California estimated tax payments you made using 2021 Form 540-ES, electronic funds withdrawal, Web Pay, or credit card.
- Overpayment from your 2020 California income tax return that you applied to your 2021 estimated tax.
- Payment you sent with form FTB 3519, Payment for Automatic Extension for Individuals.
- California estimated tax payments made on your behalf by an estate, trust, or S corporation on Schedule K-1 (541) or Schedule K-1 (100S).



To view payments made or get your current account balance, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and login or register for MyFTB.

If you and your spouse/RDP paid joint estimated taxes but are now filing separate income tax returns, either of you may claim the entire amount paid, or each may claim part of the joint estimated tax payments. If you want the estimated tax payments to be divided, notify the FTB before you file the tax returns so the payments can be applied to the proper account. The FTB will accept in writing, any divorce agreement (or court-ordered settlement) or a statement showing the allocation of the payments along with a notarized signature of both taxpayers.

Send statements to:

JOINT ESTIMATE CREDIT ALLOCATION MS F283  
TAXPAYER SERVICES CENTER  
FRANCHISE TAX BOARD  
PO BOX 942840  
SACRAMENTO CA 94240-0040

If you or your spouse/RDP made separate estimated tax payments, but are now filing a joint income tax return, add the amounts you each paid. Attach a statement to the front of Form 540 explaining that payments were made under both SSNs. If you e-file, attach any requested forms, schedules and documents according to your software's instructions.

You do not have to make estimated tax payments if you are a nonresident or new resident of California in 2022 and did not have a California tax liability in 2021.

**Line 73 – Withholding (Form 592-B and/or 593)**

Enter the total of California withholding from Form 592-B and Form 593. Attach a copy of Form(s) 592-B and 593 to the lower front of Form 540, Side 1.

If your filing status changed after escrow closed and before filing your California tax return, please contact us at 888.792.4900, prior to filing your California tax return, for instructions on how to claim your withholding credit.

**Caution:** Do not include withholding from federal Form(s) W-2, W-2G, or 1099, or NCNR member's tax from Schedule K-1 (568), line 15e on this line.



**Line 74 – Excess California SDI (or VPDI) Withheld**

You may claim a credit for excess State Disability Insurance (SDI) or Voluntary Plan Disability Insurance (VPDI) if you meet **all** of the following conditions:

- You had **two or more** California employers during 2021.
- You received more than \$128,298 in gross wages from California sources.
- The amounts of SDI (or VPDI) withheld appear on your federal Form(s) W-2. Be sure to attach your Form(s) W-2 to the lower front of your Form 540.

If SDI (or VPDI) was withheld from your wages by a single employer, at more than 1.20% of your gross wages, you may not claim excess SDI (or VPDI) on your Form 540. Contact the employer for a refund.

To determine the amount to enter on line 74, complete the Excess SDI (or VPDI) Worksheet below. If married/RDP filing jointly, figure the amount of excess SDI (or VPDI) separately for each spouse/RDP.

<b>Excess SDI (or VPDI) Worksheet</b> Use whole dollars only.		
Follow the instructions below to figure the amount of excess SDI to enter on Form 540, line 74. If you are married/RDP and file a joint return, you must figure the amount of excess SDI (or VPDI) separately for each spouse/RDP.		
	<b>You</b>	<b>Your Spouse/ RDP</b>
1. Add amounts of SDI (or VPDI) withheld shown on your federal Forms W-2. Enter the total here . . . . .	1	
2. 2021 SDI (or VPDI) limit . . . . .	2	\$1,539.58
3. Excess SDI (or VPDI) withheld. Subtract line 2 from line 1. Enter the results here. Combine the amounts on line 3 and enter the total, in <b>whole dollars only</b> on line 74 . . . . .	3	
If zero or less, enter -0- on line 74.		

**Line 75 – Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)**

Enter your Earned Income Tax Credit from form FTB 3514, California Earned Income Tax Credit, line 20.

**Line 76 – Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC)**

Enter your Young Child Tax Credit from form FTB 3514, line 28.

**Line 77 – Net Premium Assistance Subsidy (PAS)**

Enter your net PAS amount from form FTB 3849, line 26.

**Line 78**

For the Claim of Right credit, follow the reporting instructions in Schedule CA (540), Part II, line 16 under the Claim of Right.

**Claim of Right:** If you are claiming the tax credit on your California tax return, include the amount of the credit in the total for this line. Write in “IRC 1341” and the amount of the credit to the left of the amount column.

To determine if you are entitled to this credit, refer to your prior year California Form 540, or Schedule CA (540) to verify the amount was included in your CA taxable income. If the amount repaid under a “Claim of Right” was not originally taxed by California, you are not entitled to claim the credit.

**Use Tax**

**Line 91 – Use Tax.**

You are required to enter a number on this line. If the amount due is zero, you must check the applicable box to indicate that you either owe no use tax, or you paid your use tax obligation directly to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

You may owe use tax if you make purchases from out-of-state retailers (for example, purchases made by telephone, online, by mail, or in person) where California sales or use tax was not paid and you use those items in California.

If you have questions about whether a purchase is taxable, go to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration’s website at **cdtfa.ca.gov**, or call its Customer Service Center at 1.800.400.7115 (CRS:711) (for hearing and speech disabilities).

Some taxpayers are required to report business purchases subject to use tax directly to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration. However, they may report certain personal purchases subject to use tax on the FTB income tax return.

You may not report business purchases subject to use tax on your income tax return if you:

- Have or are required to hold a California seller’s permit
- Receive \$100,000 or more per year in gross receipts from business operations.
- Are otherwise registered or required to be registered with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to report use tax.

**Note:** You may not report use tax on your income tax return for certain types of transactions. These types of transactions are described in detail below in the instructions.

The Use Tax Worksheet and Estimated Use Tax Lookup Table will help you determine how much use tax to report. If you owe use tax but you do not report it on your income tax return, you must report and pay the tax to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration. For information on how to report use tax directly to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, go to their website at **cdtfa.ca.gov** and type “**Find Information About Use Tax**” in the search bar.

Failure to report and pay timely may result in the assessment of interest, penalties, and fees.

See page 27 for a general explanation of California use tax.

**Use Tax Worksheet**

You must use the Use Tax Worksheet to calculate your use tax liability, if any of these apply:

- You prefer to calculate the amount of use tax due based upon your actual purchases subject to use tax, rather than based on an estimate.
- You owe use tax on any item purchased for use in a trade or business and you are not registered or required to be registered with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to report sales or use tax.
- You owe use tax on purchases of individual items with a purchase price of \$1,000 or more each.

**Example 1:** You purchased a television for \$2,000 from an out-of-state retailer that did not collect tax. You must use the Use Tax Worksheet to calculate the tax due on the price of the television, since the price of the television is \$1,000 or more.

**Example 2:** You purchased a computer monitor for \$300, a rare coin for \$500, and designer clothing for \$250 from out-of-state retailers that did not collect tax. Although the total price of all the items is \$1,050, the price of each item is less than \$1,000. Since none of these individual items are \$1,000 or more, you are not required to use the Use Tax Worksheet and may choose to use the Estimated Use Tax Lookup Table.

If you have a combination of individual non-business items purchased for \$1,000 or more each, and/or items purchased for use in a trade or business in addition to individual, non-business items purchased for less than \$1,000, you may either:

- Use the Use Tax Worksheet to compute use tax due on all purchases, or
- Use the Use Tax Worksheet to compute use tax due on all individual items purchased for \$1,000 or more plus all items purchased for use in a trade or business.

- Use the Estimated Use Tax Lookup Table to estimate the use tax due on individual, non-business items purchased for less than \$1,000, then add the amounts and report the total use tax on Line 91.

**Example 3:** The total price of the items you purchased from out-of-state retailers that did not collect use tax is \$2,300, which includes a \$1,000 television, a \$900 painting, and a \$400 table for your living room.

- You may choose to calculate the use tax due on the total price of \$2,300 using the Use Tax Worksheet, or
- You may choose to calculate the use tax due on the \$1,000 price of the television using the Use Tax Worksheet and estimate your use tax liability for the painting and table by using the Estimated Use Tax Lookup Table, then add the amounts and report the total use tax on Line 91.

<b>Use Tax Worksheet (See Instructions Below)</b>	
<b>Use whole dollars only</b>	
1. Enter purchases from out-of-state sellers made without payment of California sales/use tax. If you choose to estimate the use tax due on individual, non-business items purchased for less than \$1,000 each, only enter purchases of items with a purchase price of \$1,000 or more plus items purchased for use in a trade or business not registered with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration . \$ _____	.00
2. Enter the applicable sales and use tax rate . . . . .	_____
3. Multiply Line 1 by the tax rate on Line 2. Enter result here . . . . .	_____ .00
4. If you choose to estimate the use tax due on individual, non-business items purchased for less than \$1,000 each, enter the use tax amount due from the Estimated Use Tax Lookup Table. If all of your purchases are included in Line 1, enter -0- . . . . .	_____ .00
5. Add Lines 3 and 4. This is your total use tax. . . . .	_____ .00
6. Enter any sales or use tax you paid to another state for purchases included on Line 1. See worksheet instructions on this page . . . . .	_____ .00
7. Subtract Line 6 from Line 5. This is the total use tax due. Enter the amount due on Line 91. If the amount is less than zero, enter -0- . . . . .	_____ .00

**Worksheet, Line 1, Purchases Subject to Use Tax**

Report purchases of items that would have been subject to sales tax if purchased from a California retailer unless your receipt shows that California tax was paid directly to the retailer. For example, generally, you would include purchases of clothing, but not exempt purchases of food products or prescription medicine. For more information on nontaxable and exempt purchases, you may visit the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration’s website at [cdtfa.ca.gov](http://cdtfa.ca.gov).

- Include handling charges.
- Do not include any other state’s sales or use tax paid on the purchases.
- Enter only purchases made during the year that corresponds with the tax return you are filing.
- If you traveled to a foreign country and hand-carried items back to California, generally use tax is due on the purchase price of the goods you listed on your U.S. Customs Declaration less an \$800 per person exemption. For the hand carried items, you should report the amount of purchases in excess of the \$800 per-person exemption. This \$800 exemption does not apply to goods sent or shipped to California by mail or other common carrier. For goods sent or shipped, you should report the entire amount of the purchases.
- If your filing status is “married/RDP filing separately,” you may elect to report one-half of the use tax due or the entire amount on your income tax return. If you elect to report one-half, your spouse/RDP

may report the remaining half on his or her income tax return or on the individual use tax return available from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

**Note:** You cannot report the following types of purchases on your income tax return.

- Vehicles, vessels, and trailers that must be registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- Mobile homes or commercial coaches that must be registered annually as required by the Health and Safety Code.
- Vessels documented with the U.S. Coast Guard.
- Aircraft.
- Rental receipts from leasing machinery, equipment, vehicles, and other tangible personal property to your customers.
- Cigarettes and tobacco products when the purchaser is registered with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration as a cigarette and/or tobacco products consumer.

**Worksheet, Line 2, Sales and Use Tax Rate**

Enter the sales and use tax rate applicable to the place in California where the property was used, stored, consumed, or given away. To find your sales and use tax rate, please go to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration’s website at [cdtfa.ca.gov](http://cdtfa.ca.gov) and type “**City and County Sales and Use Tax Rates**” in the search bar. You may also call their Customer Service Center at 800.400.7115 (CRS:711) (for hearing and speech disabilities).

**Worksheet, Line 6, Credit for Tax Paid to Another State**

This is a credit for tax paid to other states on purchases reported on Line 1. You cannot claim a credit for more than the amount of use tax that is imposed on your use of property in this state. For example, if you paid \$8.00 sales tax to another state for a purchase, and would have paid \$6.00 in California, you can claim a credit of only \$6.00 for that purchase.

**Estimated Use Tax Lookup Table**

You may use the Estimated Use Tax Lookup Table to estimate and report the use tax due on individual non-business items you purchased for less than \$1,000 each. This option is only available if you are permitted to report use tax on your income tax return and you are not required to use the Use Tax Worksheet to calculate the use tax owed on all your purchases. Simply include the use tax liability that corresponds to your California Adjusted Gross Income (found on Line 17) and enter it on Line 91. You will not be assessed additional use tax on the individual non-business items you purchased for less than \$1,000 each.

You may not use the Estimated Use Tax Lookup Table to estimate and report the use tax due on purchases of items for use in your business or on purchases of individual non-business items you purchased for \$1,000 or more each. See the instructions for the Use Tax Worksheet if you have a combination of purchases of individual non-business items for less than \$1,000 each and purchases of individual non-business items for \$1,000 or more.

Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Range	Use Tax Liability
Less Than \$10,000	\$0
\$10,000 to \$19,999	\$1
\$20,000 to \$29,999	\$2
\$30,000 to \$39,999	\$3
\$40,000 to \$49,999	\$4
\$50,000 to \$59,999	\$4
\$60,000 to \$69,999	\$5
\$70,000 to \$79,999	\$6
\$80,000 to \$89,999	\$7
\$90,000 to \$99,999	\$8
\$100,000 to \$124,999	\$9
\$125,000 to \$149,999	\$11
\$150,000 to \$174,999	\$13
\$175,000 to \$199,999	\$15
More than \$199,999 – Multiply AGI by 0.008% (x 0.00008)	

Enter your use tax liability on Line 4 of the worksheet, or if you are not required to use the worksheet, enter the amount on Line 91 of your income tax return.

## ISR Penalty

### Line 92 – Individual Shared Responsibility (ISR) Penalty

Check the box on Form 540, line 92, if you, your spouse/RDP (if filing a joint return), and anyone you can or do claim as a dependent had minimum essential coverage (also referred to as qualifying health care coverage) that covered all of 2021. Medicare Part A or C qualifies as minimum essential coverage. If you check the box on Form 540, line 92, you do not owe the individual shared responsibility penalty and do not need to file form FTB 3853. For more information, get form FTB 3853.

If you and your household did not have full-year health care coverage, then go to form FTB 3853 to determine if you have an individual shared responsibility penalty. Enter your individual shared responsibility penalty from form FTB 3853, Part IV, line 1.

## Overpaid Tax or Tax Due

To avoid delay in processing of your tax return, enter the correct amounts on line 97 through line 100.

If you received a refund for 2020, you may receive a federal Form 1099-G. The refund amount reported on your federal Form 1099-G will be different from the amount shown on your tax return if you claimed the refundable California Earned Income Tax Credit and/or the Young Child Tax Credit. This is because the credit is not part of the refund from withholding or estimated tax payments.

### Line 97 – Overpaid Tax

If the amount on line 95 is more than the amount on line 65, your payments and credits are more than your tax. Subtract the amount on line 65 from the amount on line 95. Enter the result on line 97.

**Refund Intercept** – The FTB administers the Interagency Intercept Collection (IIC) program on behalf of the State Controller's Office. The IIC program intercepts (offsets) refunds when individuals and business entities owe delinquent debts to government agencies including the IRS and California colleges. All refunds are subject to interception. The FTB only intercepts the amount owed.

Refunds from joint tax returns may be applied to the debts of the taxpayer or spouse/RDP. After all tax liabilities are paid, any remaining credit will be applied to requested voluntary contributions, if any, and the remainder will be refunded.

If the debt was previously paid to the requestor and the FTB also intercepted the refund, any overpayment will be refunded by the agency that received the funds.

For more information, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **interagency intercept collection**.

### Line 98 – Amount You Want Applied to Your 2022 Estimated Tax

Apply all or part of the amount on line 97 to your estimated tax for 2022. Enter on line 98 the amount of line 97 that you want applied to your 2022 estimated tax.

An election to apply an overpayment to estimated tax is binding. Once the election is made, the overpayment cannot be applied to a deficiency after the due date of the tax return.

### Line 99 – Overpaid Tax Available This Year

If you entered an amount on line 98, subtract it from the amount on line 97. Enter the result on line 99. Choose to have this entire amount refunded to you or make voluntary contributions from this amount. See "Voluntary Contribution Fund Descriptions" for more information.

### Line 100 – Tax Due

If the amount on line 95 is less than the amount on line 65, subtract the amount on line 95 from the amount on line 65. Enter the result on line 100. Your tax is more than your payments and credits.

There is a penalty for not paying enough tax during the year. You may have to pay a penalty if:

- The tax due on line 100 is \$500 or more (\$250 or more if married/RDP filing separately).
- The amount of state income tax withheld on line 71 is less than 90% of the amount of your total tax on line 65.

If this applies to you, see instructions on line 113.

Increasing your withholding could eliminate the need to make a large payment with your tax return. To increase your withholding, complete EDD Form DE 4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate, and give it to your employer's appropriate payroll staff. Get this form from your employer or by calling EDD at 888.745.3886. Download the DE 4 at [edd.ca.gov](http://edd.ca.gov) or to use the online calculator, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **de 4**.

Form DE 4 specifically adjusts your California state withholding and is not the same as the federal Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Certificate.

## Contributions

You can make voluntary contributions to the funds listed on Side 4. See "Voluntary Contributions Fund Descriptions" for more information.

You may also contribute any amount to the **State Parks Protection Fund/Parks Pass Purchase**. To receive a single annual park pass, your contribution must equal or exceed \$195. When applicable, the FTB will forward your name and address from your tax return to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) who will issue a single Vehicle Day Use Annual Pass to you. Only one pass will be provided per tax return. You may contact DPR directly to purchase additional passes. If there is an error on your tax return in the computation of total contributions or if we disallow the contribution you requested because there is no credit available for the tax year, your name and address will **not** be forwarded to DPR. Any contribution less than \$195 will be treated as a voluntary contribution and may be deducted as a charitable contribution. For more information, go to [parks.ca.gov/annualpass/](http://parks.ca.gov/annualpass/) or email [info@parks.ca.gov](mailto:info@parks.ca.gov).

### Line 110 – Total Contributions

Add amounts in code 400 through code 446. Enter the result on line 110.

## Amount You Owe

Add or subtract correctly to figure the amount you owe.

### Line 111 – Amount You Owe

If you do not have an amount on line 99, add the amount on line 94, line 96, line 100, and line 110, if any. Enter the result on line 111.

If you have an amount on line 99 and the amount on line 110 is more than line 99, subtract line 99 from line 110 and enter the difference on line 111.

To avoid a late filing penalty, file your Form 540 by the extended due date even if you cannot pay the amount you owe.

**Mandatory Electronic Payments** – You are required to remit all your payments electronically once you make an estimate or extension payment exceeding \$20,000 or you file an original return with a total tax liability over \$80,000. Once you meet this threshold, all subsequent payments regardless of amount, tax type, or taxable year must be remitted electronically. The first payment that would trigger the mandatory e-pay requirement does not have to be made electronically. Individuals that do not send the payment electronically will be subject to a 1% noncompliance penalty.

You can request a waiver from mandatory e-pay if one or more of the following is true:

- You have not made an estimated tax or extension payment in excess of \$20,000 during the current or previous taxable year.
- Your total tax liability reported for the previous taxable year did not exceed \$80,000.
- The amount you paid is not representative of your total tax liability.

For more information or to obtain the waiver form, go to [ftb.ca.gov/e-pay](http://ftb.ca.gov/e-pay). Electronic payments can be made using Web Pay on FTB's website, electronic funds withdrawal (EFW) as part of the e-file return, or your credit card.

### Payment Options

- **Electronic Funds Withdrawal** – Instead of paying by check or money order, use this convenient option if you e-file. Simply provide your bank information, amount you want to pay, and the date you want the balance due to be withdrawn from your account. Your tax preparation software will offer this option.
- **Web Pay** – Pay the amount you owe using our secure online payment service. Go to [ftb.ca.gov/pay](http://ftb.ca.gov/pay) for more information.
- **Credit Card** – Use your Discover, MasterCard, Visa, or American Express card to pay your tax. If you pay by credit card, do not mail form FTB 3519 to us. Call 800.272.9829 or go to the ACI Payments, Inc. (formerly Official Payments) website at [officialpayments.com](http://officialpayments.com), and use the jurisdiction code 1555. ACI Payments, Inc. charges a convenience fee for using this service.
- **Check or Money Order** – Using black or blue ink, make your check or money order payable to the "Franchise Tax Board." **Do not send cash or other items of value** (such as stamps, lottery tickets, foreign currency, and gift cards). Write your SSN or ITIN and "2021 Form 540" as applicable on the check or money order. Enclose, but **do not** staple, your payment with your tax return.

Make all checks or money orders payable in U.S. dollars and drawn against a U.S. financial institution. **Do not** combine your 2021 tax payment and any 2022 estimated tax payment in the same check. Prepare two separate checks and mail each in a separate envelope.

If you e-filed your tax return, mail your check or money order with form FTB 3582, Payment Voucher for Individual e-filed Returns. **Do not** mail a copy of your e-filed tax return.

A penalty may be imposed if your check is returned by your bank for insufficient funds.

**Paying by Credit Card** – Whether you e-file or file by mail, use your Discover, MasterCard, Visa, or American Express card to pay your personal income taxes (tax return balance due, extension payment, estimated tax payment, or tax due with bill notice). **There is a convenience fee for this service.** This fee is paid directly to ACI Payments, Inc. based on the amount of your tax payment.

### Convenience Fee

- 2.30% of the tax amount charged (rounded to the nearest cent)
- Minimum fee: \$1

### Example:

Tax Payment = \$753.56    Convenience Fee = \$17.33

### When will my payments be effective?

Your payment is effective on the date you charge it.

### What if I change my mind?

If you pay your tax liability by credit card and later reverse the credit card transaction, you may be subject to penalties, interest, and other fees imposed by the FTB for nonpayment or late payment of your tax liability.

### How do I use my credit card to pay my income tax bill?

Once you have determined the type of payment and how much you owe, have the following ready:

- Your Discover, MasterCard, Visa, or American Express card
- Credit card number
- Expiration date
- Amount you are paying
- Your and your spouse's/RDP's SSN or ITIN
- First 4 letters of your and your spouse's/RDP's last name
- Taxable year
- Home phone number (including area code)
- ZIP code for address where your monthly credit card bill is sent
- FTB Jurisdiction Code: 1555

Go to the ACI Payments, Inc. website at [officialpayments.com](http://officialpayments.com) and select **Payment Center**, or call 800.2PAY.TAX or 800.272.9829 and follow the recorded instructions. ACI Payments, Inc. provides customer assistance at 877.297.7457 Monday through Friday, 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. PST. ACI Payments, Inc. will tell you the convenience fee before you complete your transaction. Decide whether to complete the transaction at that time.

Payment Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Number: \_\_\_\_\_

If you cannot pay the full amount or can only make a partial payment for the amount shown on Form 540, line 114, see the information regarding installment payments in Question 4 of the "Frequently Asked Questions" included in this booklet.

## Interest and Penalties

If you file your tax return or pay your tax after the due date, you may owe interest and penalties on the tax due.

Do not reduce the amount on line 97 or increase the amount on line 100 by any penalty or interest amounts. Enter on Form 540, line 112 the amount of interest and penalties.

### Line 112 – Interest and Penalties

**Interest** – Interest will be charged on any late filing or late payment penalty from the original due date of the return to the date paid. In addition, if other penalties are not paid within **15** days, interest will be charged from the date of the billing notice until the date of payment. Interest compounds daily and the interest rate is adjusted twice a year. The FTB website has a chart of interest rates in effect since 1976. Go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **interest rates**.

**Late Filing of Tax Return** – If you do not file your tax return by October 17, 2022, you will incur a late filing penalty plus interest from the original due date of the tax return. The maximum total penalty is 25% of the tax not paid if the tax return is filed after October 17, 2022. The minimum penalty for filing a tax return more than 60 days late is \$135 or 100% of the balance due, whichever is less.

**Late Payment of Tax** – If you fail to pay your total tax liability by April 18, 2022, you will incur a late payment penalty plus interest. The penalty is 5% of the tax not paid when due plus 1/2% for each month, or part of a month, the tax remains unpaid. We may waive the late payment penalty based on reasonable cause. Reasonable cause is presumed when 90% of the tax shown on the return is paid by the original due date of the return. However, the imposition of interest is mandatory. If, after April 18, 2022, you find that your estimate of tax due was too low, pay the additional tax as soon as possible to avoid or minimize further accumulation of penalties and interest.

**Late Payment of Use Tax** – To avoid late payment penalties for use tax, you must report and pay the use tax with a timely filed income tax return, or California Individual Use Tax return.

**Other Penalties** – We may impose other penalties if a payment is returned for insufficient funds. We may also impose penalties for negligence, substantial understatement of tax, and fraud.

### Line 113 – Underpayment of Estimated Tax

You may be subject to an estimated tax penalty if any of the following is true:

- Your withholding and credits are less than 90% of your current tax year liability.
- Your withholding and credits are less than 100% of your prior year tax liability (110% if AGI is more than \$150,000 or \$75,000 if married/RDP filing separately).
- You did not pay enough through withholding to keep the amount you owe with your tax return under \$500 (\$250 if married/RDP filing separately).
- You did not make the required estimate payments, if you pay an installment after the date it is due, or if you underpay any installment, a penalty may be assessed on the portion of estimated tax that was

underpaid from the due date of the installment to the date of payment or the due date of your return, whichever is earlier. Get the 2021 form FTB 5805, Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Individuals and Fiduciaries, for more information.

The FTB can figure the penalty for you when you file your tax return and send you a bill.

Is line 100 less than \$500 (\$250 if married/RDP filing separately)?

**Yes Stop.** You may not be subject to an estimated payment penalty.

**No** Continue. You may be subject to an estimated payment penalty.

Is line 100 less than 10% of the amount on line 48? Form 540 filers: this excludes the tax on lump-sum distributions on Form 540, line 34.

**Yes Stop.** You may not be subject to an estimated payment penalty.

**No** You may be subject to an estimated payment penalty; get form FTB 5805 (or form FTB 5805F, Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Farmers and Fishermen).

The underpayment of estimated tax penalty shall not apply to the extent the underpayment of an installment was created or increased by any provision of law that is chaptered during and operative for the taxable year of the underpayment. To request a waiver of the underpayment of estimated tax penalty, get form FTB 5805 or form FTB 5805F. See "Where To Get Income Tax Forms and Publications."

If you complete one of these forms, attach it to the back of your Form 540. Enter the amount of the penalty on line 113 and check the correct box on line 113. Complete and attach the form if you claim a waiver, use the annualized income installment method, or pay tax according to the schedule for farmers and fishermen, even if you do not owe a penalty.

See "Important Dates" for more information on estimated tax payments and how to avoid the underpayment penalty.

See the instructions for Form 540, line 114 for information about figuring your payment, if any.

**Line 114 – Total Amount Due**

Is there an amount on line 111?

**Yes** Add line 111, line 112, and line 113. Enter the result on line 114.

For payment options, see line 111 instructions.

**No** Go to line 115.

Make all checks or money orders payable in U.S. dollars and drawn against a U.S. financial institution.

**Refund or No Amount Due**

**Line 115 – Refund or No Amount Due**

Did you report amounts on line 110, line 112, or line 113?

**No** Enter the amount from line 99 on line 115. This is your refund amount. If it is less than \$1, attach a written statement to your Form 540 requesting the refund.

**Yes** Combine the amounts from line 110, line 112, and line 113. If the result is:

- Less than line 99, subtract the sum of line 110, line 112, and line 113 from line 99 and enter the result on line 115. This is your refund amount.
- More than line 99, subtract line 99 from the sum of line 110, line 112, and line 113 and enter the result on line 114. This is your total amount due. For payment options, see line 111 instructions.

**Direct Deposit (Refund Only)**

**Line 116 and Line 117 – Direct Deposit of Refund**

Direct deposit is safe and convenient. To have your refund directly deposited into your bank account, fill in the account information on line 116 and line 117. Fill in the routing and account numbers and indicate the account type. Verify routing and account numbers with your

financial institution. **Do not** attach a voided check or deposit slip. See the illustration below.

Individual taxpayers may request that their refund be electronically deposited into more than one checking or savings account. This allows more options for managing your refund. For example, you can request part of your refund go to your checking account to use now and the rest to your savings account to save for later.

The routing number must be nine digits. The first two digits must be 01 through 12 or 21 through 32. On the sample check, the routing number is 250250025. The account number can be up to 17 characters and can include numbers and letters. Include hyphens but omit spaces and special symbols. On the sample check, the account number is 202020.

Check the appropriate box for the type of account. Do not check more than one box for each line.

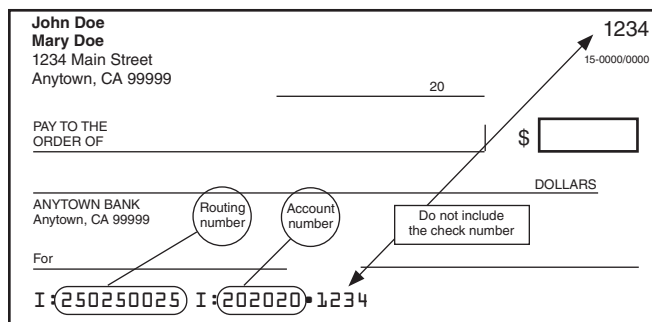
Enter the portion of your refund you want directly deposited into each account. Each deposit must be at least \$1. When filing an original return, the total of line 116 and line 117 must equal the total amount of your refund on line 115. If line 116 and line 117 do not equal line 115, the FTB will issue a paper check.

When filing an amended return, only complete the amended Form 540 through line 115. Next complete the California Schedule X. The amount from Schedule X, line 11 is your additional refund amount. This amount will be carried over to your amended Form 540 and will be entered on line 116 and line 117. The total of the amended Form 540, line 116 and line 117 must equal the total amount of your refund on Schedule X, line 11. If the total of the amended Form 540, line 116 and line 117 do not equal Schedule X, line 11, the FTB will issue a paper check.

**Adjusted Refunds** – If there is a change made to your refund, you will still receive your refund via direct deposit. For more information on direct deposit of adjusted refunds, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **direct deposit**.

**Caution:** Check with your financial institution to make sure your deposit will be accepted and to get the correct routing and account numbers. The FTB is not responsible for a lost refund due to incorrect account information entered by you or your representative.

Prior to depositing the refund, the FTB may first verify with your financial institution that the name on the account you designated to receive the direct deposit refund matches the name provided on the tax return. Some financial institutions will not allow a joint refund to be deposited to an individual account. If the direct deposit is rejected, the FTB will issue a paper check.



**Direct Deposit for ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plans** – If you have a ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan account maintained by the ScholarShare Investment Board, you may have your refund directly deposited to your ScholarShare account. Please visit [scholarshare529.com](http://scholarshare529.com) for instructions.

**Sign Your Tax Return**

You must sign your tax return in the space provided on Form 540, Side 5. If you file a joint tax return, your spouse/RDP must also sign it.

Include your preferred phone number and email address in case the FTB needs to contact you regarding your tax return. By providing this information, the FTB will be able to provide you better customer service.

**Joint Tax Return** – If you file a joint tax return, both you and your spouse/RDP are generally responsible for the tax and any interest or penalties due on the tax return. This means that if one spouse/RDP does not pay the tax due, the other may be liable. See “Innocent Joint Filer Relief” under Additional Information section for more information.

**Paid Preparer’s Information** – If you pay a person to prepare your Form 540, that person must sign and complete the area at the bottom of Side 5 including an identification number. The IRS requires a paid tax preparer to get and use a preparer tax identification number (PTIN). If the preparer has a federal employer identification number (FEIN), it should be entered only in the space provided. A paid preparer must give you a copy of your tax return to keep for your records.

**Third Party Designee** – If you want to allow your preparer, a friend, family member, or any other person you choose to discuss your 2021 tax return with the FTB, check the “Yes” box in the signature area of your tax return. Also, print the designee’s name and telephone number.

If you check the “Yes” box you, and your spouse/RDP, if filing a joint tax return, are authorizing the FTB to call the designee to answer any questions that may arise during the processing of your tax return. You are also authorizing the designee to:

- Give the FTB any information that is missing from your tax return.
- Call the FTB for information about the processing of your tax return or the status of your refund or payments.
- Receive copies of notices or transcripts related to your tax return, upon request.
- Respond to certain FTB notices about math errors, offsets, and tax return preparation.

You are not authorizing the designee to receive any refund check, bind you to anything (including any additional tax liability), or otherwise represent you before the FTB. If you want to expand or change the designee’s authorization, go to [ftb.ca.gov/poa](http://ftb.ca.gov/poa).

The authorization will automatically end no later than the due date (without regard to extensions) for filing your 2022 tax return. This is April 15, 2023, for most people. If you wish to revoke the authorization before it ends, notify us by telephone at 800.852.5711 or by writing to Franchise Tax Board, PO Box 942840, Sacramento, CA 94240-0040, include your name, SSN, and the designee’s name.

**Power of Attorney** – If another person prepared your tax return, he or she is not automatically granted access to your tax information in future dealings with us. At some point, you may wish to designate someone to act on your behalf in matters related or unrelated to this tax return (e.g., an audit examination). To protect your privacy, you must submit to us a legal document called a “Power of Attorney” (POA) authorizing another person to discuss or receive personal information about your income tax records.

For more information, go to [ftb.ca.gov/poa](http://ftb.ca.gov/poa).

## Filing Your Tax Return

### Attachments to your tax return.

Do I need to attach a copy of federal Form 1040 or 1040-SR?

Other than Schedule A (Form 1040) or Schedule B (Form 1040), did you attach any federal forms or schedules to your federal Form 1040 or 1040-SR?

If **No**, do not attach a copy of your federal Form 1040 or 1040-SR return to Form 540.

If **Yes**, attach a copy of your federal Form 1040 or 1040-SR return and all supporting federal forms and schedules to Form 540.

**Exception:** If you did not itemize deductions on your federal tax return but will itemize deductions on your California tax return, complete and attach a copy of the federal Schedule A (Form 1040) to Form 540.

**Do not** attach any documents to your tax return unless specifically instructed. This will help us reduce government processing and storage costs.

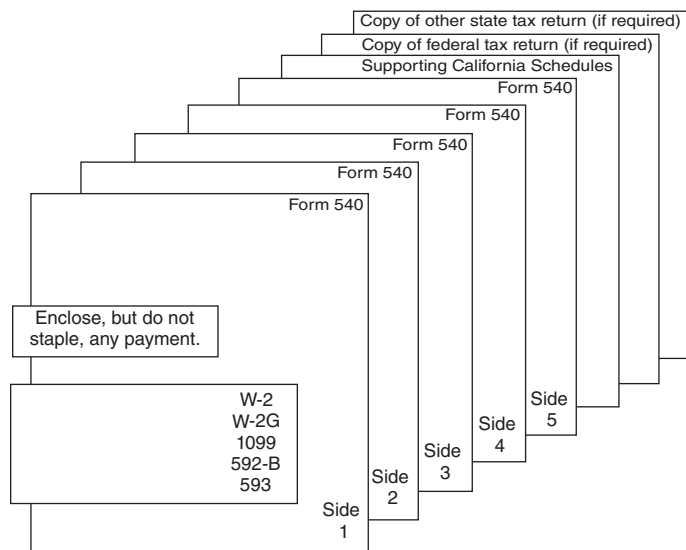
**Federal Form(s) W-2, W-2G, and 1099, and CA Form(s) 592-B and 593.** Attach all the Form(s) W-2 and W-2G you received to the lower front of your tax return. Also, attach any Forms(s) 1099, 592-B, and 593 showing California income tax withheld.

If you do not receive your Form(s) W-2 by January 31, 2022, contact your employer or go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and login or register for MyFTB. Only your employer can issue or correct a Form W-2. If you cannot get a copy of your Form W-2, you must complete form FTB 3525, Substitute for Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, or Form 1099-R. See “Order Forms and Publications” or go to [ftb.ca.gov/forms](http://ftb.ca.gov/forms).

If you forget to send your Form(s) W-2 or other withholding forms with your income tax return, do not send them separately, or with another copy of your tax return. Wait until the FTB requests them from you.

## Assembling Your Tax Return

Assemble your tax return in the order shown below.



**Caution:** Form 540 has five sides. When filing Form 540, you must send all five sides to the FTB.

## Mailing Your Tax Return

If your tax return has an **amount due**, mail your tax return to the following address:

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD  
PO BOX 942867  
SACRAMENTO CA 94267-0001

If your tax return shows a **refund or no amount due**, mail your tax return to the following address:

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD  
PO BOX 942840  
SACRAMENTO CA 94240-0001

# Nonrefundable Renter's Credit Qualification Record



e-file and skip this page! The tax software product you use to e-file will help you find out if you qualify for this credit and will figure the correct amount of the credit automatically. Go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) to check your e-file options. You can claim the nonrefundable renter's credit using CalFile.

If you were a resident of California and paid rent on property in California, which was your principal residence, you may qualify for a credit that you can use to reduce your tax. Answer the questions below to see if you qualify. For purposes of California income tax, references to a spouse, husband, or wife also refer to a California Registered Domestic Partner (RDP), unless otherwise specified. When we use the initials RDP they refer to both a California registered domestic "partner" and a California registered domestic "partnership," as applicable. For more information on RDPs, get FTB Pub. 737. **Do not mail this record. Keep with your tax records.**

<p><b>1. Were you a resident of California for the entire year in 2021?</b>          Military personnel. If you are not a legal resident of California, you do not qualify for this credit. However, your spouse/RDP may claim this credit if he or she was a resident during 2021, and is otherwise qualified.  <b>YES.</b> Go to question 2. <b>NO.</b> Stop here. File Form 540NR. See "Order Forms and Publications."</p>
<p><b>2. Is your California adjusted gross income the amount on line 17:</b>          • \$45,448 or less if single or married/RDP filing separately; or          • \$90,896 or less if married/RDP filing jointly, head of household, or qualifying widow(er)?  <b>YES.</b> Go to question 3. <b>NO.</b> Stop here. You do not qualify for this credit.</p>
<p><b>3. Did you pay rent, for at least half of 2021, on property (including a mobile home that you owned on rented land) in California, which was your principal residence?</b>  <b>YES.</b> Go to question 4. <b>NO.</b> Stop here. You do not qualify for this credit.</p>
<p><b>4. Can you be claimed as a dependent by a parent, foster parent, legal guardian, or any other person in 2021?</b>  <b>NO.</b> Go to question 6. <b>YES.</b> Go to question 5.</p>
<p><b>5. For more than half the year in 2021, did you live in the home of the person who can claim you as a dependent?</b>  <b>NO.</b> Go to question 6. <b>YES.</b> Stop here. You do not qualify for this credit.</p>
<p><b>6. Was the property you rented exempt from property tax in 2021?</b>          You do not qualify for this credit if, for more than half of the year, you rented property that was exempt from property taxes. Exempt property includes most government-owned buildings, church-owned parsonages, college dormitories, and military barracks. However, if you or your landlord paid possessory interest taxes for the property you rented, then you may claim this credit.  <b>NO.</b> Go to question 7. <b>YES.</b> Stop here. You do not qualify for this credit.</p>
<p><b>7. Did you claim the homeowner's property tax exemption anytime during 2021?</b>          You do not qualify for this credit if you or your spouse/RDP received a homeowner's property tax exemption at any time during the year. However, if you lived apart from your spouse/RDP for the entire year and your spouse/RDP received a homeowner's property tax exemption for a separate residence, then you may claim this credit if you are otherwise qualified.  <b>NO.</b> Go to question 8. <b>YES.</b> If your filing status is single or married/RDP filing separately, stop here, you do not qualify for this credit. If your filing status is married/RDP filing jointly, go to question 9.</p>
<p><b>8. Were you single in 2021?</b>  <b>YES.</b> Go to question 11. <b>NO.</b> Go to question 9.</p>
<p><b>9. Did your spouse/RDP claim the homeowner's property tax exemption anytime during 2021?</b>          You do not qualify for this credit if you or your spouse/RDP received a homeowner's property tax exemption at any time during the year. However, if you lived apart from your spouse/RDP for the entire year and your spouse/RDP received a homeowner's property tax exemption for a separate residence, then you may claim this credit if you are otherwise qualified.  <b>NO.</b> Go to question 11. <b>YES.</b> If both you and your spouse/RDP claimed the homeowner's property tax exemption, stop here, you do not qualify for this credit. Otherwise, go to question 10.</p>
<p><b>10. Did you and your spouse/RDP maintain separate residences for the entire year in 2021?</b>  <b>YES.</b> Go to question 11. <b>NO.</b> Stop here. You do not qualify for this credit.</p>
<p><b>11. If you are:</b>          • Single, enter \$60 on Form 540, line 46.          • Head of household or qualifying widow(er), enter \$120 on Form 540, line 46.          • Married/RDP filing separately: if you and your spouse/RDP lived in the same rental property and both qualify for this credit, one spouse/RDP may claim the full amount of the credit (\$120), or each spouse/RDP may claim half the amount (\$60 each). If you and your spouse/RDP lived apart for the entire year and you qualify for this credit, you may claim half the amount of the credit (\$60). Enter your credit amount on Form 540, line 46.          • Married/RDP filing jointly, enter \$120 on line 46. (Exception: If one spouse/RDP claimed the homeowner's tax exemption and you lived apart from your spouse/RDP for the entire year, enter \$60 on Form 540, line 46.)</p>

Fill in the street address(es) and landlord information below for the residence(s) you rented in California during 2021, which qualified you for this credit.

<b>Street Address</b>	<b>City, State, and ZIP Code</b>	<b>Dates Rented in 2021 (From _____ to _____)</b>
a _____		
b _____		
Enter the name, address, and telephone number of your landlord(s) or the person(s) to whom you paid rent for the residence(s) listed above.		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Street Address</b>	<b>City, State, ZIP Code, and Telephone Number</b>
a _____		
b _____		

# Voluntary Contribution Fund Descriptions

Make voluntary contributions of \$1 or more in whole dollar amounts to the funds listed below. To contribute to the California Seniors Special Fund, use the instructions for code 400 below. The amount you contribute either reduces your overpaid tax or increases your tax due. You may contribute only to the funds listed and cannot change the amount you contribute after you file your tax return. For more information, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **voluntary contributions**.

**Code 400, California Seniors Special Fund** – If you and/or your spouse/RDP are 65 years of age or older as of January 1, 2022, and claim the Senior Exemption Credit, you may make a combined total contribution of up to \$258 or \$129 per spouse/RDP. Contributions made to this fund will be distributed to the Area Agency on Aging Councils (TACC) to provide advice on and sponsorship of Senior Citizens issues. Any excess contributions not required by TACC will be distributed to senior citizen service organizations throughout California for meals, adult day care, and transportation.

**Code 401, Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund** – Contributions will be used to provide grants to California scientists to study Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. This research includes basic science, diagnosis, treatment, prevention, behavioral problems, and caregiving. With almost 600,000 Californians living with the disease and another 2 million providing care to a loved one with Alzheimer's, our state is in the early stages of a major public health crisis. Your contribution will ensure that Alzheimer's disease receives the attention, research, and resources it deserves. For more information, go to [cdph.ca.gov](http://cdph.ca.gov) and search for **Alzheimer**.

**Code 403, Rare and Endangered Species Preservation Voluntary Tax Contribution Program** – Contributions will be used to help protect and conserve California's many threatened and endangered species and the wild lands that they need to survive, for the enjoyment and benefit of you and future generations of Californians.

**Code 405, California Breast Cancer Research Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund** – Contributions will fund research toward preventing and curing breast cancer. Breast cancer is the most common cancer to strike women in California. It kills 4,000 California women each year. Contributions also fund research on prevention and better treatment, and keep doctors up-to-date on research progress. For more information about the research your contributions support, go to [cbcrcp.org](http://cbcrcp.org). Your contribution can help make breast cancer a disease of the past.

**Code 406, California Firefighters' Memorial Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund** – Contributions will be used for the repair and maintenance of the California Firefighters' Memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol, ceremonies to honor the memory of fallen firefighters and to assist surviving loved ones, and for an informational guide detailing survivor benefits to assist the spouses/RDPs and children of fallen firefighters.

**Code 407, Emergency Food for Families Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund** – Contributions will be used to help local food banks feed California's hungry. Your contribution will fund the purchase of much-needed food for delivery to food banks, pantries, and soup kitchens throughout the state. The State Department of Social Services will monitor its distribution to ensure the food is given to those most in need.

**Code 408, California Peace Officer Memorial Foundation Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund** – Contributions will be used to preserve the memory of California's fallen peace officers and assist the families they left behind. Since statehood, over 1,300 courageous California peace officers have made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting law-abiding citizens. The non-profit charitable organization, California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation, has accepted the privilege and responsibility of maintaining a memorial for fallen officers on the State Capitol grounds. Each May, the Memorial Foundation conducts a dignified ceremony honoring fallen officers and their surviving families by offering moral support, crisis counseling, and financial support that includes academic scholarships for the children of those officers who have made the supreme sacrifice. On behalf of all of us and the law-abiding citizens of California, thank you for your participation.

**Code 410, California Sea Otter Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund** – The California Coastal Conservancy and the Department of Fish and Wildlife will each be allocated 50% of the contributions. Contributions allocated to the California Coastal Conservancy will be used for research, science, protection, projects, or programs related to the Federal Sea Otter Recovery Plan or improving the nearshore ocean ecosystem, including, program activities to reduce sea otter mortality. Contributions allocated to the Department of Fish and Wildlife will be used to establish a sea otter fund within the department's index coding system for increased investigation, prevention, and enforcement action.

**Code 413, California Cancer Research Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund** – Contributions will be used to conduct research relating to the causes, detection, and prevention of cancer and to expand community-based education on cancer, and to provide prevention and awareness activities for communities that are disproportionately at risk or afflicted by cancer.

**Code 422, School Supplies for Homeless Children Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund** – Contributions will be used to provide school supplies and health-related products to homeless children.

**Code 423, State Parks Protection Fund/Parks Pass Purchase** – Contributions will be used for the protection and preservation of California's state parks and for the cost of a Vehicle Day Use Annual Pass valid at most park units where day use fees are collected. The pass is not valid at off-highway vehicle units, or for camping, oversized vehicle, extra vehicle, per-person, or supplemental fees. If a taxpayer's contribution equals or exceeds \$195, the taxpayer will receive a single Vehicle Day Use Annual Pass. Amounts contributed in excess of the parks pass cost may be deducted as a charitable contribution for the year in which the voluntary contribution is made. Any contribution less than \$195 will be treated as a voluntary contribution and may be deducted as a charitable contribution. For more information, go to [parks.ca.gov/annualpass/](http://parks.ca.gov/annualpass/) or email [info@parks.ca.gov](mailto:info@parks.ca.gov).

**Code 424, Protect Our Coast and Oceans Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund** – Contributions will be used to provide grants to community organizations working to protect, restore, and enhance the California coast and ocean. Contributions will support shoreline cleanups, habitat restoration, coastal access improvements, and ocean education programs.

**Code 425, Keep Arts in Schools Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund** – Contributions will be used by the Arts Council for the allocation of grants to individuals or organizations administering arts programs for children in preschool through 12th grade.

**Code 431, Prevention of Animal Homelessness and Cruelty Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund** – Contributions will be used to provide funding to programs designed to prevent and eliminate animal homelessness and cruelty, research that explores novel approaches to preventing and eliminating pet homelessness, and the prevention, investigation, and prosecution of animal cruelty and neglect.

**Code 438, California Senior Citizen Advocacy Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund** – Contributions will be used to conduct the sessions of the California Senior Legislature and to support its ongoing activities on behalf of older persons.

**Code 439, Native California Wildlife Rehabilitation Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund** – Contributions will be used to support the recovery and rehabilitation of injured, sick, or orphaned native wildlife, and conservation education.

**Code 440, Rape Kit Backlog Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund** – Contributions will be used for DNA testing in the processing of rape kits.

**Code 443, Schools Not Prisons Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund** – Contributions will be used to fund academic and career readiness programs that seek to break the school-to-prison pipeline.

**Code 444, Suicide Prevention Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund** – Contributions will be used to fund crisis center programs designed to provide suicide prevention services.

**Code 445, Mental Health Crisis Prevention Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund** – Contributions will be used to fund the Crisis Intervention Team program that trains peace officers to assist and engage safely with persons living with mental illness.

**Code 446, California Community and Neighborhood Tree Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund** – Contributions will be used to support the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's grant program for urban forest management activities under the California Urban Forestry Act of 1978. This program focuses on bringing trees to communities that are disadvantaged or lack government infrastructure needed to enter into and support urban tree planting and care agreements.



# CREDIT CHART

Credit Name	Code	Description
California Competes Tax – FTB 3531	233	The credit, which is allocated and certified by the California Competes Tax Credit Committee, is available for businesses that want to come to California or to stay and grow in California. Website: <a href="http://business.ca.gov">business.ca.gov</a>
California Motion Picture and Television Production – FTB 3541	223	For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, the <b>original</b> credit is allocated and certified by the California Film Commission, and is available for qualified production expenditures attributable to a qualified motion picture, an independent film, or a TV series that relocates to California. Website: <a href="http://film.ca.gov">film.ca.gov</a>
Child Adoption Costs – Worksheet on page 15	197	50% of qualified costs in the year an adoption is ordered
Child and Dependent Care Expenses – FTB 3506 See the instructions on page 14	232	Similar to the federal credit except that the California credit amount is based on a specified percentage of the federal credit.
College Access Tax – FTB 3592	235	The credit, which is allocated and certified by the California Educational Facilities Authority, is available for taxpayers who contribute to the College Access Tax Credit Fund. Website: <a href="http://treasurer.ca.gov/cefa">treasurer.ca.gov/cefa</a>
Dependent Parent – See page 15	173	Must use married/RDP filing separately status and have a dependent parent
Disabled Access for Eligible Small Business – FTB 3548	205	Similar to the federal credit but limited to \$125 based on 50% of qualified expenditures that do not exceed \$250
Donated Agricultural Products Transportation – FTB 3547	204	50% of the costs paid or incurred for the transportation of agricultural products donated to nonprofit charitable organizations
Earned Income Tax – FTB 3514	None	This refundable credit is similar to the federal Earned Income Credit (EIC) but with different income limitations.
Young Child Tax – FTB 3514	None	This refundable credit is available to taxpayers who also qualify for the CA Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and who have at least one qualifying child who is younger than six years old as of the last day of the taxable year.
Enhanced Oil Recovery – FTB 3546	203	One third of the similar federal credit and limited to qualified enhanced oil recovery projects located within California.
Joint Custody Head of Household – Worksheet on page 15	170	30% of tax up to \$513 for taxpayers who are single or married/RDP filing separately, who have a child and meet the support test
Low-Income Housing – FTB 3521	172	Similar to the federal credit but limited to low-income housing in California
Main Street Small Business Tax II – FTB 3866	241	The credit is available to qualified small business employers that received a tentative credit reservation from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA).
Natural Heritage Preservation – FTB 3503	213	55% of the fair market value of any qualified contribution of property donated to the state, any local government, or any nonprofit organization designated by a local government.
New California Motion Picture and Television Production – FTB 3541	237	For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, the new credit is allocated and certified by the California Film Commission, and is available for qualified production expenditures attributable to a qualified motion picture, an independent film, or a TV series that relocates to California. Website: <a href="http://film.ca.gov">film.ca.gov</a>
New Donated Fresh Fruits or Vegetables – FTB 3814	238	15% of the qualified value of the donated fresh fruits, vegetables, or other qualified donated items made to California food banks, based on weighted average wholesale price
New Employment – FTB 3554	234	The credit is available for a taxpayer that hires a full-time employee and pays or incurs wages in a designated census tract or economic development area, and receives a <b>tentative credit reservation</b> for that full-time employee.
Nonrefundable Renter's – See page 23	None	For California residents who paid rent for their principal residence for at least 6 months in 2021 and whose AGI does not exceed a certain limit
Other State Tax – Schedule S	187	Net income tax paid to another state or a U.S. possession on income also taxed by California
Pass-Through Entity Elective Tax – FTB 3804-CR	242	For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, and before January 1, 2026, California allows a credit against the personal income tax to a taxpayer, other than a partnership, that is a partner, shareholder, or member of a qualified entity that elects to pay the elective tax.
Prior Year Alternative Minimum Tax – FTB 3510	188	Must have paid alternative minimum tax in a prior year and have no alternative minimum tax liability in 2021
Prison Inmate Labor – FTB 3507	162	10% of wages paid to prison inmates
Program 3.0 California Motion Picture and Television Production – FTB 3541	239	For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, the <b>newest</b> credit is allocated and certified by the California Film Commission, and is available for qualified production expenditures attributable to a qualified motion picture, an independent film, or a TV series that relocates to California. Website: <a href="http://film.ca.gov">film.ca.gov</a>
Research – FTB 3523	183	Similar to the federal credit but limited to costs for research activities in California
Senior Head of Household – Worksheet on page 15	163	2% of taxable income up to \$1,565 for seniors who qualified for head of household in 2019 or 2020 and whose qualifying individual died during 2019 or 2020

**Repealed Credits:** The expiration dates for the credits listed below have passed. However, these credits had carryover provisions. You may claim these credits only if you have an unused carryover available from prior years. If you are not required to complete Schedule P (540), Alternative Minimum Tax and Credit Limitations – Residents, get form FTB 3540, Credit Carryover and Recapture Summary to figure your credit carryover to future years. For EZ, LAMBRA, MEA, or TTA credit carryovers, get form FTB 3805Z, form FTB 3807, form FTB 3808, or form FTB 3809. See “Where To Get Income Tax Forms and Publications”.

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# Frequently Asked Questions

(Go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) for more frequently asked questions.)

## 1. What if I can't file by April 18, 2022, and I think I owe tax?

You must pay 100% of the amount you owe by April 18, 2022, to avoid interest and penalties. If you cannot file because you have not received all your federal Form(s) W-2, estimate the amount of tax you owe by completing form FTB 3519, Payment for Automatic Extension for Individuals. Mail it to the FTB with your payment by April 18, 2022 or pay online at [ftb.ca.gov/pay](http://ftb.ca.gov/pay). Then, when you receive all your federal Form(s) W-2, complete and mail your tax return by October 17, 2022 (you must use Form 540).

## 2. I never received a federal Form W-2. What should I do?



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If all of your federal Forms W-2 were not received by January 31, 2022, contact your employer. Only an employer issues or corrects a federal Form W-2. For more information, call 800.338.0505, follow the recorded instructions and enter code **204** when instructed.

If you cannot get a copy of your federal Form W-2, complete form FTB 3525 or federal Form 1099-R. See "Where To Get Income Tax Forms and Publications." For online wage and withhold information, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and login or register for MyFTB.

## 3. How can I get help?

Throughout California more than 1,200 sites provide trained volunteers offering free help during the tax filing season to persons who need to file simple federal and state income tax returns. Many military bases also provide this service for members of the U.S. Armed Forces. Go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **vita** to find a list of participating locations or call the FTB at 800.852.5711 to find a location near you.

## 4. What do I do if I can't pay what I owe with my 2021 tax return?

Pay as much as possible when you file your tax return. If unable to pay your tax in full with your tax return, make a request for monthly payments. However, interest accrues and an underpayment penalty may be charged on the tax not paid by April 18, 2022, even if your request for monthly payments is approved. To make monthly payments, complete form FTB 3567, Installment Agreement Request, online or mail it to the address on the form. **Do not mail it with your tax return.**



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The Installment Agreement Request might not be processed and approved until after your tax return is processed, and you may receive a bill before you receive approval of your request.

To order this form, go to [ftb.ca.gov/forms](http://ftb.ca.gov/forms) or call 800.338.0505, follow the recorded instructions and enter code **949** when instructed.



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For information on how to pay by credit card, go to [ftb.ca.gov/pay](http://ftb.ca.gov/pay), or call 800.338.0505, follow the recorded instructions and enter code **610** when instructed.

## 5. Is direct deposit safe?

Direct deposit is safe, and convenient. To have your refund directly deposited into your bank account, fill in the account information on Form 540, Side 5, line 116 and line 117. Fill in the routing and account numbers and indicate the account type.

## 6. How can I check on the status of my refund?

Go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **refund status**. You will need your social security number (SSN) or individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) and the refund amount from your tax return.

You can also call our automated phone service. See page 95 for more information.

## 7. I discovered an error on my tax return. What should I do?



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If you discover that you made an error on your California income tax return after you filed it (paper or e-filed), file an amended Form 540 and attach Schedule X, California Explanation of Amended Return Changes, to correct your previously filed tax return. Get Schedule X at [ftb.ca.gov/forms](http://ftb.ca.gov/forms) or call 800.338.0505, follow the recorded instructions and enter code **908** when instructed.

## 8. The IRS made changes to my federal tax return. What should I do?

If your federal income tax return is examined and changed by the IRS and you owe additional tax, report these changes to the FTB within six months of the date of the final federal determination. If the changes the IRS made result in a refund due for California, claim a refund within two years of the date of the final federal determination. File an amended Form 540 and Schedule X to correct your previously filed income tax return and mail them to the following address, as applicable:

Without payment

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD  
PO BOX 942840  
SACRAMENTO CA 94240-0001

With payment

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD  
PO BOX 942867  
SACRAMENTO CA 94246-0001

or send a copy of the federal changes to:

ATTN RAR/VOL MS F310  
FRANCHISE TAX BOARD  
PO BOX 1998  
RANCHO CORDOVA CA 95741-1998

or fax the information to 916.843.2269.

If you have a question **relating to the IRS audit adjustments**, call 916.845.4028.

For general tax information or questions, call 800.852.5711.

Regardless of which method you use to notify the FTB, you must include a copy of the final federal determination along with all data and schedules on which the federal adjustment was based. Get FTB Pub. 1008, Federal Tax Adjustments and Your Notification Responsibilities to California, for more information. See "Order Forms and Publications."

File an amended Form 540 and Schedule X only if the change affected your California tax liability.

## 9. How long should I keep my tax information?

Requests for information regarding your California income tax return usually occurs within the California statute of limitations period, which is usually the later of four years from the due date of the tax return or four years from the file date of the tax return. (**Exception:** An extended statute of limitations period applies for California or federal tax returns related or subject to a federal audit.)

Keep a copy of your tax return and the records that verify the income, deductions, adjustments, or credits reported on your return. Some records should be kept longer. For example, keep property records as long as needed to figure the basis of the property or records needed to verify carryover items (i.e., net operating losses, capital losses, passive losses, casualty losses, etc.) or records needed to track deferred gains on a 1031 exchange.

## 10. I will be moving after I file my tax return. How do I notify the FTB of my new address?

Go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and login or register for MyFTB or call 800.852.5711, and follow the recorded instructions to report a change of address. You may also use form FTB 3533, Change of Address for Individuals. This form is available at [ftb.ca.gov/forms](http://ftb.ca.gov/forms). If you change your address online or by phone, you do not need to file form FTB 3533.

After filing your tax return, report a change of address to us for up to four years, especially if you leave the state and no longer have a requirement to file a California tax return.

## 11. Are all domestic partners required to file joint or separate tax returns?

No, only domestic partners who are registered with the California Secretary of State are required to file using the married/RDP filing jointly or married/RDP filing separately filing status.

**Owe Money?** Web Pay lets you pay **online**, so you can schedule it and forget it! Go to [ftb.ca.gov/pay](http://ftb.ca.gov/pay) for more information.

# Additional Information

## California Use Tax General Information

The use tax has been in effect in California since July 1, 1935. It applies to purchases of merchandise for use in California from out-of-state sellers and is similar to the sales tax paid on purchases you make in California. If you have not already paid all use tax due to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, you may be able to report and pay the use tax due on your state income tax return. See the information below and the instructions for Line 91 of your income tax return.

In general, you must pay California use tax on purchases of merchandise for use in California made from out-of-state sellers, for example, by telephone, over the Internet, by mail, or in person.

You must pay California use tax on taxable items if:

- The seller does not collect California sales or use tax, and
- You use, gift, store, or consume the item in this state.

Example: You live in California and purchase a dining table from a company in North Carolina. The company ships the table from North Carolina to your home for your use and does not charge California sales or use tax. You owe use tax on the purchase.

However, not all purchases require you to pay use tax. For example, you would include purchases of clothing, but not exempt purchases of food products or prescription medicine.

For more information on nontaxable and exempt purchases, you may refer to Publication 61, Sales and Use Taxes: Exemptions and Exclusions, on the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration's website at [cdtfa.ca.gov](http://cdtfa.ca.gov).

For information about California use tax, please refer to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration's website at [cdtfa.ca.gov](http://cdtfa.ca.gov) and type "Find Information About Use Tax" in the search bar.

**Complete the Use Tax Worksheet or use the Use Tax Lookup Table** on page 18, to calculate the amount due.

**Extensions to File.** If you request an extension to file your income tax return, wait until you file your tax return to report your purchases subject to use tax and make your use tax payment.

**Interest, Penalties and Fees.** Failure to timely report and pay the use tax due may result in the assessment of interest, penalties, and fees.

**Application of Payments.** For purchases made during taxable years starting on or after January 1, 2015, payments and credits reported on an income tax return will be applied first to the use tax liability, instead of income tax liabilities, penalties, and interest.

**Changes in Use Tax Reported.** Do not file an Amended Income Tax Return to revise the use tax previously reported. If you have changes to the amount of use tax previously reported on the original return, contact the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

For assistance with your use tax questions, go to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration's website at [cdtfa.ca.gov](http://cdtfa.ca.gov) or call their Customer Service Center at 800.400.7115 (CRS:711) (for hearing and speech disabilities). For California income tax information, contact the Franchise Tax Board at [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov).

## Collection Fees

The FTB is required to assess collection and filing enforcement cost recovery fees on delinquent accounts.

## Deceased Taxpayers

A final return must be filed for a person who died in 2021 if a tax return normally would be required. The administrator or executor, if one is appointed, or beneficiary must file the tax return. Print "deceased" and the date of death next to the taxpayer's name at the top of the tax return.

If you are a surviving spouse/RDP and no administrator or executor has been appointed, file a joint tax return if you did not remarry or enter into another registered domestic partnership during 2021. Indicate next to your signature that you are the surviving spouse/RDP.

You may also file a joint tax return with an administrator or executor acting on behalf of the deceased taxpayer.

If you file a tax return and claim a refund due to a deceased taxpayer, you are certifying under penalty of perjury either that you are the legal representative of the deceased taxpayer's estate (in this case, attach certified copies of the letters of administration or letters testamentary) or that you are entitled to the refund as the deceased's surviving relative or sole beneficiary under the provisions of the California Probate Code. You must also attach a copy of federal Form 1310, Statement of Person Claiming Refund Due a Deceased Taxpayer, and a copy of the death certificate when you file a tax return and claim a refund due.

## Innocent Joint Filer Relief

If you file a joint tax return, both you and your spouse/RDP are generally responsible for paying the tax and any interest or penalties due on the tax return. However, you may qualify for relief of payment on all or part of the balance as an innocent joint filer. For more information, get form FTB 705, Innocent Joint Filer Relief Request, at [ftb.ca.gov/forms](http://ftb.ca.gov/forms) or call 916.845.7072, Monday – Friday between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. except holidays.

## Military Personnel

If you are a member of the military and need additional information on how to file your tax return, get FTB Pub. 1032, Tax Information for Military Personnel. See "Order Forms and Publications."

## Requesting a Copy of Your Tax Return

The FTB keeps personal income tax returns for three and one-half years from the original due date. To get a copy of your tax return, write a letter or complete form FTB 3516, Request for Copy of Personal Income or Fiduciary Tax Return. In most cases, a \$20 fee is charged for each taxable year you request. However, no charge applies for victims of a designated California or federal disaster; or you request copies from a field office that assisted you in completing your tax return. See "Where To Get Tax Forms and Publications" to download or order form FTB 3516.

## Local Benefits

You cannot deduct the amounts you pay for local benefits that apply to property in a limited area (construction of streets, sidewalks, or water and sewer systems). You must look at your real estate tax bill to determine if any nondeductible itemized charges are included in your bill. For more information, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **real estate tax** or get federal Publication 17, Your Federal Income Tax-For Individuals, Chapter 11.

## Vehicle License Fees for Federal Schedule A

On your federal Schedule A (Form 1040), Itemized Deductions, you may deduct the California motor vehicle license fee listed on your Vehicle Registration Billing Notice from the Department of Motor Vehicles. The other fees listed on your billing notice such as registration fee, weight fee, and county fees are not deductible.

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## Voting Is Everybody's Business

You may register to vote if you meet these requirements:

- You are a United States citizen.
- You are a resident of California.
- You will be 18 years old by the date of the next election.
- You are not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony.

You need to re-register every time you move, change your name, or wish to change political parties. In order to vote in an election, you must be registered to vote at least 15 days before that election. If you need to get a Voter Registration Card, call the California Secretary of State's Voter Hotline at **800.345.VOTE** or go to **sos.ca.gov**.

To register to vote in California, you must be:

- A United States citizen and a resident of California,
- 18 years old or older on Election Day,
- Not currently in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

Pre-register at 16. Vote at 18. Voter pre-registration is now available for 16 and 17 year olds who otherwise meet the voter registration eligibility requirements. California youth who pre-register to vote will have their registration become active once they turn 18 years old.

If you wish to receive a paper Voter Registration or Pre-Registration Application, call the California Secretary of State's Voter Hotline at **800-345-VOTE** or simply register online at **RegisterToVote.ca.gov**. For more information about how and when to register to vote, visit **sos.ca.gov/elections**.

**It's Your Right . . . Register and Vote**

### If You File Electronically

If you e-file your tax return, make sure all the amounts entered on the paper copy of your California return are correct before you sign form FTB 8453, California e-file Return Authorization for Individuals, or form FTB 8879, California e-file Signature Authorization for Individuals. If you are requesting direct deposit of a refund, make sure your account and routing information is correct. Your tax return can be transmitted to FTB by your preparer or electronic e-file service only after you sign form FTB 8453 or form FTB 8879. The preparer or electronic e-file service must provide you with:

- A copy of forms FTB 8453 or FTB 8879.
- Any original CA Forms 592-B, 593, and federal Forms W-2, 1099-G, and other Form(s) 1099 that you provided.
- A paper copy of your California tax return showing the data transmitted to the FTB.

You cannot retransmit an e-filed tax return once we have accepted the original. You can correct an error by filing an amended Form 540 and Schedule X to correct your previously filed tax return.

# Instructions for Filing a 2021 Amended Return

## Important Information

**Protective Claim** – If you are filing a claim for refund for a taxable year where an audit is being conducted by another state’s taxing agency, litigation is pending or where a final determination by the IRS is pending, check box a for “Protective claim for refund” on Schedule X, Part II, line 1. Specify the pending litigation or reference to the federal determination on Part II, line 2 so we can properly process your claim.

**Do not** attach your previously filed return to your amended return.

**Do not** file an amended return to correct your SSN, name, or address, instead, call or write us. See “Contacting the Franchise Tax Board” for more information.

**Use Tax – Do not** amend your return to correct a use tax error reported on your original tax return. Enter the amount from your original return. The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) administers this tax. Refer all questions or requests relating to use tax to the CDTFA at [cdtfa.ca.gov](http://cdtfa.ca.gov) or call **800.400.7115**.

**Amount You Want Applied To Your 2022 Estimated Tax** – Enter zero on amended Form 540, line 98 and get the instructions for Schedule X for the actual amount you want applied to your 2022 estimated tax.

**Voluntary Contributions** – You cannot amend voluntary contributions. Enter the amount from your original return.

**Direct Deposit** – You can now use direct deposit on your amended return.

When filing an amended return, only complete the amended Form 540 through line 115. Next complete the Schedule X. The amount from Schedule X, line 11 is your additional refund amount. This amount will be carried over to your amended Form 540 and will be entered on line 116 and line 117. The total of the amended Form 540, line 116 and line 117 must equal the total amount of your refund on Schedule X, line 11. If the total of the amended Form 540, line 116 and line 117 do not equal Schedule X, line 11, the FTB will issue a paper check.

**Dependent Exemption Credit with No ID** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, taxpayers claiming a dependent exemption credit for a dependent who is ineligible for an SSN and a federal ITIN may provide alternative information to the FTB to identify the dependent. To claim the dependent exemption credit, taxpayers complete form FTB 3568, attach the form and required documentation to their tax return, and write “no id” in the SSN field of line 10, Dependents, on Form 540. For each dependent being claimed that does not have an SSN and an ITIN, a form FTB 3568 must be provided along with supporting documentation.

If you are amending a return beginning with taxable year 2018 to claim the dependent exemption credit, complete an amended Form 540, and write “no id” in the SSN field on the Dependents line, and attach Schedule X. To complete Schedule X, check box m for “Other” on Part II, line 1, and write the explanation “Claim dependent exemption credit with no id and form FTB 3568 is attached” on Part II, line 2. Make sure to attach form FTB 3568 and the required supporting documents in addition to the amended return and Schedule X. If you do not claim the dependent exemption credit on the original 2021 tax return, you may amend the 2021 tax return following the same procedures used to amend your previous year amended tax returns beginning with taxable year 2018. For more information, get FTB Notice 2021-01.

## Purpose

Use Form 540 to amend your original or previously filed California resident income tax return. If the FTB adjusted your return, you should use the amounts as adjusted by the FTB. Check the box at the top of Form 540 indicating AMENDED return and follow the instructions. Submit the completed amended Form 540 and Schedule X along with all required schedules and supporting forms.

## When to File

Generally, if you filed federal Form 1040-X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, file an amended California tax return within

six months unless the changes do not affect your California tax liability. File an amended return only after you have filed your original or previously filed California tax return.

## California Statute of Limitations

**Original tax return was filed on or before April 15th:** If you are making a claim for refund, file an amended tax return within four years from the original due date of the tax return or within one year from the date of overpayment, whichever period expires later.

**Original tax return was filed within the extension period (April 15th – October 15th):** If you are making a claim for refund, file an amended tax return within four years from the date the original tax return was filed or within one year from the date of overpayment, whichever period expires later.

**Original tax return was filed after October 15th:** If you are making a claim for refund, file an amended tax return within four years from the original due date of the tax return (April 15th) or within one year from the date of overpayment, whichever period expires later.

**If you are filing your amended tax return after the normal statute of limitation period** (four years after the due date of the original tax return), attach a statement explaining why the normal statute of limitations does not apply.

**If you are filing your amended return in response to a billing notice you received,** you will continue to receive billing notices until your amended tax return is accepted. You may file an informal claim for refund even though the full amount due including tax, penalty, and interest has not yet been paid. After the full amount due has been paid, you have the right to appeal to the Office of Tax Appeals at [ota.ca.gov](http://ota.ca.gov) or to file suit in court if your claim for refund is disallowed.

To file an informal claim for refund, check box l for “Informal claim” on Schedule X, Part II, line 1 and mail the claim to:

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD  
PO BOX 942840  
SACRAMENTO CA 94240-0040

## Financially Disabled Taxpayers

The statute of limitations for filing claims for refunds is suspended during periods when a taxpayer is “financially disabled.” You are considered “financially disabled” when you are unable to manage your financial affairs due to a medically determinable physical or mental impairment that is deemed to be either a terminal impairment or is expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months. You **are not** considered “financially disabled” during any period that your spouse/RDP or any other person is legally authorized to act on your behalf on financial matters. For more information, get form FTB 1564, Financially Disabled – Suspension of the Statute of Limitations.

## Federal Notices

If you were notified of an error on your federal income tax return that changed your AGI, you may need to amend your California income tax return for that year.

If the IRS examines and changes your federal income tax return, and you owe additional tax, report these changes to the FTB within six months. You do not need to inform the FTB if the changes do not increase your California tax liability. If the changes made by the IRS result in a refund due, you must file a claim for refund within two years. Use an amended Form 540 and Schedule X to make any changes to your California income tax returns previously filed.

Include a copy of the final federal determination, along with all underlying data and schedules that explain or support the federal adjustment.

**Note:** Most penalties assessed by the IRS also apply under California law. If you are including penalties in a payment with your amended tax return, see Schedule X, line 8a instructions.

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## Children With Investment Income

If your child was required to file form FTB 3800, Tax Computation for Certain Children with Unearned Income, and your taxable income has changed, review your child's tax return to see if you need to file an amended tax return. Get form FTB 3800 for more information.

## Contacting the Franchise Tax Board

If you have not received a refund within six months of filing your amended return, **do not** file a duplicate amended return for the same year. For information on the status of your refund, you may write to:

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD  
PO BOX 942840  
SACRAMENTO CA 94240-0040

For telephone assistance, see General Phone Service on page 95.

## Filing Status

Your filing status for California must be the same as the filing status you used on your federal income tax return, unless you are in a RDP. If you are an RDP and file single for federal, you must file married/RDP filing jointly or married/RDP filing separately for California. If you entered into a same-sex marriage, your filing status for California would generally be the same as the filing status that was used for federal. If you are a same-sex married individual or an RDP and file head of household for federal, you may file head of household for California only if you meet the requirements to be considered unmarried or considered not in a registered domestic partnership.

**Exception for Filing a Separate Tax Return** – A married couple who filed a joint federal tax return may file separate state tax returns if either spouse was either of the following:

- An active member of the United States armed forces (or any auxiliary military branch) during the year being amended.
- A nonresident for the entire year and had no income from California sources during the year being amended.

**Changing Your Filing Status** – If you changed your filing status on your federal amended tax return, also change your filing status for California unless you meet one of the exceptions listed above.

**Married/RDP Filing Jointly to Married/RDP Filing Separately** – You cannot change from married/RDP filing jointly to married/RDP filing separately after the due date of the tax return.

**Exception:** A married couple who meets the “Exception for Filing a Separate Tax Return” shown above may change from joint to separate tax returns after the due date of the tax return.

**Filing Separate Tax Returns to Married/RDP Filing Jointly** – If you or your spouse/RDP (or both of you) filed a separate tax return, you generally can change to a joint tax return any time within four years from the original due date of the separate tax return(s). To change to a joint tax return, you and your spouse/RDP must have been legally married or an RDP on the last day of the taxable year.

To amend from separate tax returns to a joint tax return, follow Form 540 instructions to complete only one amended tax return. Both you and your spouse/RDP must sign the amended joint tax return.

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# 2021 Instructions for Schedule CA (540)

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

## What's New

**Reporting Requirements** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, taxpayers who benefited from the exclusion from gross income for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans forgiveness, other loan forgiveness, the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) advance grant, restaurant revitalization grant, or shuttered venue operator grant, and related eligible expense deductions under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act of 2020, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA), 2021, or the PPP Extension Act of 2021, should file form FTB 4197, Information on Tax Expenditure Items, as part of the Franchise Tax Board's (FTB) annual reporting requirement. For more information, get form FTB 4197.

**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021** – The ARPA was enacted on March 11, 2021. In general, California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) does not conform to the changes. California taxpayers continue to follow the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) as of the specified date of January 1, 2015, with modifications.

**COBRA Premium Assistance** – The ARPA allows an exclusion from gross income for COBRA premium assistance subsidies received by eligible individuals for the COBRA coverage period beginning on April 1, 2021, and ending on September 30, 2021. California law does not conform to this federal provision. For more information, see Schedule CA (540) specific line instructions in Part I, Section B, line 8z.

**Employer-Provided Dependent Care Assistance Exclusion** – California conforms to the employer-provided dependent care assistance exclusion from gross income as of the specified date of January 1, 2015, without any modifications. The ARPA of 2021 enacted on March 11, 2021, temporarily increases the amount of the exclusion from gross income from \$5,000 to \$10,500 (and half of that amount for married filing separate) for employer-provided dependent care assistance. CA law does not conform to this change under the federal ARPA. For more information, see Schedule CA (540) specific line instructions in Part I, Section A, line 1.

**Expanded Definition of Qualified Higher Education Expenses** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, California law conforms to the expanded definition of qualified higher education expenses associated with participation in a registered apprenticeship program and payment on the principal or interest of a qualified education loan under the federal Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020.

**Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA), 2021** – The CAA, 2021, was enacted on December 27, 2020. In general, the R&TC does not conform to the changes under the act. California taxpayers continue to follow the IRC as of the specified date of January 1, 2015, with modifications. California law **does not** conform to the following federal provisions under the CAA, 2021:

- Increased limitations and carryovers for charitable contributions that were made during 2020 and 2021.
- Temporary elimination of the 50% limitation on the deduction of expenses for food or beverages provided by a restaurant that are paid or incurred after December 31, 2020, and before January 1, 2023.
- Temporary special rules for health and dependent care Flexible Spending Arrangements

**California Venues Grant** – For taxable years beginning on or after September 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2030, California law allows an exclusion from gross income for grant allocations received by a taxpayer pursuant to the California Venues Grant Program that is administered by the Office of Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA). For more information, see R&TC Section 17158 and Schedule CA (540) specific line instructions in Part I, Section B, line 8z.

**California Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Grant** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2023, California law allows an exclusion from gross income for grant allocations received by a taxpayer pursuant to the California Microbusiness COVID-19

Relief Program that is administered by CalOSBA. Federal law has no similar exclusion. For more information, see Schedule CA (540) specific line instructions in Part I, Section B, line 8z.

**Other Loan Forgiveness** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, California law allows an exclusion from gross income for borrowers of forgiveness of indebtedness described in Section 1109(d)(2)(D) of the CARES Act as stated by section 278, Division N of the federal CAA, 2021. The CAA, 2021, allows deductions for eligible expenses paid for with covered loan amounts. California law conforms to this federal provision, with modifications. For California purposes, these deductions generally do not apply to an ineligible entity. "Ineligible entity" means a taxpayer that is either a publicly-traded company or does not meet the 25% reduction from gross receipts requirements under Section 311 of the CAA, 2021. For more information, see Schedule CA (540) specific line instructions in Part I, Section B, line 3 or go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **AB 80**.

**Shuttered Venue Operator Grant** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, California law allows an exclusion from gross income for amounts awarded as a shuttered venue operator grant under the CAA, 2021. The CAA, 2021, allows deductions for eligible expenses paid for with grant amounts. California law conforms to this federal provision, with modifications. For California purposes, these deductions do not apply to an ineligible entity. "Ineligible entity" means a taxpayer that is either a publicly-traded company or does not meet the 25% reduction from gross receipts requirements under Section 311 of Division N of the CAA, 2021. For more information, see Schedule CA (540) specific line instructions in Part I, Section B, line 3, or R&TC Section 17158.3.

**Income Exclusion for Rent Forgiveness** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2025, gross income shall not include a tenant's rent liability that is forgiven by a landlord or rent forgiveness provided through funds grantees received as a direct allocation from the Secretary of the Treasury based on the federal CAA, 2021. For more information, see Schedule CA (540) specific line instructions in Part I, Section B, line 8z.

**Moving Expense Deduction** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, taxpayers should file California form FTB 3913, Moving Expense Deduction, to claim moving expense deductions. Attach the completed form FTB 3913 to Form 540, California Resident Income Tax Return. For more information, see Schedule CA (540) specific line instructions in Part I, Section C, line 14, and get form FTB 3913.

**Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loans Forgiveness** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, California law allows an exclusion from gross income for covered loan amounts forgiven under the federal CARES Act, Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act of 2020, the CAA, 2021, or the PPP Extension Act of 2021.

Also, the ARPA expands PPP eligibility to include "additional covered nonprofit entities" which includes certain Code 501(c) nonprofit organizations and Internet-only news publishers and Internet-only periodical publishers. California law does not conform to this expansion of PPP eligibility. For more information, see specific line instructions for Schedule CA (540) in Part I, Section B, line 3.

The CAA, 2021, allows deductions for eligible expenses paid for with covered loan amounts. California law conforms to this federal provision, with modifications. For California purposes, these deductions do not apply to an ineligible entity. "Ineligible entity" means a taxpayer that is either a publicly-traded company or does not meet the 25% reduction from gross receipts requirements under Section 311 of Division N of the CAA, 2021. For more information, see specific line instructions for Schedule CA (540) in Part I, Section B, line 3 or R&TC Section 17131.8 or go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **AB 80**.

Revenue Procedure 2021-20 allows taxpayers to make an election to report the eligible expense deductions related to a PPP loan on a timely filed original 2021 tax return including extensions. If a taxpayer makes an election for federal purposes, California will follow the federal treatment for California tax purposes.

**Advance Grant Amount** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, California law conforms to the federal law regarding the treatment for an emergency Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) grant under the federal CARES Act or a targeted EIDL advance under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.

## General Information

In general, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, California law conforms to the IRC as of January 1, 2015. However, there are continuing differences between California and federal law. When California conforms to federal tax law changes, we do not always adopt all of the changes made at the federal level. For more information, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **conformity**. Additional information can be found in FTB Pub. 1001, Supplemental Guidelines to California Adjustments, and the Business Entity tax booklets.

The instructions provided with California tax forms are a summary of California tax law and are only intended to aid taxpayers in preparing their state income tax returns. We include information that is most useful to the greatest number of taxpayers in the limited space available. It is not possible to include all requirements of the R&TC in the instructions. Taxpayers should not consider the instructions as authoritative law.

### Conformity

For updates regarding federal acts, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **conformity**.

**Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act** – The SECURE Act was enacted on December 20, 2019. In general, California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) does not conform to the changes. California taxpayers continue to follow the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) as of the specified date of January 1, 2015, with modifications.

**SECURE Act repeal of maximum age 70½** – The SECURE Act repealed the maximum age of 70½ for traditional IRA contributions. California law **does not** conform to this federal provision. For more information, see Schedule CA (540) specific line instructions in Part I, Section C, line 20.

**Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act** – The federal CARES Act was enacted on March 27, 2020. In general, California R&TC does not conform to the changes. California taxpayers continue to follow the IRC as of the specified date of January 1, 2015, with modifications. California law **does not** conform to the following federal provisions under the CARES Act:

- Charitable contributions changes
- Exclusion for certain employer payment of student loans
- Business interest limitations
- Health-savings account changes

California law conforms to the following federal provision under the CARES Act:

- Temporarily increases the amount of loans allowable from a qualified employer plan to \$100,000 for coronavirus-related relief and delays by one year the due date for any repayment for an outstanding loan from a qualified employer plan if requirements are met.

The above lists are not intended to be all-inclusive of the federal and state conformities and differences. For more information, see specific line instructions or refer to the R&TC.

**Worker Status: Employees and Independent Contractors** – Some individuals may be classified as independent contractors for federal purposes and employees for California purposes, which may also cause changes in how their income and deductions are classified. Proposition 22 was operative as of December 16, 2020, and may affect a taxpayer's worker classification. For more information, see Schedule CA (540) specific line instructions in Part I, Section A, line 1; Part I, Section B, line 3; Part I, Section C, line 15 and line 17; and Part II, line 4.

**Rental Real Estate Activities** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, the dollar limitation for the offset for rental real estate activities shall not apply to the low income housing credit program. For more information, see R&TC Section 17561(d)(1). Get form FTB 3801-CR, Passive Activity Credit Limitations, for more information.

**R&TC Section 41 Reporting Requirements** – Beginning in taxable year 2020, California allows individuals and other taxpayers operating under the personal income tax law to claim credits and deductions of

business expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year in conducting commercial cannabis activity. Sole proprietors conducting a commercial cannabis activity that is licensed under California Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (CA MAUCRSA), should file form FTB 4197. The FTB uses information from form FTB 4197 for reports required by the California Legislature. For more information, see Schedule CA (540) specific line instructions in Part I, Section B, line 3, and get form FTB 4197 for more information.

**Net Operating Loss (NOL) Suspension** – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2023, California has suspended the 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 (AGI) 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 R&TC Section 17276.23, and get form FTB 3805V, Net Operating Loss (NOL) Computation and NOL and Disaster Loss Limitations – Individuals, Estates, and Trusts.

**Excess Business Loss Limitation** – The federal CARES Act made amendments to IRC Section 461(l) by eliminating the excess business loss limitation of noncorporate taxpayers for taxable year 2020 and retroactively removing the limitation for taxable years 2018 and 2019. California does **not** conform to those amendments. Also, California law does not conform to the federal changes in the ARPA that extends the limitation on excess business losses of noncorporate taxpayers for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020 and ending before January 1, 2027. Complete form FTB 3461, California Limitation on Business Losses, if you are a noncorporate taxpayer and your net losses from all of your trades or businesses are more than \$262,000 (\$524,000 for married taxpayers filing a joint return). For more information, see Schedule CA (540) specific line instructions in Part I, Section B, line 8o, and get form FTB 3461.

**Loophole Closure and Small Business and Working Families Tax Relief Act of 2019** – The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) signed into law on December 22, 2017, made changes to the IRC. California R&TC does not conform to all of the changes. In general, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, California conforms to the following TCJA provisions:

- California Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program
- Student loan discharged on account of death or disability
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) Premiums
- Excess employee compensation
- Excess business loss

**Federal Tax Reform** – In general, California R&TC **does not** conform to all of the changes under the TCJA. For adjustments due to the TCJA, see the specific line instructions for the following items:

- Combat zone extended to Egypt's Sinai Peninsula
- Moving expenses and reimbursements
- Limitation on deduction of business interest
- Limitation on employer's deduction for fringe benefit expenses
- Limitation on wagering losses
- Sexual harassment settlements
- IRC Section 965 deferred foreign income
- Global intangible low-taxed income (GILTI) under IRC Section 951A
- Qualified equity grants
- Expanded use of 529 account funds
- Living expenses for members of Congress
- Limitation on state and local tax deduction
- Mortgage and home equity indebtedness interest deduction
- Limitation on charitable contribution deduction
- College athletic seating rights
- Casualty or theft loss(es)
- Miscellaneous itemized deductions

**Registered Domestic Partners (RDP)** – RDPs will compute their limitations based on the combined federal adjusted gross income (AGI) of each partner's individual tax return filed with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

For column A, Part I and Part II, combine each line item of your federal amounts from each partner's individual federal tax return. For more information on RDPs, get FTB Pub. 737, Tax Information for Registered Domestic Partners. The combined federal AGI used to compute limitations is different from the recalculated federal AGI used on Form 540, California Resident Income Tax Return, line 13. In situations where RDPs have no RDP adjustments, these amounts may be the same.

**Military Personnel** – Servicemembers domiciled outside of California, and their spouses/RDPs, may exclude the servicemember's military compensation from gross income when computing the tax rate on nonmilitary income. Requirements for military servicemembers domiciled in California remain unchanged. Military servicemembers domiciled in California must include their military pay in total income. In addition, they must include their military pay as California source income when stationed in California. However, military pay is not California source income when a servicemember is permanently stationed outside of California. Beginning 2009, the federal Military Spouses Residency Relief Act may affect the California income tax filing requirements for spouses of military personnel. For more information, get Form 540NR, California Nonresident or Part-Year Resident Income Tax Return, and FTB Pub. 1032, Tax Information for Military Personnel.

**Single Member Limited Liability Company (SMLLC)** – If you are a single member limited liability company, that is organized or doing business in California, or registered with the California Secretary of State (SOS), you are required to file Form 568, Limited Liability Company Return of Income, pay the annual tax and LLC Fee (if applicable), in addition to filing your tax return. Get Form 568, Limited Liability Company Tax Booklet for more information.

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## Purpose

Use Schedule CA (540), California Adjustments – Residents, to make adjustments to your federal adjusted gross income and to your federal itemized deductions using California law.

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## Specific Line Instructions

### Part I Income Adjustment Schedule

#### Column A — Federal Amounts

##### Section A, Line 1 through Line 7, and Section B, Line 1 through Line 9a

Enter in Section A, line 1 through line 7, and Section B, line 1 through line 9a the same amounts you entered on your federal Form 1040, U.S. Individual Income Tax Return or Form 1040-SR, U.S. Tax Return for Seniors, line 1 through 7; and federal Schedule 1 (Form 1040), Additional Income and Adjustments to Income, line 1 through line 9.

##### Line 10 – Total

Combine the amounts in Section A, line 1 through line 7, and Section B, line 1 through line 7, line 9a, and line 9b4, as applicable.

##### Section C, Line 11 through Line 18 and Line 20 through Line 25

Enter the same amounts entered on your federal Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 11 through line 18 and line 20 through line 25.

##### Line 19a and Line 19b

Enter on line 19a the same amount entered on your federal Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 19a. Enter on line 19b the social security number (SSN) or individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) and last name of the person to whom you paid alimony.

**Line 26** – Add line 11 through line 23 and line 25.

##### Line 27 – Total

Subtract line 26 from line 10. This amount should match the amount entered on federal Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 11.

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## Column B and Column C — Subtractions and Additions

Use these columns to enter subtractions and additions to the federal amounts in column A that are necessary because of differences between California and federal law. Enter all amounts as positive numbers unless instructed otherwise.

You may need one or more of the following FTB publications to complete column B and column C:

- 1001, Supplemental Guidelines to California Adjustments
- 1005, Pension and Annuity Guidelines
- 1031, Guidelines for Determining Resident Status
- 1032, Tax Information for Military Personnel
- 1100, Taxation of Nonresidents and Individuals Who Change Residency

To get forms and publications, go to [ftb.ca.gov/forms](http://ftb.ca.gov/forms).

### Section A – Income

#### Line 1 – Wages, Salaries, Tips, etc.

Generally, you will not make any adjustments on this line. If you did not receive any of the following types of income, make no entry on this line in either column B or column C.

**Employer-provided dependent care assistance exclusion** – The ARPA temporarily increases the amount of the exclusion from gross income from \$5,000 to \$10,500 (and half of that amount for married filing separate) for employer-provided dependent care assistance. California law does not conform to this federal provision. Figure the difference between the amounts allowed using federal law and California law. For California purposes, enter the difference on line 1, column C.

**Employees and independent contractors** – Some taxpayers may be classified as independent contractors for federal purposes and as employees for California purposes. If the taxpayer is classified as an employee for California purposes, enter the amount reported as gross income of the business from federal Schedule C (Form 1040), Profit or Loss from Business, line 7, as wages on line 1, column C.

**Active duty military pay** – Special rules apply to active duty military taxpayers. Get FTB Pub. 1032 for more information.

**Combat zone foreign earned income exclusion** – For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2018, California does not conform to the federal foreign earned income exclusion for amounts received by certain U.S. citizens or resident aliens with an abode in the U.S., specifically contractors or employees of contractors supporting the U.S. Armed Forces in designated combat zones. Enter the amount excluded from federal income on line 8d, column C.

**Combat zone extended to Egypt's Sinai Peninsula** – Federal law extended combat zone tax benefits to the Sinai Peninsula of Egypt. California does not conform. Enter the amount of combat pay excluded from federal income on line 1, column C. Get FTB Pub. 1032 for more information.

**Sick pay received under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act and Railroad Retirement Act** – California excludes this item from income. Enter in column B the amount of these benefits included in the amount in column A.

**Ridesharing fringe benefit differences** – Under federal law, certain qualified transportation benefits are excluded from gross income. Under the California R&TC, there are no monthly limits for the exclusion of these benefits and California's definitions are more expansive. Enter the amount of ridesharing benefits received and included in federal income on line 1, column B.

**Foreign income** – If you excluded income exempted by U.S. tax treaties on your federal Schedule 1 (Form 1040) (unless specifically exempt for state purposes), enter the excluded amount in column C. If you claimed foreign earned income or housing cost exclusion on your federal Schedule 1 (Form 1040) (under IRC Section 911), see the instructions for Section B, line 8d.

**Exclusion for compensation from exercising a California Qualified Stock Option (CQSO)** – To claim this exclusion:

- Your earned income is \$40,000 or less from the corporation granting the CQSO.
- The market value of the options granted to you must be less than \$100,000.

- The total number of shares must be 1,000 or less.
- The corporation issuing the stock must designate that the stock issued is a CQSO at the time the option is granted.

If you included an amount qualifying for this exclusion in federal income, enter that amount on line 1, column B.

**Employer health savings account (HSA) contribution** – Enter the amount of any employer HSA contribution from federal Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, box 12, code W on line 1, column C.

**Income exclusion for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)**

**supplementary payments** – If you are an IHSS provider who received IHSS supplementary payments that were included in federal wages, enter the IHSS supplementary payments on line 1, column B. IHSS providers only receive a supplementary payment if they paid a sales tax on the IHSS services they provide. The supplementary payment is equal to the sales tax paid plus any increase in the federal payroll withholding paid due to the supplementary payment.

**Native American earned income exemption** – California does not tax federally recognized tribal members living in California Indian country who earn income from any federally recognized California Indian country. Military compensation is considered income from reservation sources. Enrolled members who receive reservation sourced per capita income must reside in their affiliated tribe's Indian country to qualify for tax exempt status. Enter on line 1, column B the earnings included in federal income that are exempt for California. Attach form FTB 3504, Enrolled Tribal Member Certification, to Form 540. For more information, get form FTB 3504.

**Line 2 – Taxable Interest**

If you did not receive any of the kinds of income listed below, make no entry on this line in either column B or column C.

Enter in column B the interest you received from:

- U.S. savings bonds (except for interest from series EE U.S. savings bonds issued after 1989 that qualified for the Education Savings Bond Program exclusion).
- U.S. Treasury bills, notes, and bonds.
- Any other bonds or obligations of the United States and its territories.
- Interest from Ottoman Turkish Empire Settlement Payments.
- Interest income from children under age 19 or students under age 24 included on the child's federal tax return and reported on the California tax return by the parent. For more information, get form FTB 3803, Parents' Election to Report Child's Interest and Dividends.

Certain mutual funds pay "exempt-interest dividends." If the mutual fund has at least 50% of its assets invested in tax-exempt U.S. obligations and/or in California or its municipal obligations, that amount of dividend is exempt from California tax. The proportion of dividends that are tax-exempt will be shown on your annual statement or statement issued with federal Form 1099-DIV, Dividends and Distributions.

Enter in column C the interest you identified as tax-exempt interest on your federal Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 2a, **and** which you received from:

- The federally exempt interest dividends from other states, or their municipal obligations and/or from mutual funds that do not meet the 50% rule as previously discussed.
- Non-California state bonds.
- Non-California municipal bonds issued by a county, city, town, or other local government unit.
- Obligations of the District of Columbia issued after December 27, 1973.
- Non-California bonds if the interest was passed through to you from S corporations, trusts, partnerships, or Limited Liability Companies (LLCs).
- Interest or other earnings earned from a Health Savings Account (HSA) are not treated as taxed deferred. Interest or earnings in a HSA are taxable in the year earned.
- Interest on any bond or other obligation issued by the Government of American Samoa.
- Interest income from children under age 19 or students under age 24 included on the parent's federal tax return and reported on the California tax return by the child.

Make no entries in either column B or column C for interest you earned on Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) Bonds, Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae) Bonds, and

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporations (FHLMC) securities, or grants paid to low income individuals.

Get FTB Pub. 1001 if you received interest income from the items listed above passed through to you from S corporations, trusts, estates, partnerships, or LLCs.

**Line 3 – Ordinary Dividends**

Generally, no difference exists between the amount of dividends reported in column A and the amount reported using California law. However, California taxes dividends derived from other states and their municipal obligations.

Add dividends received from the following and enter in column B:

- Dividend income from children under age 19 or students under age 24 **included** on the parent's or child's federal tax return and reported on the California tax return by the opposite taxpayer. For more information, get form FTB 3803.

Add dividends received from the following and enter in column C:

- Controlled foreign corporation (CFC) dividends in the year distributed.
- Regulated investment company (RIC) capital gains in the year distributed.
- Distributions of pre-1987 earnings from an S corporation.
- Dividend income from children under age 19 or students under age 24 **excluded** on the parent's or child's federal tax return and reported on the California tax return by the opposite taxpayer. For more information, get form FTB 3803.

Get FTB Pub. 1001 if you received dividends from:

- Non-cash patronage dividends from farmers' cooperatives or mutual associations.
- A CFC.
- Distributions of pre-1987 earnings from S corporations.
- Undistributed capital gains for RIC shareholders.

**Line 4a and b – IRA Distributions**

Generally, no adjustments are made on this line. However, there may be significant differences in the taxable amount of a distribution (including a distribution from conversion of a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA), depending on when you made your contributions to the IRA. Differences also occur if your California IRA deductions were different from your federal deductions because of differences between California and federal self-employment income.

If the taxable amount using California law is:

- Less than the amount taxable under federal law, enter the difference in column B.
- More than the amount taxable under federal law, enter the difference in column C.

Get FTB Pub. 1005 for more information and worksheets for figuring the adjustment to enter on this line, if any.

If you have an IRA basis and were a nonresident in prior years, you may need to restate your California IRA basis. Get FTB Pub. 1100 for more information.

**Coverdell Education Savings Account (ESA) formerly known as**

**Education (ED) IRA** – If column A includes a taxable distribution from an ED IRA, you may owe additional tax on that amount. Get form FTB 3805P, Additional Taxes on Qualified Plans (Including IRAs) and Other Tax-Favored Accounts.

**Line 5a and b – Pensions and Annuities**

Generally, no adjustments are made on this line. However, if you received Tier 2 railroad retirement benefits or partially taxable distributions from a pension plan, you may need to make the following adjustments.

If you received a federal Form RRB-1099-R, Annuities or Pensions by the Railroad Retirement Board, for railroad retirement benefits and included all or part of these benefits in taxable income in column A, enter the taxable benefit amount in column B.

If you began receiving a retirement annuity between July 1, 1986, and January 1, 1987, and elected to use the three-year rule for California purposes and the annuity rules for federal purposes, enter in column C the amount of the annuity payments you excluded for federal purposes.

You may have to pay an additional tax if you received a taxable distribution from a qualified retirement plan before reaching age 59½ and the distribution was not rolled over into another qualified plan. Get form FTB 3805P for more information.

#### Line 6 – Social Security Benefits

California excludes U.S. social security benefits or equivalent Tier 1 railroad retirement benefits from taxable income. Enter in column B the amount of taxable U.S. social security benefits or equivalent Tier 1 railroad retirement benefits shown in column A, line 6(b).

#### Line 7 – Capital Gain or (Loss)

Generally, no adjustments are made on this line. California taxes long and short term capital gains as regular income. No special rate for long term capital gains exists. However, the California basis of the assets listed below may be different from the federal basis due to differences between California and federal laws. If there are differences, use Schedule D (540), California Capital Gain or Loss Adjustment, to calculate the amount to enter on line 7.

- Gain on sale of qualified small business stock under IRC Section 1045 and IRC Section 1202.
- Basis amounts resulting from differences between California and federal law in prior years.
- Gain or loss on stock and bond transactions.
- Installment sale gain reported on form FTB 3805E, Installment Sale Income.
- Gain on the sale of personal residence where depreciation was allowable.
- Pass-through gain or loss from partnerships, fiduciaries, S corporations, or LLCs.
- Capital loss carryover from your 2020 California Schedule D (540).
- Capital gain from children under age 19 or students under age 24 included on the parent's or child's federal tax return and reported on the California tax return by the opposite taxpayer. For more information, get form FTB 3803.

#### Get FTB Pub. 1001 for more information about:

- Disposition of S corporation stock acquired before 1987.
- Capital gain exclusion for sale of principal residence by a surviving spouse.
- Gain on sale or disposition of qualified assisted housing development to low-income residents or to specified entities maintaining housing for low-income residents.
- Undistributed capital gain for RIC shareholders.
- Gain or loss on the sale of property inherited before January 1, 1987.
- Capital loss carrybacks.

#### Section B – Additional Income

##### Line 1 – Taxable Refunds, Credits, or Offsets of State and Local Income Taxes

California does not tax the state income tax refund. Enter in column B the amount of state tax refund entered in column A.

##### Line 2a – Alimony Received

Under federal law (TCJA), alimony and separate maintenance payments are not includable in the income of the receiving spouse, if made under any divorce or separation agreement executed after December 31, 2018, or executed on or before December 31, 2018 and modified after that date (if the modification expressly provides that the amendments apply). California does not conform. If you received alimony not included in your federal income, enter the alimony received in column C.

If you are a nonresident alien and received alimony not included in your federal income, enter the alimony on this line in column C.

##### Line 3 – Business Income or (Loss)

Adjustments to federal business income or loss you reported in column A generally are necessary because of the difference between California and federal law relating to depreciation methods, special credits, and accelerated write-offs. As a result, the recovery period or basis used to figure California depreciation may be different from the amount used for federal purposes.

Adjustments are figured on form FTB 3885A, Depreciation and Amortization Adjustments, and are most commonly necessary because of the following:

- **Before January 1, 1987**, California did not allow depreciation under the federal accelerated cost recovery system. Continue to figure California depreciation for those assets in the same manner as prior years.
- **On or after January 1, 1987**, California provides special credits and accelerated write-offs that affect the California basis of qualifying assets. Refer to the bulleted list below.

Use form FTB 3801, Passive Activity Loss Limitations, to figure the total adjustment for line 3 if you have:

- One or more passive activities that produce a loss.
- One or more passive activities that produce a loss **and** any nonpassive activity reported on federal Schedule C (Form 1040).

Use form FTB 3885A to figure the total adjustment for line 3 if you have:

- Only nonpassive activities which produce either gains or losses (or combination of gains and losses).
- Passive activities that produce gains.

**Other loan forgiveness** – Under federal law, the CAA, 2021, allows deductions for eligible expenses paid for with covered loan amounts. California law conforms to this federal provision, with modifications. For California purposes, if you are an ineligible entity and deducted eligible expenses for federal purposes, enter the total amount of those expenses deducted on line 3, column C.

**Paycheck Protection Program loans forgiveness** – Under federal law, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 allows deductions for eligible expenses paid for with covered loan amounts. California law conforms to this federal provision with modifications. For California purposes, if you are an ineligible entity and deducted eligible expenses for federal purposes, enter the total amount of those expenses deducted on line 3, column C.

Also, the ARPA expands PPP eligibility to include “additional covered nonprofit entities” which includes certain Code 501(c) nonprofit organizations and Internet-only news publishers and Internet-only periodical publishers. California law does not conform to this expansion of PPP eligibility. If you met the PPP eligibility requirements and excluded the amount from gross income for federal purposes, enter the excluded amount on line 3, column C.

**Shuttered venue operator grant** – Under federal law, the CAA, 2021, allows deductions for eligible expenses paid for with grant amounts. California law conforms to this federal provision with modifications. For California purposes, if you are an ineligible entity and deducted eligible expenses for federal purposes, enter the total amount of those expenses deducted on line 3, column C.

**Employees and independent contractors** – Some taxpayers may be classified as independent contractors for federal purposes and as employees for California purposes. If the taxpayer is classified as an employee for California purposes, enter the amount of federal business income from line 3, column A, on line 3, column B. Enter the amount of federal business loss from line 3, column A, on line 3, column C.

**Commercial cannabis activity** – Under federal law, deductions for business expenses of a trade or business paid or incurred during the taxable year in conducting commercial cannabis activity are disallowed. California does not conform. California allows cannabis business licensed under California Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (CA MAUCRSA) to claim these expenses. Enter the amount of these expenses on line 3, column B.

**Limitation on deduction of business interest** – Under federal law, every business, regardless of its form, is generally subject to a disallowance of a deduction for net interest expense in excess of 50% of the business's adjustable taxable income. California does not conform. Figure the difference between the amounts allowed using federal law and California law. Enter the difference on line 3, column B.

**Limitation on employer's deduction for fringe benefit expenses** – Under federal law, deductions for entertainment expenses are disallowed; the current 50% limit on the deductibility of business meals is expanded to meals provided through an in-house cafeteria or otherwise on the premises of the employer; the 50% limitation does not apply to expenses for food or beverages provided by a restaurant that are paid or incurred after December 31, 2020, and before January 1, 2023; deductions for employee transportation fringe benefits (e.g., parking and mass transit) are denied; and no deduction is allowed for transportation expenses that are the equivalent of commuting for employees (e.g., between the employee's home and the workplace), except as provided for the safety of the employee. California does not conform. Figure the difference between the amounts allowed using federal law and California law. Enter the difference on line 3, column B or column C.

**Limitation on wagering losses** – Under federal law, all deductions for expenses incurred in carrying out wagering transactions, and not just gambling losses, are limited to the extent of gambling winnings. California does not conform. Figure the difference between the amounts allowed using federal law and California law. Enter the difference on line 3, column B.

**Sexual harassment settlements** – Under federal law, no deduction is allowed for any settlement, payout, or attorney fees related to sexual harassment or sexual abuse if such payments are subject to a nondisclosure agreement. California does not conform. Enter the amount received and included in federal income on line 3, column B.

**Penalty assessed by professional sports league** – California does not allow a business expense deduction for any fine or penalty paid or incurred by an owner of a professional sports franchise assessed or imposed by the professional sports league that includes that franchise. If the fine or penalty was deducted for federal purposes, enter this amount on line 3, column C.

**Business expense deduction disallowance** – California disallows a deduction for a business expense related to a payment to the Edge College and Career Network, LLC, to a taxpayer who meets all of the following:

- They are charged as a defendant in any of several specified criminal complaints as listed in R&TC Section 17275.4.
- There is a final determination of their guilt with regard to a violation of any offense arising out of that criminal complaint.
- There is a finding that they took the deduction unlawfully.

For more information, see R&TC Section 17275.4. Enter the amount of this deduction on line 3, column C.

**Get FTB Pub. 1001 for more information about:**

**Income related to:**

- Business, trade, or profession carried on within California that is an integral part of a unitary business carried on both within and outside California.
- Pro-rata share of income received from a CFC by a U.S. shareholder.

**Basis adjustments related to:**

- Property acquired prior to becoming a California resident.
- Sales or use tax credit for property used in a former Enterprise Zone (EZ), Local Agency Military Base Recovery Area (LAMBRA), or Targeted Tax Area (TTA).
- Reduced recovery periods for fruit-bearing grapevines replaced in a California vineyard on or after January 1, 1992, as a result of phylloxera infestation; or on or after January 1, 1997, as a result of Pierce's disease.
- Expenditures for tertiary injectants.
- Property placed in service on an Indian reservation after December 31, 2017, and before January 1, 2022.
- Amortization of pollution control facilities.
- Discharge of real property business indebtedness.
- Vehicles used in an employer-sponsored ridesharing program.
- An enhanced oil recovery system.
- Joint Strike Fighter property costs.
- The cost of making a business accessible to disabled individuals.

- Property for which you received an energy conservation subsidy from a public utility on or after January 1, 1995, and before January 1, 1997.
- Research and experimental expenditures.
- Reduction of capitalized costs attributable to the Work Opportunity Credit.

**Business deductions related to:**

- Wages paid in a former EZ, LAMBRA, Manufacturing Enhancement Area (MEA), or TTA.
- Certain employer costs for employees who are also enrolled members of Indian tribes.
- Abandonment or tax recoupment fees for open-space easements and timberland preserves.
- Research expense.
- Employer wage expense for the Work Opportunity Credit.
- Employer wage expense for the Federal Employee Retention Credit.
- Pro-rata share of deductions received from a CFC by a U.S. shareholder.
- Interest paid on indebtedness in connection with company-owned life insurance policies.
- Premiums paid on life insurance policies, annuities, or endowment contracts issued after June 8, 1997, where the owner of the business is directly or indirectly a policy beneficiary.
- Commercial Revitalization Deductions for Renewal Communities.
- Small Employer Health Insurance Credit.

**Line 4 – Other Gains or (Losses)**

Generally, no adjustments are made on this line. However, the California basis of your other assets may differ from your federal basis due to differences between California and federal law. Therefore, you may have to adjust the amount of other gains or losses. Get Schedule D-1, Sales of Business Property.

**Line 5 – Rental Real Estate, Royalties, Partnerships, S Corporations, Trusts, etc.**

Adjustments to federal income or loss you reported in column A generally are necessary because of the difference between California and federal law relating to depreciation methods, special credits, and accelerated write-offs. As a result, the recovery period or basis used to figure California depreciation may be different from the recovery period or amount used for federal. For more information, see the instructions for column B and column C, line 3.

California law does not conform to federal law for material participation in rental real estate activities. Beginning in 1994, and for federal purposes only, rental real estate activities conducted by persons in real property business are not automatically treated as passive activities. Get form FTB 3801 for more information.

Use form FTB 3801 to figure the total adjustment for line 5 if you have:

- One or more passive activities that produce a loss.
- One or more passive activities that produce a loss **and** any nonpassive activity reported on federal Schedule E (Form 1040), Supplemental Income and Loss.

Use form FTB 3885A to figure the total adjustment for line 5 if you have:

- Only nonpassive activities which produce either gains or losses (or combination of gains and losses).
- Passive activities that produce gains.

LLCs that are classified as partnerships for California purposes and limited liability partnerships (LLPs) are subject to the same rules as other partnerships. LLCs report distributive items to members on Schedule K-1 (568), Member's Share of Income, Deductions, Credits, etc. LLPs report to partners on Schedule K-1 (565), Partner's Share of Income, Deductions, Credits, etc.

Get FTB Pub. 1001 for more information about accumulation distributions to beneficiaries for which the trust was not required to pay California tax because the beneficiary's interest was contingent.

**Line 6 – Farm Income or (Loss)**

Adjustments to federal income or loss you report in column A generally are necessary because of the difference between California and federal

law relating to depreciation methods, special credits, NOLs, and accelerated write-offs. As a result, the recovery period or basis you use to figure California depreciation may be different from the amount used for federal purposes, and you may need to make an adjustment to your farm income or loss. For more information, see the instructions for column B and column C, line 3.

Use form FTB 3801 to figure the total adjustment for line 6 if you have:

- One or more passive activities that produce a loss.
- One or more passive activities that produce a loss **and** any nonpassive activity reported on federal Schedule F (Form 1040), Profit or Loss From Farming.

Use form FTB 3885A to figure the total adjustment for line 6 if you have:

- Only nonpassive activities which produce either gains or losses (or combination of gains and losses).
- Passive activities that produce gains.

### Line 7 – Unemployment Compensation

California excludes unemployment compensation from taxable income. Enter on line 7, column B the amount of unemployment compensation shown in column A.

**Paid Family Leave Insurance (PFL) benefits, also known as Family Temporary Disability Insurance** – Payments received from the PFL Program are reported on federal Form 1099-G, Certain Government Payments. California excludes payments received from the PFL program from taxable income. Enter on line 7, column B the amount of PFL payments shown in column A. For more information, get FTB Pub. 1001.

### Line 8 – Other Income

**a. Federal Net Operating Loss** – Enter the amount of the federal NOL included on line 8a, column A, as a positive number in column C. Get form FTB 3805V, to figure the allowable California NOL.

### b. Gambling Income

**California lottery winnings** – California excludes California lottery winnings from taxable income. Enter in column B the amount of California lottery winnings included in the federal amount on line 8b, column A.

Make no adjustment for lottery winnings from other states. They are taxable by California. If you reduced gambling income for California lottery income, you may need to reduce the losses included in the federal itemized deductions on Part II, line 16, column A. Enter these losses on Part II, line 16, column B.

### c. Cancellation of Debt

**Mortgage forgiveness debt relief** – California law does not conform to federal law regarding the exclusion of income from discharge of indebtedness from the disposition of your principal residence occurring after December 31, 2017. Enter the amount of discharge on line 8c, column C.

**Certain employer payments of student loans** – California does not conform to the federal CARES Act regarding the exclusion of student loan payments made on behalf of an employee by an employer. Enter the amount of loan payment on line 8c, column C.

### d. Foreign Earned Income Exclusion from federal Form 2555

**Federal foreign earned income or housing exclusion** – Enter in column C the amount excluded from federal income on federal Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 8d.

**Combat zone foreign earned income exclusion** – Enter the amount excluded from federal income on line 8d, column C.

### e. Taxable Health Savings Account Distribution

**Health savings account (HSA) distributions for unqualified medical expense** – Distributions from an HSA not used for qualified medical expenses, and included in federal income, are not taxable for California purposes. Enter the distribution not used for qualified medical expenses on line 8e, column B.

**Taxable Archer MSA distributions** – Enter the amount of taxable Archer MSA distributions included on line 8e, column A, in column B. See instructions for line 8z for more information.

**m. IRC Section 951(a) Inclusion** – Under federal law, if you are a U.S. shareholder of a controlled foreign corporation, you must include IRC Section 951(a) amount in your income. California does not conform. If you included the amount as income on your federal Schedule 1 (Form 1040), enter the amount on line 8m, column B.

**n. IRC Section 951A(a) Inclusion** – Under federal law, if you are a U.S. shareholder of a controlled foreign corporation, you must include your GILTI in your income. California does not conform. If you included GILTI on your federal Schedule 1 (Form 1040), enter the amount on line 8n, column B.

**o. IRC Section 461(l) Excess Business Loss Adjustment** – For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018, California law generally conforms to the changes under the TCJA in regard to the disallowance of excess business loss deductions of non-corporate taxpayers. For California purposes, any disallowed loss will be treated as a carryover excess business loss instead of an NOL carryover for the subsequent taxable year. Also, California does **not** conform to amendments under the federal CARES Act and the ARPA. See General Information for more information. Complete form FTB 3461, if you are a noncorporate taxpayer and your net losses from all of your trades or businesses are more than \$262,000 (\$524,000 for married taxpayers filing a joint return). Enter the amount from form FTB 3461, line 16 or line 17, whichever applies, on line 8o, column C. Attach form FTB 3461 to the tax return.

See line 8z for further instructions on how to report the excess business loss adjustment.

### z. Other income

Identify the type of income reported in the space provided. If there is more than one item to report on line 8z, attach a statement that lists each item and enter the total of all individual items in column B or column C as instructed below.

**Taxable Archer MSA distributions** – Enter the amount of taxable Archer MSA distributions included on line 8e, column A, on line 8z, column C and write “MSA” on the space provided.

**Excess business loss adjustment** – Enter the amount of the federal excess business loss adjustment (ELA) included on line 8o, column A, on line 8z, column B. Write “ELA” on the space provided on line 8z.

**COBRA premium assistance** – The ARPA allows an exclusion from gross income for COBRA premium assistance subsidies received by eligible individuals for the COBRA coverage period beginning on April 1, 2021, and ending on September 30, 2021. California law does not conform to this federal provision. For California purposes, enter the amount excluded from federal income on line 8z, column C.

**California microbusiness COVID-19 relief grant** – California law allows an exclusion from gross income for grant allocations received by a taxpayer pursuant to the California Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Program that is administered by CalOSBA. Federal law has no similar exclusion. Enter on line 8z, column B the amount of this type of income.

**California venues grant** – California law allows an exclusion from gross income for grant allocations received by a taxpayer pursuant to the California Venues Grant Program that is administered by the CalOSBA. Federal law has no similar exclusion. Enter on line 8z, column B the amount of this type of income.

**Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program** – California law allows an exclusion from gross income for grant allocations received by a taxpayer pursuant to the COVID-19 Relief Grant under Executive Order No. E 20/21-182 and the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program established by Section 12100.83 of the Government Code. If you included any amount as income for federal purposes on line 8z, column A, enter the amount on line 8z, column B.

**Income exclusion for rent forgiveness** – If for federal purposes gross income includes a tenant's rent liability that is forgiven by a landlord or rent forgiveness provided through funds grantees received as a direct allocation from the Secretary of the Treasury, enter in line 8z, column B the amount of this type of income included in line 8z, column A.

**IRC Section 965 deferred foreign income** – If you included IRC 965 deferred foreign income on your federal Schedule 1 (Form 1040), enter the amount on line 8z, column B and write "IRC 965" on line 8z and at the top of Form 540.

**Qualified equity grants** – California does not conform to federal law regarding the election to defer the recognition of income attributable to qualified stock. If you elected to defer income for federal purposes, make an adjustment on line 8z, column C.

**Expanded use of 529 account funds** – California does not conform to federal law regarding the IRC Section 529 account funding for elementary and secondary education or to the maximum distribution amount. If the amount was excluded for federal purposes, make an adjustment on line 8z, column C.

**Native American Earned Income Exemption** – California does not tax federally recognized tribal members living in California Indian country who earn income from any federally recognized California Indian country. Military compensation is considered income from reservation sources. Enrolled members who receive reservation sourced per capita income must reside in their affiliated tribe's Indian country to qualify for tax exempt status. For more information, see form FTB 3504. Enter in column B the income included in federal income that is exempt for California and write "FTB 3504" on line 8z. Attach form FTB 3504 to Form 540.

**Parents' election to report child's interest and dividends** – California conforms to federal law for elections made by parents reporting their child's interest and dividends. Parents may elect to report their child's income on their California income tax return by completing form FTB 3803. If you make this election, the child will not have to file a tax return. You may report your child's income on your California income tax return even if you do not do so on your federal income tax return.

If the amount of your child's income you are reporting on your California income tax return is different than the amount you reported on your federal income tax return, enter the difference on line 8z, column B or column C and write "FTB 3803" on line 8z. Get form FTB 3803 for more information.

**Reward from a crime hotline** – Enter in column B the amount of a reward authorized by a government agency received from a crime hotline established by a government agency or nonprofit organization that is included in the amount on line 8z, column A.

You may not make this adjustment if you are an employee of the hotline or someone who sponsors rewards for the hotline.

**Beverage container recycling income** – Enter in column B the amount of recycling income included in the amount on line 8z, column A.

**Rebates or vouchers from a local water agency, energy agency, or energy supplier** – California law allows an income exclusion for rebates or vouchers from a local water agency, energy agency, or energy supplier for the purchase and installation of water conservation appliances and devices. Enter in column B the amount of this type of income included in the amount on line 8z, column A.

**Financial Incentive for Seismic Improvement** – California law allows an income exclusion for loan forgiveness, grant, credit, rebate, voucher, or other financial incentive issued by the California Residential Mitigation Program or California Earthquake Authority to assist a residential property owner or occupant with expenses paid, or obligation incurred for earthquake loss mitigation. Enter in column B the amount of this type of income included in the amount on line 8z, column A.

**Original issue discount (OID) for debt instruments issued in 1985 and 1986** – In the year of sale or other disposition, you must recognize the difference between the amount reported on your federal tax return and the amount reported for California purposes. **Issuers:** Enter the difference between the federal deductible amount and the California deductible amount on line 8z, column B. **Holders:** Enter the difference between the

amount included in federal gross income and the amount included for California purposes on line 8z, column C.

**Foreign income of nonresident aliens** – Adjust federal income to reflect worldwide income computed under California law. Enter losses from foreign sources in column B. Enter foreign source income in column C.

**Cost-share payments received by forest landowners** – Enter in column B the cost-share payments received from the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection under the California Forest Improvement Act of 1978 or from the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, under the Forest Stewardship Program and the Stewardship Incentives Program, pursuant to the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act.

**Coverdell ESA distributions** – If you received a distribution from a Coverdell ESA, report the difference between the federal taxable amount and the California taxable amount in column B or column C.

**Grants paid to low-income individuals** – California excludes grants paid to low-income individuals to construct or retrofit buildings to make them more energy efficient. Federal has no similar exclusion. Enter on line 8z, column B the amount of this type of income.

**California National Guard Surviving Spouse & Children Relief Act of 2004** – Death benefits received from the State of California by a surviving spouse/RDP or member-designated beneficiary of certain military personnel killed in the performance of duty are excluded from gross income. Military personnel include the California National Guard, State Military Reserve, or the Naval Militia. If you reported a death benefit on line 8z, column A, enter the death benefit amount in column B.

**Ottoman Turkish Empire settlement payments** – If you received settlement payments as a person persecuted by the regime that was in control of the Ottoman Turkish Empire from 1915 until 1923 your gross income does not include those excludable settlement payments, or interest, received by you, your heirs, or your estate for payments received on or after January 1, 2005. If you reported settlement payments on line 8z, column A, enter the amount of settlement payments in column B.

**Line 9b1 – Disaster Loss Deduction from Form FTB 3805V**

If you have a California disaster loss carryover deduction and there is income in the current taxable year, enter the total amount from your 2021 form FTB 3805V, Part III, line 2 and/or line 3, column (f), as a positive number in column B.

**NOL Attributable to a Qualified Disaster** – If you deduct a 2021 disaster loss in the 2021 taxable year and have remaining disaster loss that results in an NOL, the NOL can be carried forward. Get form FTB 3805V for more information.

**Line 9b2 – NOL Deduction from Form FTB 3805V**

The allowable NOL carryover under California law is different from the allowable NOL carryover under federal law. If you have a California NOL carryover from prior years, enter the total allowable California NOL carryover deduction for the current year from form FTB 3805V, Part III, line 2, column (f), as a positive number in column B.

**Line 9b3 – NOL from Forms FTB 3805Z, FTB 3807, or FTB 3809**

Enter in column B the total NOL figured on the following forms:

- FTB 3805Z, Enterprise Zone Deduction and Credit Summary, line 3b
- FTB 3807, Local Agency Military Base Recovery Area Deduction and Credit Summary, line 3b
- FTB 3809, Targeted Tax Area Deduction and Credit Summary, line 3b

**Line 9b4 – Student Loan Discharged Due to Closure of a For-Profit School**

California law allows an income exclusion for income that would result from the discharge of any student loan of an eligible individual. An individual is eligible for the exclusion if **any** of the following apply during the taxable year.

1. The individual is granted a discharge of any student loan because:
  - a. The individual successfully asserts that the school did something wrong or failed to do something that it should have done.
  - b. The individual could not complete a program of study due to the school closing.



2. The individual attended a Brightwood College school on or before December 5, 2018, and is granted a discharge of any student loan made in connection with attending that school, and that discharge is not covered under item 1.
3. The individual attended a location of The Art Institute of California and is granted a discharge of any student loan made in connection with attending that school, and that discharge is not covered under item 1.

Enter in column B the amount of this type of income if it was included on Part I, line 8c, column A, as income for federal purposes.

**Line 10 – Total**

Add Section A, line 1 through line 7, and Section B, line 1 through line 7, line 9a and line 9b1 through line 9b4 in column B, and line 1 through line 7 and line 9a in column C. Enter the totals on line 10.

**Section C – Adjustments to Income**

**Line 11 through Line 19a and Line 20 through Line 23 and line 25**

– California law is the same as federal law with the exception of the following:

- **Line 11 Educator Expenses** – California does not conform to federal law regarding educator expenses. Enter the amount from column A, line 11 in column B, line 11.
- **Line 12 Certain Business Expenses of Reservists, Performing Artists, and Fee-Basis Government Officials** – If claiming a depreciation deduction as an unreimbursed employee business expense on federal Form 2106, Employee Business Expenses, you may have an adjustment in column B or column C. For more information, get FTB Pub. 1001.

Federal law eliminated the \$3,000 deduction for living expenses for members of Congress while away from home. California does not conform. Enter the amount of living expenses on line 12, column C.

- **Line 13 Health Savings Account (HSA) Deduction** – Federal law allows a deduction for contributions to an HSA account. California does not conform. Transfer the amount from column A, line 13, to column B, line 13.
- **Line 14 Moving Expenses** – California does not conform to federal law regarding the suspension of the deduction for moving expenses, except for members of the Armed Forces on active duty.

Non-military and military taxpayers prepare form FTB 3913. After completing form FTB 3913, if you are a non-military taxpayer and checked the No box on line 5 of form FTB 3913, enter the amount from line 5 of form FTB 3913 on Schedule CA (540), Part I, Section A, line 1, column C.

If you are a non-military taxpayer and checked the Yes box on line 5 of form FTB 3913, enter the amount from line 5 of form FTB 3913 on Schedule CA (540), Part I, line 14, column C.

- **Line 15 Deductible Part of Self-employment Tax** – A taxpayer may be classified as an independent contractor for federal purposes and as an employee for California purposes. This deduction is not allowed to an employee. If for California purposes, the taxpayer is classified as an employee, an adjustment is needed in column B. Enter the amount from column A, line 15, in column B, line 15.
- **Line 17 Self-employed Health Insurance Deduction** – A taxpayer may be classified as an independent contractor for federal purposes and as an employee for California purposes. This deduction is not allowed to an employee. If for California purposes, the taxpayer is classified as an employee, an adjustment is needed in column B. Enter the amount from column A, line 17, in column B, line 17.

**Note:** A taxpayer classified as an employee for California purposes who makes an adjustment on this line may be able to claim this amount as a deduction for medical and dental expenses. For more information, see instructions for Part II, line 4.

- **Line 19a Alimony Paid** – Under federal law (TCJA), alimony and separate maintenance payments are not deductible by the payor spouse, if made under any divorce or separation agreement executed after December 31, 2018, or executed on or before December 31, 2018, and modified after that date (if the modification expressly provides that the amendments apply). California does not conform. If you paid alimony and did not deduct it on your federal tax return, enter the alimony paid in column C.

If you are a nonresident alien and did not deduct alimony on your federal tax return, enter the amount you paid in column C.

**Line 19b** (Recipient's SSN/Last Name) – Enter the SSN or ITIN and last name of the person to whom you paid alimony.

• **Line 20 – IRA Deduction**

**408 election** – To take the election, the federal deduction is taken on line 20, column A. The election for California will be on line 20, column B or C. See Pub. 1005 for more information.

**IRA age** – If you report an IRA deduction on line 20, column A at age 70½ or older, include that amount deducted for federal in the total you enter on line 20, column B. See Pub. 1005 for more information.

- **Line 21 Student Loan Interest Deduction** – California conforms to federal law regarding student loan interest deduction except for a spouse/RDP of a non-California domiciled military taxpayer residing in a community property state. Use the Student Loan Interest Deduction Worksheet below to compute the amount to enter on line 21. For more information, get FTB Pub. 1032.

<b>Student Loan Interest Deduction Worksheet</b>	
1. Enter the total amount from Schedule CA (540), line 21, column A. If the amount on line 1 is zero, STOP. You are not allowed a deduction for California . . . . .	1 _____
2. Enter the total interest you paid in 2021 on qualified student loans but not more than \$2,500 here . . . . .	2 _____
3. Add federal Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 21 (student loan interest deduction) to federal Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 11 (AGI). Enter the result here . . . . .	3 _____
4. Enter the amount shown below for your filing status.	
• Single, head of household, or qualifying widow(er) – \$60,000	} 4 _____
• Married/RDP filing jointly – \$120,000	
5. Is the amount on line 3 more than the amount on line 4?	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>No.</b> Skip lines 5 and 6, enter -0- on line 7, and go to line 8.	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3 . . . . .	5 _____
6. Divide line 5 by \$15,000 (\$30,000 if married/RDP filing jointly). Enter the result as a decimal (rounded to at least three places). If the result is 1.000 or more, enter 1.000 . . . . .	6 _____
7. Multiply line 2 by line 6 . . . . .	7 _____
8. <b>Student loan interest deduction.</b> Subtract line 7 from line 2 . . . . .	8 _____
9. <b>Student loan interest adjustment.</b> If line 1 is less than line 8, enter the difference here and on Schedule CA (540), line 21, column C. . . . .	9 _____

- **Line 22 (Reserved)** – For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020, the tuition and fees deduction was repealed.

• **Line 24 – Other Adjustments**

**b. Deductible expenses related to income reported on line 8k from the rental of personal property engaged in for profit** – Generally, California law conforms with federal law and no adjustment is needed. However, if differences exist, enter the difference between the federal and California amount in column B or column C.

**c. Nontaxable amount of the value of Olympic and Paralympic medals and USOC prize money reported on line 8l** – Federal law allows an exclusion from gross income for the value of any medal awarded or prize money received from the U.S. Olympic Committee on account of competition in the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games. The exclusion does not apply to a taxpayer for any year in which the taxpayer's adjusted gross income exceeds \$1 million, or half of that amount in the case of a married individual filing a separate return. California does not conform. If you deducted the amount for federal purposes, enter that amount in column B.

**d. Reforestation amortization and expenses** – California law allows a deduction for reforestation amortization and expenses with respect to qualified timber property located in California. Enter the amount from column A that is for non-California qualified timber property in column B.

**f. Contributions to IRC Section 501(c)(18)(D) pension plans** – If the contribution amount for California is different than the federal amount, you will need to make an adjustment in column B or column C. For more information, get FTB Pub. 1005.

**g. Contributions by certain chaplains to IRC Section 403(b) plans** – If the contribution amount for California is different than the federal amount, you will need to make an adjustment in column B or column C. For more information, get FTB Pub. 1005.

**i. Attorney fees and court costs you paid in connection with an award from the IRS for information you provided that helped the IRS detect tax law violations** – California does not conform to federal law regarding the deduction of these attorney fees and court costs. Enter the amount from column A in column B.

**j. Housing deduction from federal Form 2555** – If you claimed the foreign housing deduction for federal purposes, enter the amount from column A in column B.

**Line 26** – Add line 11 through line 23 and line 25 in column B and column C.

#### **Line 27 – Total**

Subtract line 26 from line 10 in column B and column C.

Also, transfer the amount from:

- Line 27, column B to Form 540, line 14

If column B is a negative number, transfer the amount as a positive number to Form 540, line 16.

- Line 27, column C to Form 540, line 16

If column C is a negative number, transfer the amount as a positive number to Form 540, line 14.

## **Part II Adjustments to Federal Itemized Deductions**

**Important:** If you did not itemize deductions on your federal tax return but will itemize deductions on your California tax return, first complete federal Schedule A (Form 1040), Itemized Deductions. Then check the box at the top of Schedule CA (540), Part II and complete line 1 through line 30. Attach a copy of federal Schedule A (Form 1040) to your Form 540.

### **Column A — Federal Amounts**

#### **Line 1 through Line 16**

Enter on line 1 through line 16 the same amounts you entered on your federal Schedule A (Form 1040), line 1 through line 16.

### **Column B and Column C — Subtractions and Additions**

Use these columns to enter subtractions and additions to the federal amounts in column A that are necessary because of differences between California and federal law. Enter all amounts as positive numbers unless instructed otherwise.

#### **Line 1 through Line 4**

**Employees and independent contractors** – Taxpayers classified as independent contractors for federal purposes and classified as employees for California purposes may claim the amount of self-employed health insurance deduction for federal purposes as a medical and dental expense deduction for California purposes. Combine the amount paid for self-employed health insurance with other medical and dental expenses (as applicable). The total amount of the medical and dental expenses is subject to the 7.5% of federal AGI threshold. Enter the difference between the medical and dental expense deduction allowed for California and federal on line 4, column C.

**Health Savings Account (HSA) Distributions** – If you received a tax-free HSA distribution for qualified medical expenses, enter the qualified expenses paid that exceed 7.5% of federal AGI on line 4, column C.

#### **Line 5a – State and Local Taxes**

California does not allow a deduction for state and local income tax (including limited partnership tax and income or franchise tax paid by corporations) and State Disability Insurance (SDI) or state and local general sales tax. Enter that amount on line 5a, column B.

**Line 5e** – The federal deduction for state and local tax is limited to \$10,000 (\$5,000 for married filing separate) for the aggregate of state and local income taxes and property taxes. California does not conform. If your deduction was limited under federal law, enter an adjustment on line 5e, column C for the amount over the federal limit.

#### **Line 6 – Other Taxes**

California does not allow a deduction for foreign income taxes. Enter that amount on line 6, column B.

Federal law suspended the deduction for foreign property taxes. California does not conform. Enter the amount on line 6, column C.

**Generation Skipping Transfer Tax** – Tax paid on generation skipping transfers is not deductible under California law. Enter the amount of generation skipping tax included in line 6, column A on line 6, column B.

#### **Line 8 – Home Mortgage Interest**

Federal law limited the mortgage interest deduction acquisition debt maximum from \$1,000,000 (\$500,000 for married filing separately) to \$750,000 (\$375,000 for married filing separately). California does not conform. If your deduction was limited under federal law, enter an adjustment on line 8, column C for the amount over the federal limit.

Federal law suspended the deduction on up to \$100,000 (\$50,000 for married filing separately) for interest on home equity indebtedness, unless the loan is used to buy, build, or substantially improve the taxpayer's home that secures the loan. California does not conform. If your deduction was limited under the federal law, enter an adjustment on line 8, column C for the amount over the federal limit.

**Mortgage Interest Credit** – If you reduced your federal mortgage interest deduction by the amount of your mortgage interest credit (from federal Form 8396, Mortgage Interest Credit), increase your California itemized deductions by the same amount. Enter the amount of your federal mortgage interest credit on line 8, column C.

#### **Line 8d – Mortgage Insurance Premiums**

California does not allow a deduction for mortgage insurance premiums. Enter the amount from column A, line 8d on column B, line 8d.

#### **Line 9 – Investment Interest Expense**

Your California deduction for investment interest expense may be different from your federal deduction. Use form FTB 3526, Investment Interest Expense Deduction, to figure the amount to enter on line 9, column B or column C.

#### **Line 11 – Gifts By Cash Or Check**

**Qualified Charitable Contributions** – Your California deduction may be different from your federal deduction. California limits the amount of your deduction to 50% of your federal adjusted gross income. Figure the difference between the amount allowed using federal law and the amount allowed using California law. Enter the difference on line 11, column B.

**College Athletic Seating Rights** – Federal law no longer allows a charitable deduction for amounts paid to an institution of higher education in exchange for college athletic seating rights. California does not conform. Enter the amount on line 11, column C.

**College Access Tax Credit** – If you deducted a charitable contribution amount for the College Access Tax Credit Fund on your federal Schedule A (Form 1040) and are claiming the College Access Tax Credit on your Form 540, enter the amount used to calculate the College Access Tax Credit on line 11, column B.

**Charitable Contribution Deduction Disallowance** – California disallows a charitable contribution deduction to an educational organization that is a postsecondary institution or to the Key Worldwide Foundation to a taxpayer who meets all of the following:

- They are charged as a defendant in any of several specified criminal complaints as listed in R&TC Section 17275.4.
- There is a final determination of their guilt with regard to a violation of any offense arising out of that criminal complaint.
- There is a finding that they took the deduction unlawfully.

For more information, see R&TC Section 17275.4. Enter the amount of this deduction on line 11, column B.

#### Line 12 – Other Than By Cash or Check

**Qualified Charitable Contributions** – Your California deduction may be different from your federal deduction. California limits the amount of your deduction to 50% of your federal adjusted gross income. Figure the difference between the amount allowed using federal law and the amount allowed using California law. Enter the difference on line 12, column B.

**Charitable Contribution Deduction Disallowance** – California disallows a charitable contribution deduction to an educational organization that is a postsecondary institution or to the Key Worldwide Foundation to a taxpayer who meets all of the following:

- They are charged as a defendant in any of several specified criminal complaints as listed in R&TC Section 17275.4.
- There is a final determination of their guilt with regard to a violation of any offense arising out of that criminal complaint.
- There is a finding that they took the deduction unlawfully.

For more information, see R&TC Section 17275.4. Enter the amount of this deduction on line 12, column B.

#### Line 13 – Carryover From Prior Year

**Charitable Contribution Carryover Deduction** – If deducting a prior year charitable contribution carryover, and the California carryover is larger than the federal carryover, enter the additional amount on line 13, column C.

**Carryover Deduction of Appreciated Stock Contributed to a Private Foundation prior to January 1, 2002** – If deducting a charitable contribution carryover of appreciated stock donated to a private operating foundation prior to January 1, 2002, and the fair market value allowed for federal purposes is larger than the basis allowed for California purposes, enter the difference on line 13, column B.

#### Line 15 – Casualty or Theft Loss(es)

Under federal law, the personal casualty and theft loss deduction is suspended, with exception for personal casualty gains. Federal allows a deduction for personal casualty and theft loss incurred in a federally declared disaster. California does not conform.

California allows personal casualty and theft loss and disaster loss deductions. If you have personal casualty and theft loss and/or disaster loss, complete another federal Form 4684, Casualties and Thefts, using California amounts. Enter the difference between the federal and California amount in column B or column C.

#### Line 16 – Other Itemized Deductions

**Unreimbursed Impairment-Related Work Expenses** – If you completed federal Form 2106, prepare a second set of forms reflecting your employee business expense using California amounts (i.e., following California law). Include your entertainment expenses, if any, on line 5 of federal Form 2106 for California purposes.

Generally, California law conforms with federal law and no adjustment is needed. However, differences occur when:

- Assets (requiring depreciation) were placed in service before January 1, 1987. Figure the depreciation based on California law.
- Federal employees who were on temporary duty status. California does not conform to the federal provision that expanded temporary duties to include prosecution duties, in addition to investigative duties. Therefore, travel expenses paid or incurred in connection with temporary duty status (exceeding one year), involving the prosecution (or support of the prosecution) of a federal crime, should not be included in the California amount.

Compare federal Form 2106, line 10 and the form completed using California amounts. Enter the difference between the federal and California amount in column B or column C.

**Gambling Losses** – California lottery losses are not deductible for California. Enter the amount of California lottery losses included in line 16, column A on line 16, column B.

**Federal Estate Tax** – Federal estate tax paid on income in respect of a decedent is not deductible for California. Enter the amount of federal estate tax included in line 16, column A on line 16, column B.

**Claim of Right** – If you had to repay an amount that you included in your income in an earlier year, because at the time you thought you had an unrestricted right to it, you may be able to deduct the amount repaid from your income for the year in which you repaid it. Or, if the amount you repaid is more than \$3,000, you may take a credit against your tax for the year in which you repaid it, whichever results in the least tax.

If the amount repaid was not taxed by California, no deduction or credit is allowed.

Social security benefits are not taxable by California and the repayment would not qualify for claim of right deduction or credit. If you deducted the repayment of Social Security benefits on your federal tax return, enter the amount of the federal deduction on line 16, column B.

If you claimed a credit for the repayment on your federal tax return and are deducting the repayment for California, enter the allowable deduction on line 16, column C.

If you deducted the repayment on your federal tax return and are taking a credit for California, enter the amount of the federal deduction on line 16, column B. To help you determine whether to take a credit or deduction, see the Repayment section of federal Publication 525, Taxable and Nontaxable Income. Remember to use the California tax rate in your computations. If you choose to take the credit instead of the deduction for California, add the credit amount on line 78, the total payment line, of the Form 540. To the left of the total, write “IRC 1341” and the amount of the credit.

#### Line 19 through Line 22 – Job Expenses and Certain Miscellaneous Deductions

Under federal law, the deduction for miscellaneous itemized deductions subject to the 2% floor is suspended. California does not conform.

#### Line 19 – Unreimbursed Employee Expenses

Prepare federal Form 2106 reflecting your employee business expense using California amounts (i.e., following California law). Include your entertainment expenses, if any, on line 5 of federal Form 2106 for California purposes.

Enter the amount from line 10 of federal Form 2106 on line 19.

#### Line 20 – Tax Preparation Fees

Enter the fees you paid for preparation of your tax return, including fees paid for filing your return electronically. If you paid your tax by credit or debit card, include the convenience fee you were charged on line 21 instead of this line.

#### Line 21 – Other Expenses

Enter the total amount you paid to produce or collect taxable income and manage or protect property held for earning income.

List the type of each expense next to line 21 and enter the total of these expenses on line 21. If you are filing a paper return and you can't fit all your expenses on the line next to line 21, attach a statement showing the type and amount of each expense.

Examples of expenses to include on line 21 are:

- Certain legal and accounting fees.
- Custodial fees (for example, trust account).
- Casualty and theft losses of property used in performing services as an employee from federal Form 4684, line 32 and 38b, or federal Form 4797, line 18a.
- Deduction for repayment of amounts under a claim of right if \$3,000 or less.

**Claim of Right** – If you had to repay an amount that you included in your income in an earlier year, because at the time you thought you had an unrestricted right to it, you may be able to deduct the amount repaid from your income for the year in which you repaid it. If the amount you repaid is less than \$3,000, the deduction is subject to the 2% AGI limit for California purposes. If you are deducting the repayment for California, enter the allowable deduction on line 21.

If the amount repaid was not taxed by California, no deduction is allowed.

**Line 27 – Other Adjustments**

**Adoption-Related Expenses** – If you deducted adoption-related expenses on your federal Schedule A (Form 1040) and are claiming the adoption cost credit for the same amounts on your Form 540, enter the amount of the adoption cost credit claimed as a negative number on line 27.

**Nontaxable Income Expenses** – If, on federal Schedule A (Form 1040), you claim expenses related to producing income taxed under federal law but not taxed by California, enter the amount as a negative number on line 27.

You may claim expenses related to producing income taxed by California law but not taxed under federal law by entering the amount as a positive number on line 27.

**State Legislator’s Travel Expenses** – Under California law, deductible travel expenses for state legislators include only those incurred while away from their place of residence overnight. Figure the difference between the amount allowed using federal law and the amount allowed using California law. Enter the difference as a negative number on line 27.

**Interest on Loans from Utility Companies** – Taxpayers are allowed a tax deduction for interest paid or incurred on a public utility company financed loan that is used to purchase and install energy efficient equipment or products, including zone-heating products for a qualified residence **located in California**. Federal law has no equivalent deduction. Enter the amount as a positive number on line 27.

**Line 29 – California Itemized Deductions**

Is the amount on Form 540, line 13 more than the amount shown below for your filing status?

Single or married/RDP filing separately . . . . .	\$212,288
Head of household . . . . .	\$318,437
Married/RDP filing jointly or qualifying widow(er) . . . . .	\$424,581

**NO** Transfer the amount from line 28 to line 29. Do not complete the Itemized Deductions Worksheet.

**YES** Complete the Itemized Deductions Worksheet in the next column.

**Note:**

- If married or an RDP and filing a separate tax return, you and your spouse/RDP must either both itemize your deductions (even if the itemized deductions of one spouse/RDP are less than the standard deduction) or both take the standard deduction.
- Also, if someone else can claim you as a dependent, claim the greater of the standard deduction or your itemized deductions. See the instructions for “California Standard Deduction Worksheet for Dependents” within the Form 540 Personal Income Tax Booklet to figure your standard deduction.

**Itemized Deductions Worksheet**

1. Amount from Schedule CA (540), Part II, line 28 . . . . .	1	_____
2. Add the amounts on federal Schedule A (Form 1040), line 4, line 9, and line 15 plus any gambling losses included on line 16, if applicable . . . . .	2	_____
3. Subtract line 2 from line 1 . . . . .	3	_____
If zero, STOP. Enter the amount from line 1 on Schedule CA (540), Part II, line 29.		
4. Multiply line 3 by 80% (.80) . . . . .	4	_____
5. Amount from Form 540, line 13 . . . . .	5	_____
6. Enter the amount from line 29 instructions for your filing status. . . . .	6	_____
7. Subtract line 6 from line 5 . . . . .	7	_____
Note: If zero or less, STOP. Enter the amount from line 1 on Schedule CA (540), Part II, line 29.		
8. Multiply line 7 by 6% (.06) . . . . .	8	_____
9. Compare line 4 and line 8. Enter the smaller amount here . . . . .	9	_____
10. Total itemized deductions. Subtract line 9 from line 1. Enter here and on Schedule CA (540), Part II, line 29. . . . .	10	_____

**Line 30 – Amount from Line 29 or Standard Deduction**

If your filing status is Married/RDP filing separately and your spouse itemizes, enter the amount from line 29 (even if the standard deduction is larger).

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# 2021 Instructions for California Schedule D (540)

## California Capital Gain or Loss Adjustment

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).

### What's New

**Gross Income Exclusion for Bruce's Beach** – Effective September 30, 2021, California law allows an exclusion from gross income for the first time sale in the taxable year in which the land within Manhattan State Beach, known as “Peck’s Manhattan Beach Tract Block 5” and commonly referred to as “Bruce’s Beach” is sold, transferred, or encumbered. A recipient’s gross income does not include the following:

- Any sale, transfer, or encumbrance of Bruce’s Beach;
- Any gain, income, or proceeds received that is directly derived from the sale, transfer, or encumbrance of Bruce’s Beach.

### General Information

In general, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, California law conforms to the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) as of January 1, 2015. However, there are continuing differences between California and federal law. When California conforms to federal tax law changes, we do not always adopt all of the changes made at the federal level. For more information, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **conformity**. Additional information can be found in FTB Pub. 1001, Supplemental Guidelines to California Adjustments, the instructions for California Schedule CA (540), California Adjustments - Residents, or Schedule CA (540NR), California Adjustments - Nonresidents or Part-Year Residents, and the Business Entity tax booklets.

The instructions provided with California tax forms are a summary of California tax law and are only intended to aid taxpayers in preparing their state income tax returns. We include information that is most useful to the greatest number of taxpayers in the limited space available. It is not possible to include all requirements of the California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) in the instructions. Taxpayers should not consider the instructions as authoritative law.

For purposes of California income tax, references to a spouse, husband, or wife also refer to a California registered domestic partner (RDP), unless otherwise specified. When we use the initials RDP they refer to both a California registered domestic “partner” and a California registered domestic “partnership,” as applicable. For more information on RDPs, get FTB Pub. 737, Tax Information for Registered Domestic Partners.

### Purpose

Use California Schedule D (540), California Capital Gain or Loss Adjustment, **only** if there is a difference between your California and federal capital gains and losses.

Get FTB Pub. 1001, for more information about the following:

- Disposition of property inherited before 1987.
- Gain on the sale or disposition of a qualified assisted housing development to low-income residents or to specific entities maintaining housing for low-income residents.
- Capital loss carryback.

### Important Information

#### Installment Sales.

If you sold property at a gain (other than publicly traded stocks or securities) and you will receive a payment in a tax year after the year of sale, report the sale on the installment method unless you elect not to do so. Get form FTB 3805E, Installment Sale Income. Also, use that form if you received a payment in 2021, for an installment sale made in an earlier year.

You may elect not to use the installment sale method for California by reporting the entire gain on Schedule D (540) (or Schedule D-1, Sales of Business Property, for business assets) in the year of the sale and filing your return on or before the due date.

#### At-Risk Rules and Passive Activity Limitations.

If you dispose of (1) an asset used in an activity to which the at-risk rules apply, or (2) any part of your interest in an activity to which the at-risk rules apply, and the amounts in the activity for which you are not at risk, get and complete federal Form 6198, At-Risk Limitations, using California amounts to figure your California deductible loss under the at-risk rules. Once a loss becomes allowable under the at-risk rules, it becomes subject to the passive activity rules. Get form FTB 3801, Passive Activity Loss Limitations.

#### Capital Assets.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) amended IRC Section 1221 excluding a patent, invention, model or design (whether or not patented), and a secret formula or process held by the taxpayer who created the property (and certain other taxpayers) from the definition of a capital asset. California does not conform. Report your capital assets on Schedule D (540).

### Specific Line Instructions

#### Line 1 – List each capital asset transaction.

**Column (a) – Description of property.** Describe the asset you sold or exchanged.

**Column (b) – Sales price.** Enter in this column either the gross sales price or the net sales price. If you received federal Form 1099-B, Proceeds From Broker and Barter Exchange Transactions; federal Form 1099-S, Proceeds From Real Estate Transactions; or similar statement showing the gross sales price, enter that amount in column (b). However, if box 6 of federal Form 1099-B indicates that net proceeds were reported to the Internal Revenue Service, enter that net amount in column (b). If you entered the net amount in column (b), **do not** include the commissions and option premiums in column (c).

**Column (c) – Cost or other basis.** In general, the cost or other basis represents the cost of the property plus purchase commissions and improvements, minus depreciation, amortization, and depletion. Enter the cost or adjusted basis of the asset for California purposes. Use your records and California tax returns for years before 1987 to determine the California amount to enter in column (c). If you used an amount other than cost as the original basis, your federal basis may be different from your California basis. Other reasons for differences include:

- **Depreciation Methods and Property Expensing** – Before 1987, California law disallowed the use of accelerated cost recovery system and disallowed the use of an asset depreciation range 20% above or below the standard rate. California has different limits on the expensing of property under IRC Section 179. California law permits rapid write-off of certain property such as solar energy systems, pollution control devices, and property used in an Enterprise Zone, Local Agency Military Base Recovery Area, Targeted Tax Area, or Los Angeles Revitalization Zone.
- **Inherited Property** – The California basis of property inherited from a decedent is generally the fair market value at the time of death.
- **S Corporation Stock** – Prior to 1987, California law did not recognize S corporations; therefore, your California basis in S corporation stock may differ from your federal basis. In general, your California basis will be cost-adjusted for income, loss, and distributions received after 1986, while your stock was California S corporation stock. Your federal basis will be cost-adjusted for income, loss, and distributions received during the time your stock qualified for federal S corporation treatment. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2002, any corporation with a valid federal S corporation election is considered an S corporation for California purposes. Existing law already requires federal C corporations to be treated as C corporations for California purposes.

- **Special Credits** – California law authorizes special tax credits not allowed under federal law or computed differently under federal law. In many instances if you claimed special credits related to capital assets, you must reduce your basis in the assets by the amount of credit.

Other adjustments may apply differently to the federal and California basis of your capital assets. Figure the original basis of your asset using the California law in effect when the asset was acquired, and adjust it according to provisions of California law in effect during the period of your ownership.

**Column (e) – Gain.**

- **Qualified Small Business Stock** – California does not conform to the qualified small business stock deferral and gain exclusion under IRC Sections 1045 and 1202. Enter the entire gain realized in column (e).
- **Qualified Opportunity Zone Funds** – California does not conform to the deferral and exclusion of capital gains reinvested or invested in qualified opportunity zone funds under IRC Sections 1400Z-1 and 1400Z-2. Enter the entire gain amount in column (e). If, for California purposes, gains from investment in qualified opportunity zone property had been included in income during previous taxable years, do not include the gain in the current year income.

**Line 2 – Net gain or (loss) shown on California Schedule(s) K-1 (100S, 541, 565, and 568).**

Combine gain(s) and loss(es) from all California Schedule(s) K-1 (100S, 541, 565, and 568), Share of Income, Deductions, Credits, etc. See California Schedule K-1 (100S, 541, 565, and 568) instructions for more information on capital gains and losses. Enter the net loss on line 2, column (d), or the net gain on line 2, column (e).

**Line 3 – Capital gain distributions.**

If you receive federal Form 2439, Notice to Shareholder of Undistributed Long-Term Capital Gains, from a mutual fund, do not include the **undistributed** capital gain dividends on Schedule D (540). If you receive federal Form 1099-DIV, Dividends and Distributions, enter the amount of **distributed** capital gain dividends.

**Line 6 – 2020 California capital loss carryover.**

If you were a resident of California for all prior years, enter your California capital loss carryover from 2020. However, if you were a nonresident of California during any taxable year that generated a portion of your 2020 capital loss carryover, recalculate your 2020 capital loss carryover as if you resided in California for all prior years. Get FTB Pub. 1100, Taxation of Nonresidents and Individuals Who Change Residency, for more information. Enter your California capital loss carryover amount from 2020 on line 6.

**Line 8 – Net gain or loss.**

If the amount on line 4 is more than the amount on line 7, subtract line 7 from line 4. Enter the difference as a gain on line 8.

If the amount on line 7 is more than the amount on line 4, subtract line 4 from line 7 and enter the difference as a negative amount on line 8.

Use the worksheet on this page to figure your capital loss carryover to 2022.

**Line 9**

If line 8 is a net capital loss, enter the smaller of the loss on line 8 or \$3,000 (\$1,500 if you are married or an RDP filing a separate return).

**Line 12a**

Compare the amounts entered on line 10 and line 11 to figure the adjustment to enter on Schedule CA (540), Part I, Section A, line 7, column B.

**For example:**

**Loss on line 10 is less than loss on line 11.**

Federal loss on line 10 is ..... (\$1,000)  
 California loss on line 11 is ..... (\$2,000)  
 Difference between line 10 and line 11 ..... \$1,000

**Gain on line 10 and loss on line 11.**

Federal gain on line 10 is ..... \$3,000  
 California loss on line 11 is ..... (\$3,000)  
 Difference between line 10 and line 11 ..... \$6,000

**Line 12b**

Compare the amounts on line 10 and line 11 to figure the adjustment to enter on Schedule CA (540), Part I, Section A, line 7, column C.

**For example:**

**Loss on line 10 is more than loss on line 11.**

Federal loss on line 10 is ..... (\$2,000)  
 California loss on line 11 is ..... (\$1,000)  
 Difference between line 11 and line 10 ..... \$1,000

**Loss on line 10 and gain on line 11.**

Federal loss on line 10 is ..... (\$2,000)  
 California gain on line 11 is ..... \$5,000  
 Difference between line 10 and line 11 ..... \$7,000

**California Capital Loss Carryover Worksheet**

1. Loss from Schedule D (540), line 11, stated as a positive number ..... 1 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Amount from Form 540, line 17 ..... 2 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Amount from Form 540, line 18 ..... 3 \_\_\_\_\_
4. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If less than zero, enter as a negative amount. .... 4 \_\_\_\_\_
5. Combine line 1 and line 4. If less than zero, enter -0- ..... 5 \_\_\_\_\_
6. Loss from Schedule D (540), line 8 as a positive number ..... 6 \_\_\_\_\_
7. Enter the smaller of line 1 or line 5 ..... 7 \_\_\_\_\_
8. Subtract line 7 from line 6. This is your capital loss carryover to 2022 ..... 8 \_\_\_\_\_

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**TAX PAYMENT WORKSHEET (KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS)**

<b>1</b>	Total tax you expect to owe. This is the amount you expect to enter on Form 540, line 65; or Form 540NR, line 75. . . . .	<b>1</b>	00
<b>2</b>	Payments and credits:		
<b>a</b>	California income tax withheld (including real estate and nonresident withholding) . . . .	<b>2a</b>	00
<b>b</b>	California estimated tax payments and amount applied from your 2020 tax return. . . . . (To check your estimated tax payments go to <b>ftb.ca.gov</b> and login or register for MyFTB.)	<b>2b</b>	00
<b>c</b>	Other payments and credits (including any tax payments made with any previous form FTB 3519). . . . .	<b>2c</b>	00
<b>3</b>	Total tax payments and credits. Add line 2a, line 2b, and line 2c . . . . .	<b>3</b>	00
<b>4</b>	Tax due. Is line 1 more than line 3? . . . . .	<b>4</b>	00

- **No. Stop here.** You have no tax due. **Do not** mail form FTB 3519. If you file your tax return by October 17, 2022 (fiscal year filer – see instructions), the automatic extension will apply.
- **Yes.** Subtract line 3 from line 1 and enter on line 4. This is your tax due. For online payments, **do not** mail the form, go to **ftb.ca.gov/pay** for more information. If you meet the requirements of the Mandatory e-Pay program, you must make all payments electronically, regardless of the taxable year or amount. Go to **ftb.ca.gov/e-pay**. For check or money order payments, using black or blue ink, complete your check or money order and form FTB 3519. Enter the tax due amount from line 4 as the “Amount of payment.” Make your check or money order payable to the “Franchise Tax Board,” and write your SSN or ITIN and “2021 FTB 3519” in the “For” section. Enclose, but **do not** staple your payment to form FTB 3519 and mail to:  
**FRANCHISE TAX BOARD, PO BOX 942867, SACRAMENTO CA 94267-0008.**

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# 2021 Instructions for Form FTB 3532

## Head of Household Filing Status Schedule

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

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California requires taxpayers who use head of household (HOH) filing status to file form FTB 3532, Head of Household Filing Status Schedule, to report how the HOH filing status was determined.

Attach the completed form FTB 3532, to your Form 540, California Resident Income Tax Return, Form 540NR, California Nonresident or Part-Year Resident Income Tax Return, or Form 540 2EZ, California Resident Income Tax Return, if you claim head of household filing status.

Beginning in tax year 2018, if you do not attach a completed form FTB 3532 to your tax return, we will deny your Head of Household filing status. For more information about the Head of Household filing requirements, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **hoh**.

**Registered Domestic Partners (RDPs)** – For purposes of California income tax, references to a spouse, husband, or wife also refer to a California RDP, unless otherwise specified. When we use the initials RDP they refer to both a California registered domestic “partner” and a California registered domestic “partnership,” as applicable. For more information on RDPs, get FTB Pub. 737, Tax Information for Registered Domestic Partners.

### A Purpose

Use form FTB 3532 to report how the HOH filing status was determined.

### B Qualifications

You may qualify for HOH filing status if all of the following apply.

- You were unmarried and not an RDP, or met the requirements to be considered unmarried or considered not in a registered domestic partnership on the last day of the year.
- You paid more than one-half the costs of keeping up your home for the year.
- Your home was the main home for you and a qualifying person who lived with you for more than half the year.
- The qualifying person was related to you and met the requirements to be a qualifying child or qualifying relative. (For a qualifying relative see the instructions for Part III, line 4, Gross Income.)
- You were entitled to a Dependent Exemption Credit for your qualifying person. However, you do not have to be entitled to a Dependent Exemption Credit for your qualifying child if you were unmarried and not an RDP, and your qualifying child was also unmarried and not an RDP.

- You were not a nonresident alien at any time during the year.
- You paid more than half the cost of a qualifying person's total support.
- Your qualifying person is a citizen or national of the United States, or a resident of the U.S., Canada, or Mexico.

If you, your spouse/RDP, or your qualifying person who lived with you was absent from your home during the year, see the definition for temporary absence in FTB Pub. 1540, Tax Information for Head of Household Filing Status. If your qualifying person is your father or mother, see the definition for Parent/Stepparent (Father or Mother) in FTB Pub. 1540.

### Specific Line Instructions

The law allowing HOH filing status has very specific requirements that the taxpayer must meet. Get FTB Pub. 1540 for more information.

#### Part I – Marital Status

##### Line 1

To qualify for HOH filing status, you must be either unmarried or considered unmarried on the last day of the year. You are considered unmarried on the last day of the year if you meet all of the following tests.

##### Considered Unmarried or Considered Not in a Registered Domestic Partnership

If you were married or an RDP as of the last day of the tax year or if your spouse/RDP died during the tax year, you may be considered unmarried or considered not in a registered domestic partnership for head of household purposes if you meet all of the following requirements:

- Your spouse/RDP did not live in your home at any time during the last six months of the year (see Temporary Absence in FTB Pub. 1540).
- Your qualifying person is your birth child, stepchild, adopted child, or eligible foster child.
- You paid more than one-half the cost of keeping up your home for the year.
- Your home was the main home for you and your birth child, stepchild, adopted child, or eligible foster child for more than half the year.
- You must be entitled to claim a Dependent Exemption Credit for your child; that is, your child must meet the requirements to be either a qualifying child or qualifying relative and meet the joint return and citizenship tests. You cannot claim a Dependent Exemption Credit for your child if you could be claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer. You can still meet this requirement if the only reason you cannot claim a Dependent Exemption Credit for your child is because either of the following applies, as provided in a decree of divorce, legal separation, or termination of registered domestic partnership, or a written separation agreement that applies to the tax year at issue:
  - The noncustodial parent is entitled to the Dependent Exemption Credit for the child.
  - The custodial parent signed a written statement that he or she will not claim the Dependent Exemption Credit for the child. (The custodial parent may sign federal Form 8332, Release/Revocation of Release of Claim to Exemption for Child by Custodial Parent, or a similar statement. The custodial parent can revoke their federal Form 8332 or similar statement by providing written notice to the other parent.) The noncustodial parent must attach a copy of the statement to his or her income tax return.

If either of the above provisions was contained in a pre-1985 decree or agreement, the noncustodial parent must have provided more than \$600 in support for the child during the year.

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## Part II – Qualifying Person

### Line 2

For the purposes of HOH filing status, you must have a qualifying person who is related to you to qualify for head of household filing status. Your qualifying person must meet the requirements to be either a qualifying child or qualifying relative. You must also pay more than half the cost of keeping up your home in which you and the qualifying child or qualifying relative lived for more than half the year. You may not claim yourself, or your spouse/RDP as your qualifying person.

## Part III – Qualifying Person Information

### Line 3

Enter the qualifying person's name.

Enter the qualifying person's Social Security Number (SSN). Verify that the name and SSN match the qualifying person's social security card to avoid disallowance of your HOH filing status. If the person was born in, and later died in, 2021, and does not have a SSN, enter "Died" and attach a copy of the person's birth and death certificates.

Enter the qualifying person's date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) in the space provided. Incomplete information could result in a disallowance of your HOH filing status.

Your qualifying child must be under 19 years of age or a full-time student under 24 years of age. The person also meets the age test if he or she is permanently and totally disabled at any time during the calendar year. (If the person does not meet the age test to be a qualifying child, he or she may meet the requirements to be a qualifying relative).

### Line 4

#### Gross Income

Your qualifying relative's gross income must be less than \$4,300. Generally, gross income for head of household purposes only includes income that is taxable for federal income tax purposes. It does not include nontaxable income such as welfare benefits or the nontaxable portion of social security benefits.

If your qualifying relative was married or an RDP, you must consider the qualifying relative's community interest in the spouse's/RDP's income in applying the gross income test. For the federal allowable exemption amount, see the federal instruction booklet for that particular tax year. For more information, go to [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov) and search for **17** to find federal Publication 17, Your Federal Income Tax For Individuals.

### Line 5

#### More Than Half the Year

Just because someone lived with you for six months does not mean that the person lived with you for more than half the year. A year has 365 days, and more than half the year is 183 days. (A leap year has 366 days, and more than half a leap year is 184 days.)

To determine how many days your home was your qualifying person's main home follow these guidelines:

- If you were not married and not an RDP at any time during the year, count all of the days that your qualifying person lived with you in your home.
- If you were married or an RDP at any time during the year and received a final decree of divorce, legal separation or your registered domestic partnership was legally terminated by the last day of the year, add together:
  - Half the number of days that you, your spouse/RDP, and your qualifying person lived together in your home.
  - All of the days that you and your qualifying person lived together in your home without your spouse/RDP (ex-spouse/ex-RDP).
- If you were married or an RDP as of the last day of the year, and you did not live with your spouse/RDP at any time during the last six months of the year, add together:
  - Half the number of days that you, your spouse/RDP, and your qualifying person lived together in your home.
  - All of the days that you and your qualifying person lived together in your home without your spouse/RDP.
- If you were married or an RDP as of the last day of the year, and you lived with your spouse/RDP at any time during the last six months of the year, you cannot qualify for the head of household filing status.

When calculating the above, you may include days when your qualifying person was temporarily absent from your home. Temporary absences include vacations, illness, business, school, military service, and incarceration. In the event of a birth or death of your qualifying person during the year, enter 365 days. Note: A year is 365 days, a leap year is 366 days.

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# 2021 Instructions for Form FTB 3514

## California Earned Income Tax Credit

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

In general, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, California law conforms to the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) as of January 1, 2015. However, there are continuing differences between California and federal law. When California conforms to federal tax law changes, we do not always adopt all of the changes made at the federal level. For more information, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **conformity**. Additional information can be found in FTB Pub. 1001, Supplemental Guidelines to California Adjustments, the instructions for California Schedule CA (540), California Adjustments - Residents, or Schedule CA (540NR), California Adjustments - Nonresidents or Part-Year Residents, and the Business Entity tax booklets.

The instructions provided with California tax forms are a summary of California tax law and are only intended to aid taxpayers in preparing their state income tax returns. We include information that is most useful to the greatest number of taxpayers in the limited space available. It is not possible to include all requirements of the California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) in the instructions. Taxpayers should not consider the instructions as authoritative law.

#### Registered Domestic Partners (RDPs)

For purposes of California income tax, references to a spouse, husband, or wife also refer to a California RDP, unless otherwise specified. When we use the initials RDP they refer to both a California registered domestic "partner" and a California registered domestic "partnership," as applicable. For more information on RDPs, get FTB Pub. 737, Tax Information for Registered Domestic Partners.

#### California Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

The refundable California EITC is available to taxpayers who earned wage income subject to California withholding and/or have net earnings from self-employment. This credit is similar to the federal Earned Income Credit (EIC) but with different income limitations. The CA EITC reduces your California tax obligation, or allows a refund if no California tax is due. You do not need a child to qualify, but must file a California income tax return to claim the credit and attach a completed form FTB 3514, California Earned Income Tax Credit.

#### Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC)

For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, the refundable YCTC is available to taxpayers who also qualify for the CA EITC and who have at least one qualifying child who is younger than six years old as of the last day of the taxable year. The maximum amount of credit allowable for a qualified taxpayer is \$1,000. The credit amount phases out as earned income exceeds the threshold amount of \$25,000, and completely phases out at \$30,000. For more information, see Step 8, Qualifications for Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC) in the instructions.

#### Expansion for Credits Eligibility

For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, California expanded EITC and YCTC eligibility to allow either the federal Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) or the Social Security Number (SSN) to be used by all eligible individuals, their spouses, and qualifying children. If an ITIN is used, eligible individuals should provide identifying documents upon request of the Franchise Tax Board (FTB). Any valid SSN can be used, not only those that are valid for work. Additionally, upon receiving a valid SSN, the individual should notify the FTB in the time and manner prescribed by the FTB. The YCTC is available if the eligible individual or spouse has a qualifying child younger than six years old. For more information, see General Information B, Differences in California and Federal Law, Specific Instructions for line 7, and go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **eitc**.

#### Worker Status: Employees and Independent Contractors

Some individuals may be classified as independent contractors for federal purposes and employees for California purposes, which may also cause changes in how their income and deductions are classified. For more information, see Specific Instructions, Step 5, line 13 and line 18.

### A Purpose

Use form FTB 3514 to determine whether you qualify to claim the EITC and YCTC credits, provide information about your qualifying children, if applicable, and to figure the amount of your credits.

### B Differences in California and Federal Law

The differences between California and federal law for the Earned Income Tax Credit are as follows:

- California allows this credit for wage income (wages, salaries, tips and other employee compensation) that is subject to California withholding.
- If you were a nonresident, you must have earned wage income that is subject to California withholding.
- Both your earned income and federal adjusted gross income (AGI) must be less than \$30,001 to qualify for the California credit.
- An eligible individual without a qualifying child is 18 years or older for the California credit.
- You may elect to include all of your (and/or all of your spouse's/RDP's if filing jointly) nontaxable military combat pay in earned income for California purposes, whether or not you elect to include it for federal purposes. Get FTB Pub. 1032, Tax Information for Military Personnel, for special rules that apply to military personnel claiming the EITC.
- You may elect to include or exclude Medicaid waiver payments or In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) payment from earned income for the California credit, whether or not you elect to include or exclude them for the federal credit.
- California allows this credit to eligible individuals and their spouses who have a valid federal ITIN or who have qualifying children who have a valid federal ITIN.
- California law **does not** conform to the following federal law changes under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021:
  - Application of earned income tax credit in possessions of the U.S.
  - Election to use earned income from taxable year 2019 for the federal credit
  - Strengthening the EITC for individuals with no qualifying children

### Specific Instructions

If certain requirements are met, you or your eligible spouse may claim the EITC even if you do not have a valid SSN and instead have a valid federal ITIN. This also applies for the YCTC. If you have a valid federal ITIN, enter it in the Your SSN or ITIN field at the top of the form. For more information, see the General Information Section and Specific Instructions for line 7.

If certain requirements are met, you may claim the EITC even if you do not have a qualifying child. The amount of the credit is greater if you have a qualifying child, and increases with each child that qualifies, up to a maximum of three children. Follow Step 1 through Step 7 to determine if you qualify for the credit and to figure the amount of the credit.

If your EITC was reduced or disallowed for any reason other than a math or clerical error and you now want to take the EITC, then answer "Yes" on line 1b within the form and follow Step 1 through Step 7 to determine if you qualify for the credit.

Attach the completed form FTB 3514 to your Form 540 or 540 2EZ, California Resident Income Tax Return, or Form 540NR, California Nonresident or Part-Year Resident Income Tax Return, if you claim the California EITC.

#### Step 1 Qualifications for All Filers

- a. In taxable year 2021, is the amount on federal Form 1040, U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, or Form 1040-SR, U.S. Tax Return for Seniors, line 11 (federal AGI) less than \$30,001?

**Yes** Continue.

**No** Stop here, you cannot take the credit.

- b.** Do you, and your spouse/RDP if filing a joint return, have a valid SSN or federal ITIN? See line 7, "Valid SSN" or "Valid ITIN" within Step 3, Qualifying Child, for a full definition.
- Yes** If you have a qualifying child continue to question c. If you do not have a qualifying child, continue to question d.
- No** Stop here, you cannot take the EITC.
- c.** Do you, and your spouse/RDP if filing a joint return, have a qualifying child who has a valid SSN or federal ITIN?
- Yes** Continue to question d.
- No** You may qualify for the EITC as a filer without a qualifying child, continue to question d.
- d.** Is your filing status married filing separately? See note below.
- Yes** Stop here, you cannot take the credit.
- No** Continue.

**Note:** Special rule for separated spouses. You can claim the EITC if you are married, not filing a joint return for the taxable year, had a qualifying child who lived with you for more than half of 2021, **and either** of the following apply:

- You lived apart from your spouse for the last 6 months of 2021, **or**
  - You are legally separated according to your state law under a written separation agreement or a decree of separate maintenance and you did not live in the same household as your spouse at the end of 2021.
- If you meet the requirements above, you may continue on to question e.
- e.** Are you filing federal Form 2555, Foreign Earned Income?
- Yes** Stop here, you cannot take the credit.
- No** Continue.
- f.** Were you or your spouse/RDP a nonresident alien for any part of 2021?
- Yes** If your filing status is married filing jointly, continue. Otherwise, stop here; you cannot take the EITC.
- No** Continue.
- g.** If you are filing Form 540NR, did you and your spouse/RDP live in California for at least 183 days?
- Yes** Continue.
- No** Stop here, you cannot take the credit.
- h.** Complete line 1, line 2, and line 3 on the form. Then go to Step 2.

## Step 2 Investment Income

If you are filing Form 540 or Form 540NR complete Worksheet 1. If you are filing Form 540 2EZ complete Worksheet 2.

Worksheet 1 – Investment Income Form 540 and Form 540NR Filers	
<b>Interest and Dividends</b>	
<b>1</b> Add and enter the amounts from federal Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 2a and line 2b . . . . .	<b>1</b> _____
<b>2</b> Enter the amount from federal Form 8814, Parents' Election to Report Child's Interest and Dividends, line 1b . . . . .	<b>2</b> _____
<b>3</b> Enter the amount from federal Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 3b . . . . .	<b>3</b> _____
<b>4</b> Enter any amounts from federal Form 8814, line 12 for child's interest and dividends . . . . .	<b>4</b> _____
<b>Capital Gain Net Income</b>	
<b>5</b> Enter the amount from federal Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 7. If the result is less than zero, enter -0- . . . . .	<b>5</b> _____
<b>6</b> Enter the gain from federal Form 4797 Sales of Business Property, line 7. If the amount on that line is a loss, enter -0-. (But, if you completed federal Form 4797, line 8 and line 9, enter the amount from line 9 instead) . . . . .	<b>6</b> _____
<b>7</b> Subtract line 6 from line 5. (If the result is less than zero, enter -0-) . . . . .	<b>7</b> _____
<b>Passive Activities</b>	
<b>8</b> Enter the total of net income from passive activities included on federal Schedule 1 (Form 1040), Additional Income and Adjustments to Income, line 5 . . . . .	<b>8</b> _____
<b>Other Activities</b>	
<b>9</b> Enter any income from the rental of personal property included on federal Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 8k. If the result is zero or less, enter -0- . . . . .	<b>9</b> _____
<b>10</b> Enter any expenses related to the rental of personal property included on federal Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 24b . . . . .	<b>10</b> _____
<b>11</b> Subtract line 10 from line 9. (If the result is less than zero, enter -0-) . . . . .	<b>11</b> _____

Worksheet 1 – Investment Income (continued) Form 540 and Form 540NR Filers	
<b>Investment Income</b>	
<b>12</b> Add the amounts on lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, and 11. Enter the total. <b>This is your investment income</b> . . . . .	<b>12</b> _____
<b>13</b> Is the amount on line 12 more than <b>\$4,053</b> ?	
<b>Yes</b> Stop here, you cannot take the credit.	
<b>No</b> Enter the amount from line 12 on form FTB 3514, line 4. Go to Step 3.	

Worksheet 2 – Investment Income Form 540 2EZ Filer	
<b>1</b> <b>Taxable interest.</b> Enter the amount from Form 540 2EZ, line 10. . . . .	<b>1</b> _____
<b>2</b> <b>Nontaxable interest.</b> Add and enter the amounts from federal Form 1099-INT, box 3 and box 8, and the amount from federal Form 1099-DIV, box 11 . . . . .	<b>2</b> _____
<b>3</b> <b>Dividends.</b> Enter the amount from Form 540 2EZ, line 11 . . . . .	<b>3</b> _____
<b>4</b> <b>Capital gain net income.</b> Enter the amount from Form 540 2EZ, line 13. . . . .	<b>4</b> _____
<b>5</b> <b>Investment Income.</b> Add line 1, line 2, line 3 and line 4. Enter the amount here . . . . .	<b>5</b> _____
<b>6</b> Is the amount on line 5 more than <b>\$4,053</b> ?	
<b>Yes</b> Stop here, you cannot take the credit.	
<b>No</b> Enter the amount from line 5 on form FTB 3514, line 4. Go to Step 3.	

## Step 3 Qualifying Child

### Qualifying Child Definition

A qualifying child for the EITC is a child who meets the following conditions:

- Is your son, daughter, stepchild, foster child, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, half sister, or a descendant of any of them (for example, your grandchild, niece, or nephew).
- Is under age 19 at the end of 2021 and younger than you (or your spouse/RDP, if filing jointly), or under age 24 at the end of 2021, a student, and younger than you (or your spouse/RDP, if filing jointly), or any age and permanently and totally disabled.

- Is not filing a joint return for 2021 or is filing a joint return for 2021 only to claim a refund of withheld income tax or estimated tax paid. Get federal Publication 596, Earned Income Credit, for examples.
- Lived with you in California for more than half of 2021. If the child did not live with you for the required time, see exceptions in the instructions for line 11.

**Note:** If the child was married or meets the conditions to be a qualifying child of another person (other than your spouse/RDP if filing a joint return), special rules apply. Get federal Publication 596 for more information.

### Qualifying Child Questionnaire

- a.** Do you have at least one child who meets the conditions to be your qualifying child?
- Yes** Continue.  
**No** Go to Step 4.
- b.** Are you filing a joint return for 2021?
- Yes** Complete form FTB 3514, Part III, line 5 through line 12. Go to Step 5.  
**No** Continue.
- c.** Could you be a qualifying child of another person for 2021? (Answer "No" if the other person is not required to file, and is not filing, a 2021 tax return or is filing a 2021 return only to claim a refund of withheld income tax or estimated tax paid. Get federal Publication 596 for examples.)
- Yes** Stop here, you cannot take the credit.  
**No** Complete form FTB 3514, Part III, line 5 through line 12. Go to Step 5.

**Note:** If your qualifying child is younger than six years old as of the last day of the taxable year, you must list that child information under Child 1, Child 2 or Child 3 column. **Do not** include any child younger than six years old as an attachment to the form FTB 3514. See Step 8 and Step 9 in the instructions to see if you qualify for the Young Child Tax Credit.

### Line 7 – SSN or ITIN

The child must have a valid SSN or ITIN, as defined below, unless the child was born and died in 2021. If your child was born alive and died in 2021 and did not have an SSN or an ITIN, write "Died" on this line and attach a copy of the child's birth certificate, death certificate, or hospital medical records or include it according to your software's instructions.

**Valid SSN** – A valid SSN is a number issued by the Social Security Administration without regard to whether it was issued for employment or issued solely for the purpose of receiving federally funded benefits.

**Valid ITIN** – A valid ITIN is a federal tax processing number issued by the Internal Revenue Service that is not expired or revoked. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, a valid federal ITIN can be used to claim the EITC and YCTC. If an ITIN is used, eligible individuals should provide the documents listed below upon request by FTB:

- Identifying documents acceptable for purposes of obtaining a California driver's license as authorized by the Vehicle code and related regulations for purposes of establishing documents acceptable to prove identity.
- Identifying documents used to report earned income for the taxable year.

Additionally, upon receiving a valid SSN, the individual should notify the FTB in the time and manner prescribed by the FTB. For more information, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **eitc**.

An Adoption Taxpayer Identification Number (ATIN) cannot be used to claim EITC. If you or your child has an ATIN and later gets a valid SSN or a valid federal ITIN, you may be able to file an amended return. Use Form 540, 540 2EZ, or 540NR to amend your original or previously filed tax return with Schedule X, California Explanation of Amended Return Changes, attached to the amended return.

If you did not have an SSN or federal ITIN by the due date of your 2021 return (including extensions), you cannot claim the EITC (or YCTC) on

either your original or an amended 2021 return, even if you later get an SSN or federal ITIN. Also, if a child did not have an SSN or federal ITIN by the due date of your return (including extensions), you cannot count that child as a qualifying child in figuring the EITC (or YCTC) on either your original or an amended 2021 return, even if that child later gets an SSN or federal ITIN.

### Line 9a – Student

A student is a child who during any part of 5 calendar months of 2021 was enrolled as a full-time student at a school, or took a full-time, on-farm training course given by a school or a state, county, or local government agency. A school includes a technical, trade, or mechanical school. It does not include an on-the-job training course, correspondence school, or school offering courses only through the Internet.

### Line 9b – Permanently and totally disabled

A person is permanently and totally disabled if, at any time in 2021, the person could not engage in any substantial gainful activity because of a physical or mental condition and a doctor has determined that this condition (a) has lasted or can be expected to last continuously for at least a year, or (b) can be expected to lead to death.

### Line 10 – Child's relationship to you

For additional information see qualifying child definition.

### Line 11 – Number of days child lived with you

Enter the number of days the child lived with you in California during 2021. To qualify, the child must have the same principal place of residence in California as you for more than half of 2021, defined as 183 days or more (if a leap year, it is 184 days). If the child was born or died in 2021 and your home was the child's home for more than half the time he or she was alive during 2021, enter "365". Do not enter more than 365 days, unless it's a leap year, then enter 366 days. If the child did not live with you for the required time, temporary absences may count as time lived at home. For more information, get federal Publication 596.

### Line 12 – Child's physical address

Enter the physical address where the child resided during 2021. This should be the address of the principal place of residence in California where the child lived with you for more than half of 2021. If the child lived with you in California for more than half of 2021, but moved within California during this period, this should be the address of the principal place of residence that was shared the longest.

## Step 4 Filer Without a Qualifying Child

- a.** Is the amount on federal Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 11 (federal AGI), less than \$30,001?
- Yes** Continue.  
**No** Stop here, you cannot take the credit.
- b.** Were you (or your spouse/RDP if filing a joint return) at least age 18 at the end of 2021? (Answer "Yes" if you, or your spouse/RDP if filing a joint return, were born on or before January 1, 2004.) If your spouse/RDP died in 2021 (or if you are preparing a return for someone who died in 2021), get federal Publication 596 for more information before you answer.
- Yes** Continue.  
**No** Stop here, you cannot take the credit.
- c.** Was your main home, and your spouse's/RDP's if filing a joint return, in California for more than half of 2021?
- Yes** Continue.  
**No** Stop here, you cannot take the credit.
- d.** Are you filing a joint return for 2021? For more information, get federal Publication 596.
- Yes** Skip questions e and f; go to Step 5.  
**No** Continue.



e. Could you be a qualifying child of another person for 2021? (Answer “No” if the other person is not required to file, and is not filing, a 2021 tax return or is filing a 2021 return only to claim a refund of withheld income tax or estimated tax paid. Get federal Publication 596 for examples.)

**Yes** Stop here, you cannot take the credit.  
**No** Continue.

f. Can you be claimed as a dependent on someone else’s 2021 tax return?

**Yes** Stop here, you cannot take the credit.  
**No** Go to Step 5.

## Step 5 California Earned Income

Complete lines 13 through 19 to figure your California earned income.

### Line 13 – Wages, salaries, tips, and other employee compensation, subject to California withholding

Enter the total amount of your California wages from your federal Form(s) W-2, Wage and Tax Statement. This amount appears on Form W-2, box 16. Include all of your Medicaid waiver payments or IHSS payments even if the payments are nontaxable for federal purposes.

**Note:** If you have clergy wages, subtract the self employment tax, if any, that was reported on federal Schedule SE (Form 1040), Self-Employment Tax, and enter the result on form FTB 3514, line 13.

**Employees and independent contractors** – If the taxpayer’s classification for California and federal purposes is different, enter the earned income as wages on line 13 or as business income on line 18 based on the federal classification of income. For example, a taxpayer may be classified as an independent contractor for federal purposes, but as an employee for California purposes. Based on this example, this taxpayer would enter their income as business income on form FTB 3514, line 18. Use your federal classification for EITC purposes only and for all other purposes such as completing other tax forms, schedules, etc., use your California classification.

### Line 14 – IHSS payments

You may elect to include or exclude your Medicaid waiver payments or IHSS payments if the payments are nontaxable for federal purposes. If you elect to exclude such payments from your earned income for California EITC purposes, enter the amount you received as Medicaid waiver payments or IHSS payments that are nontaxable for federal purposes on line 14. If you elect to include such payments, leave line 14 blank. If you are filing a joint return, both you and/or your spouse/RDP can elect to include or exclude your own nontaxable Medicaid waiver payments or IHSS payments for California EITC purposes. Each must elect to include or exclude all such payments, not just a portion of it. You may elect to include or exclude such payments from earned income for California EITC purposes, whether or not you elect to include or exclude them for federal purposes.

### Line 15 – Prison inmate wages and/or pension or annuity from a nonqualified deferred compensation plan or a nongovernmental IRC Section 457 plan

Enter the amount included on line 13, that you received for work performed while an inmate in a penal institution.

Enter the amount included on line 13, that you received as a pension or annuity from a nonqualified deferred compensation plan or a nongovernmental IRC Section 457 plan. This amount may be shown on federal Form W-2, box 11. If you received such an amount and box 11 is blank, contact your employer for the amount received as a pension or annuity.

### Line 17 – Nontaxable combat pay

Enter the amount from federal Form W-2, box 12, code Q, if you elect to include your nontaxable military combat pay in earned income for EITC purposes. If you are filing a joint return, both you and/or your spouse/RDP can elect to include your own nontaxable military combat pay for EITC purposes. Each must include all of their nontaxable military combat pay, not just a portion of it. You may elect to include nontaxable

military combat pay in earned income for California purposes, whether or not you elect to include it for federal purposes.

### Line 18 – Business income or (loss)

If you are self-employed and have net earnings from self-employment, go to Worksheet 3 to figure your business income or loss. Attach a copy of your complete federal return, including any federal Schedule C (Form 1040), Profit or Loss From Business, Schedule F (Form 1040), Profit or Loss From Farming, Schedule SE (Form 1040), and any Schedule K-1 (Form 1065), Partner’s Share of Income, Deductions, Credits, etc.

**Employees and independent contractors** – If the taxpayer’s classification for California and federal purposes is different, enter the earned income as wages on line 13 or as business income on line 18 based on the federal classification of income. For example, a taxpayer may be classified as an independent contractor for federal purposes, but as an employee for California purposes. Based on this example, this taxpayer would enter their income as business income on form FTB 3514, line 18. Use your federal classification for EITC purposes only and for all other purposes such as completing other tax forms, schedules, etc., use your California classification.

Worksheet 3 – Business Income or (Loss)	
<b>1 Business income or (loss).</b> Enter the amount from federal Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 3	<b>1</b> _____
<b>2 Farm income or (loss).</b> Enter the amount from federal Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 6	<b>2</b> _____
<b>3 Self-employment earnings from partnerships reported on K-1s.</b> Enter the net profit (or loss) from federal Schedule K-1 (Form 1065), box 14, code A. . . . .	<b>3</b> _____
<b>4 Deductible part of self-employment tax.</b> Enter the amount from federal Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 15 . . . . .	<b>4</b> _____
<b>5 Total business income or (loss).</b> Add line 1, line 2, line 3, and subtract line 4. Enter the amount here and on form FTB 3514, line 18 . . . . .	<b>5</b> _____

### Lines 18 a-e Business information

Enter your business information in the spaces provided. If you have multiple businesses, use the information from the schedule with the largest net profit (loss).

#### Line b – Business address

Enter your business address. Show a street address instead of a box number. Include the suite or room number, if any.

#### Line c – Business license number

Enter your business license number. A business license number is a reference number from a county, city, or state that allows you to engage in a specific business activity within the designated area. If you do not have a business license number, leave line c blank.

#### Line d – SEIN

Enter your state employer identification number (SEIN) issued by the California Employment Development Department. If you do not have a SEIN, leave line d blank.

#### Line e – Business code

Use the six-digit code from federal Schedule C (Form 1040) or Schedule F (Form 1040), box B.

**After completing Step 5, line 18e, go to Step 6.**

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## Step 6 How to Figure the CA EITC

Complete the California Earned Income Tax Credit Worksheet below. If you file Form 540 or 540 2EZ, after completing Step 6, skip Step 7 and go to Step 8. If you file a Form 540NR, after completing Step 6, go to Step 7.

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### California Earned Income Tax Credit Worksheet

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#### Part I All Filers

- 1** Enter your California earned income from form FTB 3514, line 19. If the amount is zero or less, stop here. . . . . **1** \_\_\_\_\_
- 2** Look up the amount on line 1 in the EITC Table to find the credit. Be sure you use the correct column for the number of qualifying children you have. Enter the credit here . . . . . **2** \_\_\_\_\_  
If the amount on line 2 is zero, stop here. You cannot take the credit.
- 3** Enter the amount from federal Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 11 (federal AGI) . . . . . **3** \_\_\_\_\_
- 4** Are the amounts on lines 1 and 3 the same?  
**Yes** Skip line 5; and enter the amount from line 2 on line 6.  
**No** Go to line 5.
- 

#### Part II Filers who Answered "No" on Line 4

- 5** If you have:
- No qualifying children, is the amount on line 3 less than \$3,922?
  - 1 qualifying child, is the amount on line 3 less than \$5,890?
  - 2 or more qualifying children, is the amount on line 3 less than \$8,268?
- Yes** Leave line 5 blank; enter the amount from line 2 on line 6.  
**No** Look up the amount on line 3 in the EITC Table to find the credit. Be sure you use the correct column for the number of qualifying children you have. Enter the credit here. . . . . **5** \_\_\_\_\_  
Compare the amounts on line 5 and line 2, enter the **smaller** amount on line 6.
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#### Part III Your Earned Income Tax Credit

- 6** This is your California earned income tax credit.  
Enter this amount on form FTB 3514, line 20. . . . . **6** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Step 7 How to Figure the Nonresident or Part-Year Resident EITC

If you file Form 540 or 540 2EZ, skip Step 7 and go to Step 8.

### Line 21 – CA Exemption Credit Percentage

If you file a Form 540NR, enter your CA Exemption Credit Percentage from Form 540NR, line 38 on form FTB 3514, line 21. However, if your total taxable income was less than zero and you entered \$0 on Form 540NR, line 19, complete Worksheet 4 below to compute the correct CA Exemption Credit Percentage to enter on form FTB 3514, line 21.

<b>Worksheet 4 – CA Exemption Credit Percentage</b>	
Complete this worksheet only if you are a nonresident or part-year resident with negative total taxable income and you entered zero on Form 540NR, line 19.	
<b>Part I Total Taxable Income</b>	
<b>1</b> Enter the amount from Form 540NR, line 17. If a negative amount, enter as negative . . . . .	<b>1</b> _____
<b>2</b> Enter the amount from Form 540NR, line 18 . . . . .	<b>2</b> _____
<b>3</b> Total Taxable Income. Subtract line 2 from line 1. Enter the negative result here . . . . .	<b>3</b> _____
<b>Part II California Taxable Income</b>	
<b>4</b> Enter the amount from Schedule CA (540NR), Part IV, line 1. If a negative amount, enter as negative . . . . .	<b>4</b> _____
<b>5</b> Enter the amount from Schedule CA (540NR), Part IV, line 4 . . . . .	<b>5</b> _____
<b>6</b> California Taxable Income. Subtract line 5 from line 4. If a negative amount, enter as negative . . . . .	<b>6</b> _____
<b>Part III CA Exemption Credit Percentage</b>	
<b>7</b> Subtract line 6 from line 3. If a negative amount, enter as negative . . . . .	<b>7</b> _____
<b>8</b> Enter the amount from line 3 as a positive amount. . . . .	<b>8</b> _____
<b>9</b> Divide line 7 by line 8. Enter amount as a decimal . . . . .	<b>9</b> _____
<b>10</b> CA Exemption Credit Percentage. Subtract line 9 from 1.000. If more than 1, enter 1.000. If less than zero, enter 0. Enter the result as a decimal here and on form FTB 3514, line 21 or line 29. . . . .	<b>10</b> _____

### Line 22 – Nonresident or Part-Year Resident EITC

Multiply line 20 by line 21 and enter the result on form FTB 3514, line 22. This amount should also be entered on Form 540NR, line 85.

## Step 8 Qualifications for Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC)

To qualify for the YCTC, you must meet **all** of the following:

- You have been allowed the CA EITC on this form.
- You have at least one qualifying child for the CA EITC.
- Your qualifying child is younger than six years old as of the last day of the taxable year.

**Caution:** If you **do not** meet all of the above requirements, you cannot take this credit.

If you meet all of the above requirements, complete Part VII, Young Child Tax Credit. If you are a nonresident or part-year resident, also complete Part VIII, Nonresident or Part-Year Resident Young Child Tax Credit.

For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, California expanded YCTC eligibility to a qualifying child who is younger than 6 years old as of the last day of the taxable year, who has a valid federal ITIN. The child must be a qualifying child of an eligible individual, or the eligible individual's spouse (if married), who have a valid federal ITIN.

**Note:** If your qualifying child is younger than six years old as of the last day of the taxable year, you must list that child information under Part III, Qualifying Child Information, Child 1, Child 2 or Child 3 column. **Do not** include any child younger than six years old as an attachment to the form FTB 3514.

### Line 23 – California Earned Income

CA earned income for purposes of the YCTC is the same as for the CA EITC. Enter the amount from form FTB 3514, line 19.

### Line 25 – Excess Earned Income over threshold

Subtract the \$25,000 threshold amount from your CA earned income entered on line 23 and enter the excess amount on line 25.

### Line 26 and Line 27

For every \$100 over the threshold amount, your credit is reduced by \$20.

### Line 28

This is the amount of your allowable YCTC to claim on your tax return. This amount should also be entered on Form 540, line 76; or Form 540 2EZ, line 24. If you file Form 540 or 540 2EZ, stop here, do not go to Step 9.

## Step 9 Nonresident or Part-Year Resident Young Child Tax Credit

### Line 29

If you file a Form 540NR, enter your CA Exemption Credit Percentage from Form 540NR, line 38 on form FTB 3514, line 29. However, if you completed Worksheet 4, enter the CA Exemption Credit Percentage from Worksheet 4, line 10 on form FTB 3514, line 29.

### Line 30

Multiply line 28 by line 29 and enter the result on form FTB 3514, line 30. This amount should also be entered on Form 540NR, line 86.

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If the amount you are looking up from the worksheet is . . .		And your number of qualifying children is			
At least	But Not Over	0	1	2	3
		Your credit is . . .			
1	50	2	7	9	10
51	100	5	22	26	29
101	150	8	36	43	48
151	200	11	51	60	67
201	250	15	65	77	86
251	300	18	80	94	105
301	350	21	94	111	125
351	400	24	109	128	144
401	450	28	123	145	163
451	500	31	137	162	182
501	550	34	152	179	201
551	600	37	166	196	220
601	650	41	181	213	239
651	700	44	195	230	258
701	750	47	210	247	278
751	800	50	224	264	297
801	850	54	239	281	316
851	900	57	253	298	335
901	950	60	267	315	354
951	1000	63	282	332	373
1001	1050	67	296	349	392
1051	1100	70	311	366	411
1101	1150	73	325	383	431
1151	1200	76	340	400	450
1201	1250	80	354	417	469
1251	1300	83	369	434	488
1301	1350	86	383	451	507
1351	1400	89	398	468	526
1401	1450	93	412	485	545
1451	1500	96	426	502	564
1501	1550	99	441	519	584
1551	1600	102	455	536	603
1601	1650	106	470	553	622
1651	1700	109	484	570	641
1701	1750	112	499	587	660
1751	1800	115	513	604	679
1801	1850	119	528	621	698
1851	1900	122	542	638	717
1901	1950	125	556	655	737
1951	2000	128	571	672	756

If the amount you are looking up from the worksheet is . . .		And your number of qualifying children is			
At least	But Not Over	0	1	2	3
		Your credit is . . .			
2001	2050	132	585	689	775
2051	2100	135	600	706	794
2101	2150	138	614	723	813
2151	2200	141	629	740	832
2201	2250	145	643	757	851
2251	2300	148	658	774	870
2301	2350	151	672	791	890
2351	2400	154	687	808	909
2401	2450	158	701	825	928
2451	2500	161	715	842	947
2501	2550	164	730	859	966
2551	2600	167	744	876	985
2601	2650	171	759	893	1004
2651	2700	174	773	910	1023
2701	2750	177	788	927	1043
2751	2800	180	802	944	1062
2801	2850	184	817	961	1081
2851	2900	187	831	978	1100
2901	2950	190	845	995	1119
2951	3000	193	860	1012	1138
3001	3050	197	874	1029	1157
3051	3100	200	889	1046	1176
3101	3150	203	903	1063	1196
3151	3200	206	918	1080	1215
3201	3250	210	932	1097	1234
3251	3300	213	947	1114	1253
3301	3350	216	961	1131	1272
3351	3400	219	976	1148	1291
3401	3450	223	990	1165	1310
3451	3500	226	1004	1182	1329
3501	3550	229	1019	1199	1349
3551	3600	232	1033	1216	1368
3601	3650	236	1048	1233	1387
3651	3700	239	1062	1250	1406
3701	3750	242	1077	1267	1425
3751	3800	246	1091	1284	1444
3801	3850	249	1106	1301	1463
3851	3900	252	1120	1318	1482
3901	3950	255	1134	1335	1502
3951	4000	252	1149	1352	1521

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If the amount you are looking up from the worksheet is . . .		And your number of qualifying children is			
At least	But Not Over	0	1	2	3
		Your credit is . . .			
4001	4050	248	1163	1369	1540
4051	4100	245	1178	1386	1559
4101	4150	242	1192	1403	1578
4151	4200	239	1207	1420	1597
4201	4250	235	1221	1437	1616
4251	4300	232	1236	1454	1635
4301	4350	229	1250	1471	1655
4351	4400	226	1265	1488	1674
4401	4450	222	1279	1505	1693
4451	4500	219	1293	1522	1712
4501	4550	216	1308	1539	1731
4551	4600	213	1322	1556	1750
4601	4650	212	1337	1573	1769
4651	4700	211	1351	1590	1788
4701	4750	211	1366	1607	1808
4751	4800	211	1380	1624	1827
4801	4850	210	1395	1641	1846
4851	4900	210	1409	1658	1865
4901	4950	209	1423	1675	1884
4951	5000	209	1438	1692	1903
5001	5050	209	1452	1709	1922
5051	5100	208	1467	1726	1941
5101	5150	208	1481	1743	1961
5151	5200	207	1496	1760	1980
5201	5250	207	1510	1777	1999
5251	5300	206	1525	1794	2018
5301	5350	206	1539	1811	2037
5351	5400	206	1554	1828	2056
5401	5450	205	1568	1845	2075
5451	5500	205	1582	1862	2094
5501	5550	204	1597	1879	2114
5551	5600	204	1611	1896	2133
5601	5650	204	1626	1913	2152
5651	5700	203	1640	1930	2171
5701	5750	203	1655	1947	2190
5751	5800	202	1669	1964	2209
5801	5850	202	1684	1981	2228
5851	5900	201	1698	1998	2247
5901	5950	201	1692	2015	2267
5951	6000	201	1678	2032	2286

If the amount you are looking up from the worksheet is . . .		And your number of qualifying children is			
At least	But Not Over	0	1	2	3
		Your credit is . . .			
6001	6050	200	1663	2049	2305
6051	6100	200	1649	2066	2324
6101	6150	199	1634	2083	2343
6151	6200	199	1620	2100	2362
6201	6250	199	1605	2117	2381
6251	6300	198	1591	2134	2400
6301	6350	198	1576	2151	2420
6351	6400	197	1562	2168	2439
6401	6450	197	1547	2185	2458
6451	6500	196	1533	2202	2477
6501	6550	196	1519	2219	2496
6551	6600	196	1504	2236	2515
6601	6650	195	1490	2253	2534
6651	6700	195	1475	2270	2553
6701	6750	194	1461	2287	2573
6751	6800	194	1446	2304	2592
6801	6850	194	1432	2321	2611
6851	6900	193	1417	2338	2630
6901	6950	193	1403	2355	2649
6951	7000	192	1389	2372	2668
7001	7050	192	1374	2389	2687
7051	7100	191	1360	2406	2706
7101	7150	191	1345	2423	2726
7151	7200	191	1331	2440	2745
7201	7250	190	1316	2457	2764
7251	7300	190	1302	2474	2783
7301	7350	189	1287	2491	2802
7351	7400	189	1273	2508	2821
7401	7450	189	1258	2525	2840
7451	7500	188	1244	2542	2859
7501	7550	188	1230	2559	2879
7551	7600	187	1215	2576	2898
7601	7650	187	1201	2593	2917
7651	7700	186	1186	2610	2936
7701	7750	186	1172	2627	2955
7751	7800	186	1157	2644	2974
7801	7850	185	1143	2661	2993
7851	7900	185	1128	2678	3012
7901	7950	184	1114	2695	3032
7951	8000	184	1100	2712	3051

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If the amount you are looking up from the worksheet is . . .		And your number of qualifying children is			
At least	But Not Over	0	1	2	3
		Your credit is . . .			
8001	8050	184	1085	2729	3070
8051	8100	183	1071	2746	3089
8101	8150	183	1056	2763	3108
8151	8200	182	1042	2780	3127
8201	8250	182	1027	2797	3146
8251	8300	181	1013	2809	3160
8301	8350	181	998	2792	3141
8351	8400	181	984	2775	3121
8401	8450	180	969	2758	3102
8451	8500	180	955	2741	3083
8501	8550	179	941	2724	3064
8551	8600	179	926	2707	3045
8601	8650	179	912	2690	3026
8651	8700	178	897	2673	3007
8701	8750	178	883	2656	2988
8751	8800	177	868	2639	2968
8801	8850	177	854	2622	2949
8851	8900	176	839	2605	2930
8901	8950	176	825	2588	2911
8951	9000	176	811	2571	2892
9001	9050	175	796	2554	2873
9051	9100	175	782	2537	2854
9101	9150	174	767	2520	2835
9151	9200	174	753	2503	2815
9201	9250	174	738	2486	2796
9251	9300	173	724	2469	2777
9301	9350	173	709	2452	2758
9351	9400	172	695	2435	2739
9401	9450	172	680	2418	2720
9451	9500	171	666	2401	2701
9501	9550	171	652	2384	2682
9551	9600	171	637	2367	2662
9601	9650	170	623	2350	2643
9651	9700	170	608	2333	2624
9701	9750	169	594	2316	2605
9751	9800	169	579	2299	2586
9801	9850	169	565	2282	2567
9851	9900	168	550	2265	2548
9901	9950	168	536	2248	2529
9951	10000	167	534	2231	2509

If the amount you are looking up from the worksheet is . . .		And your number of qualifying children is			
At least	But Not Over	0	1	2	3
		Your credit is . . .			
10001	10050	167	533	2214	2490
10051	10100	166	531	2197	2471
10101	10150	166	530	2180	2452
10151	10200	166	529	2163	2433
10201	10250	165	527	2146	2414
10251	10300	165	526	2129	2395
10301	10350	164	525	2112	2376
10351	10400	164	523	2095	2356
10401	10450	164	522	2078	2337
10451	10500	163	521	2061	2318
10501	10550	163	519	2044	2299
10551	10600	162	518	2027	2280
10601	10650	162	517	2010	2261
10651	10700	161	515	1993	2242
10701	10750	161	514	1976	2223
10751	10800	161	513	1959	2203
10801	10850	160	511	1942	2184
10851	10900	160	510	1925	2165
10901	10950	159	509	1908	2146
10951	11000	159	507	1891	2127
11001	11050	159	506	1874	2108
11051	11100	158	505	1857	2089
11101	11150	158	503	1840	2070
11151	11200	157	502	1823	2050
11201	11250	157	501	1806	2031
11251	11300	156	499	1789	2012
11301	11350	156	498	1772	1993
11351	11400	156	497	1755	1974
11401	11450	155	495	1738	1955
11451	11500	155	494	1721	1936
11501	11550	154	493	1704	1917
11551	11600	154	491	1687	1897
11601	11650	154	490	1670	1878
11651	11700	153	489	1653	1859
11701	11750	153	487	1636	1840
11751	11800	152	486	1619	1821
11801	11850	152	485	1602	1802
11851	11900	151	483	1585	1783
11901	11950	151	482	1568	1764
11951	12000	151	481	1551	1744

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If the amount you are looking up from the worksheet is . . .		And your number of qualifying children is			
At least	But Not Over	0	1	2	3
		Your credit is . . .			
12001	12050	150	479	1534	1725
12051	12100	150	478	1517	1706
12101	12150	149	477	1500	1687
12151	12200	149	475	1483	1668
12201	12250	149	474	1466	1649
12251	12300	148	473	1449	1630
12301	12350	148	471	1432	1611
12351	12400	147	470	1415	1591
12401	12450	147	469	1398	1572
12451	12500	146	467	1381	1553
12501	12550	146	466	1364	1534
12551	12600	146	465	1347	1515
12601	12650	145	463	1330	1496
12651	12700	145	462	1313	1477
12701	12750	144	461	1296	1458
12751	12800	144	459	1279	1438
12801	12850	144	458	1262	1419
12851	12900	143	457	1245	1400
12901	12950	143	455	1228	1381
12951	13000	142	454	1211	1362
13001	13050	142	453	1194	1343
13051	13100	141	451	1177	1324
13101	13150	141	450	1160	1305
13151	13200	141	449	1143	1285
13201	13250	140	447	1126	1266
13251	13300	140	446	1109	1247
13301	13350	139	445	1092	1228
13351	13400	139	443	1075	1209
13401	13450	139	442	1058	1190
13451	13500	138	441	1041	1171
13501	13550	138	439	1024	1152
13551	13600	137	438	1007	1132
13601	13650	137	437	990	1113
13651	13700	136	435	973	1094
13701	13750	136	434	956	1075
13751	13800	136	433	939	1056
13801	13850	135	431	922	1037
13851	13900	135	430	905	1018
13901	13950	134	429	888	999
13951	14000	134	427	871	979

If the amount you are looking up from the worksheet is . . .		And your number of qualifying children is			
At least	But Not Over	0	1	2	3
		Your credit is . . .			
14001	14050	134	426	854	960
14051	14100	133	425	837	941
14101	14150	133	423	820	922
14151	14200	132	422	803	903
14201	14250	132	421	786	884
14251	14300	131	419	769	865
14301	14350	131	418	752	846
14351	14400	131	417	735	826
14401	14450	130	415	718	807
14451	14500	130	414	701	788
14501	14550	129	413	684	769
14551	14600	129	411	667	750
14601	14650	129	410	650	731
14651	14700	128	409	633	712
14701	14750	128	407	616	693
14751	14800	127	406	599	673
14801	14850	127	405	582	654
14851	14900	126	403	565	635
14901	14950	126	402	548	616
14951	15000	126	401	535	597
15001	15050	125	399	533	578
15051	15100	125	398	532	559
15101	15150	124	397	530	540
15151	15200	124	395	528	534
15201	15250	124	394	526	532
15251	15300	123	393	525	530
15301	15350	123	391	523	529
15351	15400	122	390	521	527
15401	15450	122	389	519	525
15451	15500	121	387	517	523
15501	15550	121	386	516	521
15551	15600	121	385	514	520
15601	15650	120	383	512	518
15651	15700	120	382	510	516
15701	15750	119	381	509	514
15751	15800	119	379	507	512
15801	15850	119	378	505	511
15851	15900	118	377	503	509
15901	15950	118	375	501	507
15951	16000	117	374	500	505

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At least	But Not Over	0	1	2	3
		Your credit is . . .			
16001	16050	117	373	498	503
16051	16100	116	371	496	502
16101	16150	116	370	494	500
16151	16200	116	369	492	498
16201	16250	115	367	491	496
16251	16300	115	366	489	494
16301	16350	114	365	487	493
16351	16400	114	363	485	491
16401	16450	114	362	484	489
16451	16500	113	361	482	487
16501	16550	113	359	480	485
16551	16600	112	358	478	484
16601	16650	112	357	476	482
16651	16700	111	355	475	480
16701	16750	111	354	473	478
16751	16800	111	353	471	476
16801	16850	110	351	469	475
16851	16900	110	350	468	473
16901	16950	109	348	466	471
16951	17000	109	347	464	469
17001	17050	109	346	462	467
17051	17100	108	344	460	466
17101	17150	108	343	459	464
17151	17200	107	342	457	462
17201	17250	107	340	455	460
17251	17300	106	339	453	458
17301	17350	106	338	452	457
17351	17400	106	336	450	455
17401	17450	105	335	448	453
17451	17500	105	334	446	451
17501	17550	104	332	444	449
17551	17600	104	331	443	448
17601	17650	104	330	441	446
17651	17700	103	328	439	444
17701	17750	103	327	437	442
17751	17800	102	326	435	440
17801	17850	102	324	434	439
17851	17900	101	323	432	437
17901	17950	101	322	430	435
17951	18000	101	320	428	433

If the amount you are looking up from the worksheet is . . .		And your number of qualifying children is			
At least	But Not Over	0	1	2	3
		Your credit is . . .			
18001	18050	100	319	427	431
18051	18100	100	318	425	430
18101	18150	99	316	423	428
18151	18200	99	315	421	426
18201	18250	99	314	419	424
18251	18300	98	312	418	422
18301	18350	98	311	416	421
18351	18400	97	310	414	419
18401	18450	97	308	412	417
18451	18500	96	307	411	415
18501	18550	96	306	409	413
18551	18600	96	304	407	412
18601	18650	95	303	405	410
18651	18700	95	302	403	408
18701	18750	94	300	402	406
18751	18800	94	299	400	404
18801	18850	94	298	398	403
18851	18900	93	296	396	401
18901	18950	93	295	395	399
18951	19000	92	294	393	397
19001	19050	92	292	391	395
19051	19100	91	291	389	394
19101	19150	91	290	387	392
19151	19200	91	288	386	390
19201	19250	90	287	384	388
19251	19300	90	286	382	386
19301	19350	89	284	380	385
19351	19400	89	283	379	383
19401	19450	89	282	377	381
19451	19500	88	280	375	379
19501	19550	88	279	373	377
19551	19600	87	278	371	375
19601	19650	87	276	370	374
19651	19700	86	275	368	372
19701	19750	86	274	366	370
19751	19800	86	272	364	368
19801	19850	85	271	362	366
19851	19900	85	270	361	365
19901	19950	84	268	359	363
19951	20000	84	267	357	361

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If the amount you are looking up from the worksheet is . . .		And your number of qualifying children is			
At least	But Not Over	0	1	2	3
		Your credit is . . .			
20001	20050	84	266	355	359
20051	20100	83	264	354	357
20101	20150	83	263	352	356
20151	20200	82	262	350	354
20201	20250	82	260	348	352
20251	20300	81	259	346	350
20301	20350	81	258	345	348
20351	20400	81	256	343	347
20401	20450	80	255	341	345
20451	20500	80	254	339	343
20501	20550	79	252	338	341
20551	20600	79	251	336	339
20601	20650	79	250	334	338
20651	20700	78	248	332	336
20701	20750	78	247	330	334
20751	20800	77	246	329	332
20801	20850	77	244	327	330
20851	20900	76	243	325	329
20901	20950	76	242	323	327
20951	21000	76	240	322	325
21001	21050	75	239	320	323
21051	21100	75	238	318	321
21101	21150	74	236	316	320
21151	21200	74	235	314	318
21201	21250	74	234	313	316
21251	21300	73	232	311	314
21301	21350	73	231	309	312
21351	21400	72	230	307	311
21401	21450	72	228	306	309
21451	21500	71	227	304	307
21501	21550	71	226	302	305
21551	21600	71	224	300	303
21601	21650	70	223	298	302
21651	21700	70	222	297	300
21701	21750	69	220	295	298
21751	21800	69	219	293	296
21801	21850	69	218	291	294
21851	21900	68	216	289	293
21901	21950	68	215	288	291
21951	22000	67	214	286	289

If the amount you are looking up from the worksheet is . . .		And your number of qualifying children is			
At least	But Not Over	0	1	2	3
		Your credit is . . .			
22001	22050	67	212	284	287
22051	22100	66	211	282	285
22101	22150	66	210	281	284
22151	22200	66	208	279	282
22201	22250	65	207	277	280
22251	22300	65	206	275	278
22301	22350	64	204	273	276
22351	22400	64	203	272	275
22401	22450	64	202	270	273
22451	22500	63	200	268	271
22501	22550	63	199	266	269
22551	22600	62	198	265	267
22601	22650	62	196	263	266
22651	22700	61	195	261	264
22701	22750	61	194	259	262
22751	22800	61	192	257	260
22801	22850	60	191	256	258
22851	22900	60	190	254	257
22901	22950	59	188	252	255
22951	23000	59	187	250	253
23001	23050	59	186	249	251
23051	23100	58	184	247	249
23101	23150	58	183	245	248
23151	23200	57	182	243	246
23201	23250	57	180	241	244
23251	23300	56	179	240	242
23301	23350	56	178	238	240
23351	23400	56	176	236	239
23401	23450	55	175	234	237
23451	23500	55	174	232	235
23501	23550	54	172	231	233
23551	23600	54	171	229	231
23601	23650	54	170	227	230
23651	23700	53	168	225	228
23701	23750	53	167	224	226
23751	23800	52	166	222	224
23801	23850	52	164	220	222
23851	23900	51	163	218	221
23901	23950	51	162	216	219
23951	24000	51	160	215	217

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If the amount you are looking up from the worksheet is . . .		And your number of qualifying children is			
At least	But Not Over	0	1	2	3
		Your credit is . . .			
24001	24050	50	159	213	215
24051	24100	50	158	211	213
24101	24150	49	156	209	212
24151	24200	49	155	208	210
24201	24250	49	154	206	208
24251	24300	48	152	204	206
24301	24350	48	151	202	204
24351	24400	47	150	200	203
24401	24450	47	148	199	201
24451	24500	46	147	197	199
24501	24550	46	146	195	197
24551	24600	46	144	193	195
24601	24650	45	143	192	193
24651	24700	45	142	190	192
24701	24750	44	140	188	190
24751	24800	44	139	186	188
24801	24850	44	138	184	186
24851	24900	43	136	183	184
24901	24950	43	135	181	183
24951	25000	42	134	179	181
25001	25050	42	132	177	179
25051	25100	41	131	176	177
25101	25150	41	130	174	175
25151	25200	41	128	172	174
25201	25250	40	127	170	172
25251	25300	40	126	168	170
25301	25350	39	124	167	168
25351	25400	39	123	165	166
25401	25450	39	122	163	165
25451	25500	38	120	161	163
25501	25550	38	119	159	161
25551	25600	37	118	158	159
25601	25650	37	116	156	157
25651	25700	36	115	154	156
25701	25750	36	114	152	154
25751	25800	36	112	151	152
25801	25850	35	111	149	150
25851	25900	35	110	147	148
25901	25950	34	108	145	147
25951	26000	34	107	143	145

If the amount you are looking up from the worksheet is . . .		And your number of qualifying children is			
At least	But Not Over	0	1	2	3
		Your credit is . . .			
26001	26050	34	106	142	143
26051	26100	33	104	140	141
26101	26150	33	103	138	139
26151	26200	32	102	136	138
26201	26250	32	100	135	136
26251	26300	31	99	133	134
26301	26350	31	98	131	132
26351	26400	31	96	129	130
26401	26450	30	95	127	129
26451	26500	30	94	126	127
26501	26550	29	92	124	125
26551	26600	29	91	122	123
26601	26650	29	90	120	121
26651	26700	28	88	119	120
26701	26750	28	87	117	118
26751	26800	27	86	115	116
26801	26850	27	84	113	114
26851	26900	26	83	111	112
26901	26950	26	82	110	111
26951	27000	26	80	108	109
27001	27050	25	79	106	107
27051	27100	25	78	104	105
27101	27150	24	76	102	103
27151	27200	24	75	101	102
27201	27250	24	74	99	100
27251	27300	23	72	97	98
27301	27350	23	71	95	96
27351	27400	22	70	94	94
27401	27450	22	68	92	93
27451	27500	21	67	90	91
27501	27550	21	66	88	89
27551	27600	21	64	86	87
27601	27650	20	63	85	85
27651	27700	20	62	83	84
27701	27750	19	60	81	82
27751	27800	19	59	79	80
27801	27850	19	58	78	78
27851	27900	18	56	76	76
27901	27950	18	55	74	75
27951	28000	17	54	72	73

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If the amount you are looking up from the worksheet is . . .		And your number of qualifying children is			
At least	But Not Over	0	1	2	3
		Your credit is . . .			
28001	28050	17	52	70	71
28051	28100	16	51	69	69
28101	28150	16	50	67	67
28151	28200	16	48	65	66
28201	28250	15	47	63	64
28251	28300	15	46	62	62
28301	28350	14	44	60	60
28351	28400	14	43	58	58
28401	28450	14	42	56	57
28451	28500	13	40	54	55
28501	28550	13	39	53	53
28551	28600	12	38	51	51
28601	28650	12	36	49	49
28651	28700	12	35	47	48
28701	28750	11	34	46	46
28751	28800	11	32	44	44
28801	28850	10	31	42	42
28851	28900	10	30	40	40
28901	28950	9	28	38	39
28951	29000	9	27	37	37
29001	29050	9	26	35	35
29051	29100	8	24	33	33
29101	29150	8	23	31	31
29151	29200	7	22	29	30
29201	29250	7	20	28	28
29251	29300	7	19	26	26
29301	29350	6	18	24	24
29351	29400	6	16	22	22
29401	29450	5	15	21	21
29451	29500	5	14	19	19
29501	29550	4	12	17	17
29551	29600	4	11	15	15
29601	29650	4	10	13	13
29651	29700	3	8	12	11
29701	29750	3	7	10	10
29751	29800	2	6	8	8
29801	29850	2	4	6	6
29851	29900	2	3	5	4
29901	29950	1	2	3	2
29951	30000	1	1	1	1

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# 2021 California Tax Table

## To Find Your Tax:

- Read down the column labeled “If Your Taxable Income Is ...” to find the range that includes your taxable income from Form 540, line 19.
- Read across the columns labeled “The Tax For Filing Status” until you find the tax that applies for your taxable income and filing status.

Filing status: 1 or 3 (Single; Married/RDP Filing Separately)					2 or 5 (Married/RDP Filing Jointly; Qualifying Widow(er))					4 (Head of Household)				
If Your Taxable Income Is ...		The Tax For Filing Status			If Your Taxable Income Is ...		The Tax For Filing Status			If Your Taxable Income Is ...		The Tax For Filing Status		
At Least	But Not Over	1 Or 3 Is	2 Or 5 Is	4 Is	At Least	But Not Over	1 Or 3 Is	2 Or 5 Is	4 Is	At Least	But Not Over	1 Or 3 Is	2 Or 5 Is	4 Is
\$1	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0	6,451	6,550	65	65	65	12,951	13,050	167	130	130
51	150	1	1	1	6,551	6,650	66	66	66	13,051	13,150	169	131	131
151	250	2	2	2	6,651	6,750	67	67	67	13,151	13,250	171	132	132
251	350	3	3	3	6,751	6,850	68	68	68	13,251	13,350	173	133	133
351	450	4	4	4	6,851	6,950	69	69	69	13,351	13,450	175	134	134
451	550	5	5	5	6,951	7,050	70	70	70	13,451	13,550	177	135	135
551	650	6	6	6	7,051	7,150	71	71	71	13,551	13,650	179	136	136
651	750	7	7	7	7,151	7,250	72	72	72	13,651	13,750	181	137	137
751	850	8	8	8	7,251	7,350	73	73	73	13,751	13,850	183	138	138
851	950	9	9	9	7,351	7,450	74	74	74	13,851	13,950	185	139	139
951	1,050	10	10	10	7,451	7,550	75	75	75	13,951	14,050	187	140	140
1,051	1,150	11	11	11	7,551	7,650	76	76	76	14,051	14,150	189	141	141
1,151	1,250	12	12	12	7,651	7,750	77	77	77	14,151	14,250	191	142	142
1,251	1,350	13	13	13	7,751	7,850	78	78	78	14,251	14,350	193	143	143
1,351	1,450	14	14	14	7,851	7,950	79	79	79	14,351	14,450	195	144	144
1,451	1,550	15	15	15	7,951	8,050	80	80	80	14,451	14,550	197	145	145
1,551	1,650	16	16	16	8,051	8,150	81	81	81	14,551	14,650	199	146	146
1,651	1,750	17	17	17	8,151	8,250	82	82	82	14,651	14,750	201	147	147
1,751	1,850	18	18	18	8,251	8,350	83	83	83	14,751	14,850	203	148	148
1,851	1,950	19	19	19	8,351	8,450	84	84	84	14,851	14,950	205	149	149
1,951	2,050	20	20	20	8,451	8,550	85	85	85	14,951	15,050	207	150	150
2,051	2,150	21	21	21	8,551	8,650	86	86	86	15,051	15,150	209	151	151
2,151	2,250	22	22	22	8,651	8,750	87	87	87	15,151	15,250	211	152	152
2,251	2,350	23	23	23	8,751	8,850	88	88	88	15,251	15,350	213	153	153
2,351	2,450	24	24	24	8,851	8,950	89	89	89	15,351	15,450	215	154	154
2,451	2,550	25	25	25	8,951	9,050	90	90	90	15,451	15,550	217	155	155
2,551	2,650	26	26	26	9,051	9,150	91	91	91	15,551	15,650	219	156	156
2,651	2,750	27	27	27	9,151	9,250	92	92	92	15,651	15,750	221	157	157
2,751	2,850	28	28	28	9,251	9,350	93	93	93	15,751	15,850	223	158	158
2,851	2,950	29	29	29	9,351	9,450	95	94	94	15,851	15,950	225	159	159
2,951	3,050	30	30	30	9,451	9,550	97	95	95	15,951	16,050	227	160	160
3,051	3,150	31	31	31	9,551	9,650	99	96	96	16,051	16,150	229	161	161
3,151	3,250	32	32	32	9,651	9,750	101	97	97	16,151	16,250	231	162	162
3,251	3,350	33	33	33	9,751	9,850	103	98	98	16,251	16,350	233	163	163
3,351	3,450	34	34	34	9,851	9,950	105	99	99	16,351	16,450	235	164	164
3,451	3,550	35	35	35	9,951	10,050	107	100	100	16,451	16,550	237	165	165
3,551	3,650	36	36	36	10,051	10,150	109	101	101	16,551	16,650	239	166	166
3,651	3,750	37	37	37	10,151	10,250	111	102	102	16,651	16,750	241	167	167
3,751	3,850	38	38	38	10,251	10,350	113	103	103	16,751	16,850	243	168	168
3,851	3,950	39	39	39	10,351	10,450	115	104	104	16,851	16,950	245	169	169
3,951	4,050	40	40	40	10,451	10,550	117	105	105	16,951	17,050	247	170	170
4,051	4,150	41	41	41	10,551	10,650	119	106	106	17,051	17,150	249	171	171
4,151	4,250	42	42	42	10,651	10,750	121	107	107	17,151	17,250	251	172	172
4,251	4,350	43	43	43	10,751	10,850	123	108	108	17,251	17,350	253	173	173
4,351	4,450	44	44	44	10,851	10,950	125	109	109	17,351	17,450	255	174	174
4,451	4,550	45	45	45	10,951	11,050	127	110	110	17,451	17,550	257	175	175
4,551	4,650	46	46	46	11,051	11,150	129	111	111	17,551	17,650	259	176	176
4,651	4,750	47	47	47	11,151	11,250	131	112	112	17,651	17,750	261	177	177
4,751	4,850	48	48	48	11,251	11,350	133	113	113	17,751	17,850	263	178	178
4,851	4,950	49	49	49	11,351	11,450	135	114	114	17,851	17,950	265	179	179
4,951	5,050	50	50	50	11,451	11,550	137	115	115	17,951	18,050	267	180	180
5,051	5,150	51	51	51	11,551	11,650	139	116	116	18,051	18,150	269	181	181
5,151	5,250	52	52	52	11,651	11,750	141	117	117	18,151	18,250	271	182	182
5,251	5,350	53	53	53	11,751	11,850	143	118	118	18,251	18,350	273	183	183
5,351	5,450	54	54	54	11,851	11,950	145	119	119	18,351	18,450	275	184	184
5,451	5,550	55	55	55	11,951	12,050	147	120	120	18,451	18,550	277	185	185
5,551	5,650	56	56	56	12,051	12,150	149	121	121	18,551	18,650	279	186	186
5,651	5,750	57	57	57	12,151	12,250	151	122	122	18,651	18,750	281	188	187
5,751	5,850	58	58	58	12,251	12,350	153	123	123	18,751	18,850	283	190	189
5,851	5,950	59	59	59	12,351	12,450	155	124	124	18,851	18,950	285	192	191
5,951	6,050	60	60	60	12,451	12,550	157	125	125	18,951	19,050	287	194	193
6,051	6,150	61	61	61	12,551	12,650	159	126	126	19,051	19,150	289	196	195
6,151	6,250	62	62	62	12,651	12,750	161	127	127	19,151	19,250	291	198	197
6,251	6,350	63	63	63	12,751	12,850	163	128	128	19,251	19,350	293	200	199
6,351	6,450	64	64	64	12,851	12,950	165	129	129	19,351	19,450	295	202	201

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19,451	19,550	297	204	203	26,451	26,550	525	344	343	33,451	33,550	805	484	483
19,551	19,650	299	206	205	26,551	26,650	529	346	345	33,551	33,650	809	486	485
19,651	19,750	301	208	207	26,651	26,750	533	348	347	33,651	33,750	813	488	487
19,751	19,850	303	210	209	26,751	26,850	537	350	349	33,751	33,850	817	490	489
19,851	19,950	305	212	211	26,851	26,950	541	352	351	33,851	33,950	821	492	491
19,951	20,050	307	214	213	26,951	27,050	545	354	353	33,951	34,050	825	494	493
20,051	20,150	309	216	215	27,051	27,150	549	356	355	34,051	34,150	829	496	495
20,151	20,250	311	218	217	27,151	27,250	553	358	357	34,151	34,250	833	498	497
20,251	20,350	313	220	219	27,251	27,350	557	360	359	34,251	34,350	837	500	499
20,351	20,450	315	222	221	27,351	27,450	561	362	361	34,351	34,450	841	502	501
20,451	20,550	317	224	223	27,451	27,550	565	364	363	34,451	34,550	845	504	503
20,551	20,650	319	226	225	27,551	27,650	569	366	365	34,551	34,650	849	506	505
20,651	20,750	321	228	227	27,651	27,750	573	368	367	34,651	34,750	853	508	507
20,751	20,850	323	230	229	27,751	27,850	577	370	369	34,751	34,850	857	510	509
20,851	20,950	325	232	231	27,851	27,950	581	372	371	34,851	34,950	861	512	511
20,951	21,050	327	234	233	27,951	28,050	585	374	373	34,951	35,050	867	514	513
21,051	21,150	329	236	235	28,051	28,150	589	376	375	35,051	35,150	873	516	515
21,151	21,250	331	238	237	28,151	28,250	593	378	377	35,151	35,250	879	518	517
21,251	21,350	333	240	239	28,251	28,350	597	380	379	35,251	35,350	885	520	519
21,351	21,450	335	242	241	28,351	28,450	601	382	381	35,351	35,450	891	522	521
21,451	21,550	337	244	243	28,451	28,550	605	384	383	35,451	35,550	897	524	523
21,551	21,650	339	246	245	28,551	28,650	609	386	385	35,551	35,650	903	526	525
21,651	21,750	341	248	247	28,651	28,750	613	388	387	35,651	35,750	909	528	527
21,751	21,850	343	250	249	28,751	28,850	617	390	389	35,751	35,850	915	530	529
21,851	21,950	345	252	251	28,851	28,950	621	392	391	35,851	35,950	921	532	531
21,951	22,050	347	254	253	28,951	29,050	625	394	393	35,951	36,050	927	534	533
22,051	22,150	349	256	255	29,051	29,150	629	396	395	36,051	36,150	933	536	535
22,151	22,250	353	258	257	29,151	29,250	633	398	397	36,151	36,250	939	538	537
22,251	22,350	357	260	259	29,251	29,350	637	400	399	36,251	36,350	945	540	539
22,351	22,450	361	262	261	29,351	29,450	641	402	401	36,351	36,450	951	542	541
22,451	22,550	365	264	263	29,451	29,550	645	404	403	36,451	36,550	957	544	543
22,551	22,650	369	266	265	29,551	29,650	649	406	405	36,551	36,650	963	546	545
22,651	22,750	373	268	267	29,651	29,750	653	408	407	36,651	36,750	969	548	547
22,751	22,850	377	270	269	29,751	29,850	657	410	409	36,751	36,850	975	550	549
22,851	22,950	381	272	271	29,851	29,950	661	412	411	36,851	36,950	981	552	551
22,951	23,050	385	274	273	29,951	30,050	665	414	413	36,951	37,050	987	554	553
23,051	23,150	389	276	275	30,051	30,150	669	416	415	37,051	37,150	993	556	555
23,151	23,250	393	278	277	30,151	30,250	673	418	417	37,151	37,250	999	558	557
23,251	23,350	397	280	279	30,251	30,350	677	420	419	37,251	37,350	1,005	560	559
23,351	23,450	401	282	281	30,351	30,450	681	422	421	37,351	37,450	1,011	562	561
23,451	23,550	405	284	283	30,451	30,550	685	424	423	37,451	37,550	1,017	564	563
23,551	23,650	409	286	285	30,551	30,650	689	426	425	37,551	37,650	1,023	566	565
23,651	23,750	413	288	287	30,651	30,750	693	428	427	37,651	37,750	1,029	568	567
23,751	23,850	417	290	289	30,751	30,850	697	430	429	37,751	37,850	1,035	570	569
23,851	23,950	421	292	291	30,851	30,950	701	432	431	37,851	37,950	1,041	572	571
23,951	24,050	425	294	293	30,951	31,050	705	434	433	37,951	38,050	1,047	574	573
24,051	24,150	429	296	295	31,051	31,150	709	436	435	38,051	38,150	1,053	576	575
24,151	24,250	433	298	297	31,151	31,250	713	438	437	38,151	38,250	1,059	578	577
24,251	24,350	437	300	299	31,251	31,350	717	440	439	38,251	38,350	1,065	580	579
24,351	24,450	441	302	301	31,351	31,450	721	442	441	38,351	38,450	1,071	582	581
24,451	24,550	445	304	303	31,451	31,550	725	444	443	38,451	38,550	1,077	584	583
24,551	24,650	449	306	305	31,551	31,650	729	446	445	38,551	38,650	1,083	586	585
24,651	24,750	453	308	307	31,651	31,750	733	448	447	38,651	38,750	1,089	588	587
24,751	24,850	457	310	309	31,751	31,850	737	450	449	38,751	38,850	1,095	590	589
24,851	24,950	461	312	311	31,851	31,950	741	452	451	38,851	38,950	1,101	592	591
24,951	25,050	465	314	313	31,951	32,050	745	454	453	38,951	39,050	1,107	594	593
25,051	25,150	469	316	315	32,051	32,150	749	456	455	39,051	39,150	1,113	596	595
25,151	25,250	473	318	317	32,151	32,250	753	458	457	39,151	39,250	1,119	598	597
25,251	25,350	477	320	319	32,251	32,350	757	460	459	39,251	39,350	1,125	600	599
25,351	25,450	481	322	321	32,351	32,450	761	462	461	39,351	39,450	1,131	602	601
25,451	25,550	485	324	323	32,451	32,550	765	464	463	39,451	39,550	1,137	604	603
25,551	25,650	489	326	325	32,551	32,650	769	466	465	39,551	39,650	1,143	606	605
25,651	25,750	493	328	327	32,651	32,750	773	468	467	39,651	39,750	1,149	608	607
25,751	25,850	497	330	329	32,751	32,850	777	470	469	39,751	39,850	1,155	610	609
25,851	25,950	501	332	331	32,851	32,950	781	472	471	39,851	39,950	1,161	612	611
25,951	26,050	505	334	333	32,951	33,050	785	474	473	39,951	40,050	1,167	614	613
26,051	26,150	509	336	335	33,051	33,150	789	476	475	40,051	40,150	1,173	616	615
26,151	26,250	513	338	337	33,151	33,250	793	478	477	40,151	40,250	1,179	618	617
26,251	26,350	517	340	339	33,251	33,350	797	480	479	40,251	40,350	1,185	620	619
26,351	26,450	521	342	341	33,351	33,450	801	482	481	40,351	40,450	1,191	622	621

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40,451	40,550	1,197	624	623	47,451	47,550	1,617	829	829	54,451	54,550	2,158	1,109	1,109
40,551	40,650	1,203	626	625	47,551	47,650	1,623	833	833	54,551	54,650	2,166	1,113	1,113
40,651	40,750	1,209	628	627	47,651	47,750	1,629	837	837	54,651	54,750	2,174	1,117	1,117
40,751	40,850	1,215	630	629	47,751	47,850	1,635	841	841	54,751	54,850	2,182	1,121	1,121
40,851	40,950	1,221	632	631	47,851	47,950	1,641	845	845	54,851	54,950	2,190	1,125	1,125
40,951	41,050	1,227	634	633	47,951	48,050	1,647	849	849	54,951	55,050	2,198	1,129	1,129
41,051	41,150	1,233	636	635	48,051	48,150	1,653	853	853	55,051	55,150	2,206	1,133	1,133
41,151	41,250	1,239	638	637	48,151	48,250	1,659	857	857	55,151	55,250	2,214	1,137	1,137
41,251	41,350	1,245	640	639	48,251	48,350	1,665	861	861	55,251	55,350	2,222	1,141	1,141
41,351	41,450	1,251	642	641	48,351	48,450	1,671	865	865	55,351	55,450	2,230	1,145	1,145
41,451	41,550	1,257	644	643	48,451	48,550	1,678	869	869	55,451	55,550	2,238	1,149	1,149
41,551	41,650	1,263	646	645	48,551	48,650	1,686	873	873	55,551	55,650	2,246	1,153	1,153
41,651	41,750	1,269	648	647	48,651	48,750	1,694	877	877	55,651	55,750	2,254	1,157	1,157
41,751	41,850	1,275	650	649	48,751	48,850	1,702	881	881	55,751	55,850	2,262	1,161	1,161
41,851	41,950	1,281	652	651	48,851	48,950	1,710	885	885	55,851	55,950	2,270	1,165	1,165
41,951	42,050	1,287	654	653	48,951	49,050	1,718	889	889	55,951	56,050	2,278	1,169	1,169
42,051	42,150	1,293	656	655	49,051	49,150	1,726	893	893	56,051	56,150	2,286	1,173	1,173
42,151	42,250	1,299	658	657	49,151	49,250	1,734	897	897	56,151	56,250	2,294	1,177	1,177
42,251	42,350	1,305	660	659	49,251	49,350	1,742	901	901	56,251	56,350	2,302	1,181	1,181
42,351	42,450	1,311	662	661	49,351	49,450	1,750	905	905	56,351	56,450	2,310	1,185	1,185
42,451	42,550	1,317	664	663	49,451	49,550	1,758	909	909	56,451	56,550	2,318	1,189	1,189
42,551	42,650	1,323	666	665	49,551	49,650	1,766	913	913	56,551	56,650	2,326	1,193	1,193
42,651	42,750	1,329	668	667	49,651	49,750	1,774	917	917	56,651	56,750	2,334	1,197	1,197
42,751	42,850	1,335	670	669	49,751	49,850	1,782	921	921	56,751	56,850	2,342	1,201	1,201
42,851	42,950	1,341	672	671	49,851	49,950	1,790	925	925	56,851	56,950	2,350	1,205	1,205
42,951	43,050	1,347	674	673	49,951	50,050	1,798	929	929	56,951	57,050	2,358	1,209	1,209
43,051	43,150	1,353	676	675	50,051	50,150	1,806	933	933	57,051	57,150	2,366	1,213	1,213
43,151	43,250	1,359	678	677	50,151	50,250	1,814	937	937	57,151	57,250	2,374	1,217	1,217
43,251	43,350	1,365	680	679	50,251	50,350	1,822	941	941	57,251	57,350	2,382	1,221	1,221
43,351	43,450	1,371	682	681	50,351	50,450	1,830	945	945	57,351	57,450	2,390	1,225	1,225
43,451	43,550	1,377	684	683	50,451	50,550	1,838	949	949	57,451	57,550	2,398	1,229	1,229
43,551	43,650	1,383	686	685	50,551	50,650	1,846	953	953	57,551	57,650	2,406	1,233	1,233
43,651	43,750	1,389	688	687	50,651	50,750	1,854	957	957	57,651	57,750	2,414	1,237	1,237
43,751	43,850	1,395	690	689	50,751	50,850	1,862	961	961	57,751	57,850	2,422	1,241	1,241
43,851	43,950	1,401	692	691	50,851	50,950	1,870	965	965	57,851	57,950	2,430	1,245	1,245
43,951	44,050	1,407	694	693	50,951	51,050	1,878	969	969	57,951	58,050	2,438	1,249	1,249
44,051	44,150	1,413	696	695	51,051	51,150	1,886	973	973	58,051	58,150	2,446	1,253	1,253
44,151	44,250	1,419	698	697	51,151	51,250	1,894	977	977	58,151	58,250	2,454	1,257	1,257
44,251	44,350	1,425	701	701	51,251	51,350	1,902	981	981	58,251	58,350	2,462	1,261	1,261
44,351	44,450	1,431	705	705	51,351	51,450	1,910	985	985	58,351	58,450	2,470	1,265	1,265
44,451	44,550	1,437	709	709	51,451	51,550	1,918	989	989	58,451	58,550	2,478	1,269	1,269
44,551	44,650	1,443	713	713	51,551	51,650	1,926	993	993	58,551	58,650	2,486	1,273	1,273
44,651	44,750	1,449	717	717	51,651	51,750	1,934	997	997	58,651	58,750	2,494	1,277	1,277
44,751	44,850	1,455	721	721	51,751	51,850	1,942	1,001	1,001	58,751	58,850	2,502	1,281	1,281
44,851	44,950	1,461	725	725	51,851	51,950	1,950	1,005	1,005	58,851	58,950	2,510	1,285	1,285
44,951	45,050	1,467	729	729	51,951	52,050	1,958	1,009	1,009	58,951	59,050	2,518	1,289	1,289
45,051	45,150	1,473	733	733	52,051	52,150	1,966	1,013	1,013	59,051	59,150	2,526	1,293	1,293
45,151	45,250	1,479	737	737	52,151	52,250	1,974	1,017	1,017	59,151	59,250	2,534	1,297	1,297
45,251	45,350	1,485	741	741	52,251	52,350	1,982	1,021	1,021	59,251	59,350	2,542	1,301	1,301
45,351	45,450	1,491	745	745	52,351	52,450	1,990	1,025	1,025	59,351	59,450	2,550	1,305	1,305
45,451	45,550	1,497	749	749	52,451	52,550	1,998	1,029	1,029	59,451	59,550	2,558	1,309	1,309
45,551	45,650	1,503	753	753	52,551	52,650	2,006	1,033	1,033	59,551	59,650	2,566	1,313	1,313
45,651	45,750	1,509	757	757	52,651	52,750	2,014	1,037	1,037	59,651	59,750	2,574	1,317	1,317
45,751	45,850	1,515	761	761	52,751	52,850	2,022	1,041	1,041	59,751	59,850	2,582	1,321	1,321
45,851	45,950	1,521	765	765	52,851	52,950	2,030	1,045	1,045	59,851	59,950	2,590	1,325	1,325
45,951	46,050	1,527	769	769	52,951	53,050	2,038	1,049	1,049	59,951	60,050	2,598	1,329	1,329
46,051	46,150	1,533	773	773	53,051	53,150	2,046	1,053	1,053	60,051	60,150	2,606	1,333	1,333
46,151	46,250	1,539	777	777	53,151	53,250	2,054	1,057	1,057	60,151	60,250	2,614	1,337	1,337
46,251	46,350	1,545	781	781	53,251	53,350	2,062	1,061	1,061	60,251	60,350	2,622	1,341	1,341
46,351	46,450	1,551	785	785	53,351	53,450	2,070	1,065	1,065	60,351	60,450	2,630	1,345	1,345
46,451	46,550	1,557	789	789	53,451	53,550	2,078	1,069	1,069	60,451	60,550	2,638	1,349	1,349
46,551	46,650	1,563	793	793	53,551	53,650	2,086	1,073	1,073	60,551	60,650	2,646	1,353	1,353
46,651	46,750	1,569	797	797	53,651	53,750	2,094	1,077	1,077	60,651	60,750	2,654	1,357	1,357
46,751	46,850	1,575	801	801	53,751	53,850	2,102	1,081	1,081	60,751	60,850	2,662	1,361	1,361
46,851	46,950	1,581	805	805	53,851	53,950	2,110	1,085	1,085	60,851	60,950	2,670	1,365	1,365
46,951	47,050	1,587	809	809	53,951	54,050	2,118	1,089	1,089	60,951	61,050	2,678	1,369	1,369
47,051	47,150	1,593	813	813	54,051	54,150	2,126	1,093	1,093	61,051	61,150	2,686	1,373	1,373
47,151	47,250	1,599	817	817	54,151	54,250	2,134	1,097	1,097	61,151	61,250	2,694	1,377	1,377
47,251	47,350	1,605	821	821	54,251	54,350	2,142	1,101	1,101	61,251	61,350	2,702	1,381	1,381
47,351	47,450	1,611	825	825	54,351	54,450	2,150	1,105	1,105	61,351	61,450	2,710	1,385	1,385

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61,451	61,550	2,722	1,389	1,479	68,451	68,550	3,373	1,669	1,899	75,451	75,550	4,024	2,064	2,418
61,551	61,650	2,731	1,393	1,485	68,551	68,650	3,382	1,673	1,905	75,551	75,650	4,033	2,070	2,426
61,651	61,750	2,740	1,397	1,491	68,651	68,750	3,391	1,677	1,911	75,651	75,750	4,042	2,076	2,434
61,751	61,850	2,750	1,401	1,497	68,751	68,850	3,401	1,681	1,917	75,751	75,850	4,052	2,082	2,442
61,851	61,950	2,759	1,405	1,503	68,851	68,950	3,410	1,685	1,923	75,851	75,950	4,061	2,088	2,450
61,951	62,050	2,768	1,409	1,509	68,951	69,050	3,419	1,689	1,929	75,951	76,050	4,070	2,094	2,458
62,051	62,150	2,778	1,413	1,515	69,051	69,150	3,429	1,693	1,935	76,051	76,150	4,080	2,100	2,466
62,151	62,250	2,787	1,417	1,521	69,151	69,250	3,438	1,697	1,941	76,151	76,250	4,089	2,106	2,474
62,251	62,350	2,796	1,421	1,527	69,251	69,350	3,447	1,701	1,947	76,251	76,350	4,098	2,112	2,482
62,351	62,450	2,805	1,425	1,533	69,351	69,450	3,456	1,705	1,953	76,351	76,450	4,107	2,118	2,490
62,451	62,550	2,815	1,429	1,539	69,451	69,550	3,466	1,709	1,959	76,451	76,550	4,117	2,124	2,498
62,551	62,650	2,824	1,433	1,545	69,551	69,650	3,475	1,713	1,965	76,551	76,650	4,126	2,130	2,506
62,651	62,750	2,833	1,437	1,551	69,651	69,750	3,484	1,717	1,971	76,651	76,750	4,135	2,136	2,514
62,751	62,850	2,843	1,441	1,557	69,751	69,850	3,494	1,722	1,977	76,751	76,850	4,145	2,142	2,522
62,851	62,950	2,852	1,445	1,563	69,851	69,950	3,503	1,728	1,983	76,851	76,950	4,154	2,148	2,530
62,951	63,050	2,861	1,449	1,569	69,951	70,050	3,512	1,734	1,989	76,951	77,050	4,163	2,154	2,538
63,051	63,150	2,871	1,453	1,575	70,051	70,150	3,522	1,740	1,995	77,051	77,150	4,173	2,160	2,546
63,151	63,250	2,880	1,457	1,581	70,151	70,250	3,531	1,746	2,001	77,151	77,250	4,182	2,166	2,554
63,251	63,350	2,889	1,461	1,587	70,251	70,350	3,540	1,752	2,007	77,251	77,350	4,191	2,172	2,562
63,351	63,450	2,898	1,465	1,593	70,351	70,450	3,549	1,758	2,013	77,351	77,450	4,200	2,178	2,570
63,451	63,550	2,908	1,469	1,599	70,451	70,550	3,559	1,764	2,019	77,451	77,550	4,210	2,184	2,578
63,551	63,650	2,917	1,473	1,605	70,551	70,650	3,568	1,770	2,026	77,551	77,650	4,219	2,190	2,586
63,651	63,750	2,926	1,477	1,611	70,651	70,750	3,577	1,776	2,034	77,651	77,750	4,228	2,196	2,594
63,751	63,850	2,936	1,481	1,617	70,751	70,850	3,587	1,782	2,042	77,751	77,850	4,238	2,202	2,602
63,851	63,950	2,945	1,485	1,623	70,851	70,950	3,596	1,788	2,050	77,851	77,950	4,247	2,208	2,610
63,951	64,050	2,954	1,489	1,629	70,951	71,050	3,605	1,794	2,058	77,951	78,050	4,256	2,214	2,618
64,051	64,150	2,964	1,493	1,635	71,051	71,150	3,615	1,800	2,066	78,051	78,150	4,266	2,220	2,626
64,151	64,250	2,973	1,497	1,641	71,151	71,250	3,624	1,806	2,074	78,151	78,250	4,275	2,226	2,634
64,251	64,350	2,982	1,501	1,647	71,251	71,350	3,633	1,812	2,082	78,251	78,350	4,284	2,232	2,642
64,351	64,450	2,991	1,505	1,653	71,351	71,450	3,642	1,818	2,090	78,351	78,450	4,293	2,238	2,650
64,451	64,550	3,001	1,509	1,659	71,451	71,550	3,652	1,824	2,098	78,451	78,550	4,303	2,244	2,658
64,551	64,650	3,010	1,513	1,665	71,551	71,650	3,661	1,830	2,106	78,551	78,650	4,312	2,250	2,666
64,651	64,750	3,019	1,517	1,671	71,651	71,750	3,670	1,836	2,114	78,651	78,750	4,321	2,256	2,674
64,751	64,850	3,029	1,521	1,677	71,751	71,850	3,680	1,842	2,122	78,751	78,850	4,331	2,262	2,682
64,851	64,950	3,038	1,525	1,683	71,851	71,950	3,689	1,848	2,130	78,851	78,950	4,340	2,268	2,690
64,951	65,050	3,047	1,529	1,689	71,951	72,050	3,698	1,854	2,138	78,951	79,050	4,349	2,274	2,698
65,051	65,150	3,057	1,533	1,695	72,051	72,150	3,708	1,860	2,146	79,051	79,150	4,359	2,280	2,706
65,151	65,250	3,066	1,537	1,701	72,151	72,250	3,717	1,866	2,154	79,151	79,250	4,368	2,286	2,714
65,251	65,350	3,075	1,541	1,707	72,251	72,350	3,726	1,872	2,162	79,251	79,350	4,377	2,292	2,722
65,351	65,450	3,084	1,545	1,713	72,351	72,450	3,735	1,878	2,170	79,351	79,450	4,386	2,298	2,730
65,451	65,550	3,094	1,549	1,719	72,451	72,550	3,745	1,884	2,178	79,451	79,550	4,396	2,304	2,738
65,551	65,650	3,103	1,553	1,725	72,551	72,650	3,754	1,890	2,186	79,551	79,650	4,405	2,310	2,746
65,651	65,750	3,112	1,557	1,731	72,651	72,750	3,763	1,896	2,194	79,651	79,750	4,414	2,316	2,754
65,751	65,850	3,122	1,561	1,737	72,751	72,850	3,773	1,902	2,202	79,751	79,850	4,424	2,322	2,762
65,851	65,950	3,131	1,565	1,743	72,851	72,950	3,782	1,908	2,210	79,851	79,950	4,433	2,328	2,770
65,951	66,050	3,140	1,569	1,749	72,951	73,050	3,791	1,914	2,218	79,951	80,050	4,442	2,334	2,778
66,051	66,150	3,150	1,573	1,755	73,051	73,150	3,801	1,920	2,226	80,051	80,150	4,452	2,340	2,786
66,151	66,250	3,159	1,577	1,761	73,151	73,250	3,810	1,926	2,234	80,151	80,250	4,461	2,346	2,794
66,251	66,350	3,168	1,581	1,767	73,251	73,350	3,819	1,932	2,242	80,251	80,350	4,470	2,352	2,802
66,351	66,450	3,177	1,585	1,773	73,351	73,450	3,828	1,938	2,250	80,351	80,450	4,479	2,358	2,810
66,451	66,550	3,187	1,589	1,779	73,451	73,550	3,838	1,944	2,258	80,451	80,550	4,489	2,364	2,818
66,551	66,650	3,196	1,593	1,785	73,551	73,650	3,847	1,950	2,266	80,551	80,650	4,498	2,370	2,826
66,651	66,750	3,205	1,597	1,791	73,651	73,750	3,856	1,956	2,274	80,651	80,750	4,507	2,376	2,834
66,751	66,850	3,215	1,601	1,797	73,751	73,850	3,866	1,962	2,282	80,751	80,850	4,517	2,382	2,842
66,851	66,950	3,224	1,605	1,803	73,851	73,950	3,875	1,968	2,290	80,851	80,950	4,526	2,388	2,850
66,951	67,050	3,233	1,609	1,809	73,951	74,050	3,884	1,974	2,298	80,951	81,050	4,535	2,394	2,858
67,051	67,150	3,243	1,613	1,815	74,051	74,150	3,894	1,980	2,306	81,051	81,150	4,545	2,400	2,866
67,151	67,250	3,252	1,617	1,821	74,151	74,250	3,903	1,986	2,314	81,151	81,250	4,554	2,406	2,874
67,251	67,350	3,261	1,621	1,827	74,251	74,350	3,912	1,992	2,322	81,251	81,350	4,563	2,412	2,882
67,351	67,450	3,270	1,625	1,833	74,351	74,450	3,921	1,998	2,330	81,351	81,450	4,572	2,418	2,890
67,451	67,550	3,280	1,629	1,839	74,451	74,550	3,931	2,004	2,338	81,451	81,550	4,582	2,424	2,898
67,551	67,650	3,289	1,633	1,845	74,551	74,650	3,940	2,010	2,346	81,551	81,650	4,591	2,430	2,906
67,651	67,750	3,298	1,637	1,851	74,651	74,750	3,949	2,016	2,354	81,651	81,750	4,600	2,436	2,914
67,751	67,850	3,308	1,641	1,857	74,751	74,850	3,959	2,022	2,362	81,751	81,850	4,610	2,442	2,922
67,851	67,950	3,317	1,645	1,863	74,851	74,950	3,968	2,028	2,370	81,851	81,950	4,619	2,448	2,930
67,951	68,050	3,326	1,649	1,869	74,951	75,050	3,977	2,034	2,378	81,951	82,050	4,628	2,454	2,938
68,051	68,150	3,336	1,653	1,875	75,051	75,150	3,987	2,040	2,386	82,051	82,150	4,638	2,460	2,946
68,151	68,250	3,345	1,657	1,881	75,151	75,250	3,996	2,046	2,394	82,151	82,250	4,647	2,466	2,954
68,251	68,350	3,354	1,661	1,887	75,251	75,350	4,005	2,052	2,402	82,251	82,350	4,656	2,472	2,962
68,351	68,450	3,363	1,665	1,893	75,351	75,450	4,014	2,058	2,410	82,351	82,450	4,665	2,478	2,970

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Filing status: 1 or 3 (Single; Married/RDP Filing Separately) 2 or 5 (Married/RDP Filing Jointly; Qualifying Widow(er)) 4 (Head of Household)														
If Your Taxable Income Is ...		The Tax For Filing Status			If Your Taxable Income Is ...		The Tax For Filing Status			If Your Taxable Income Is ...		The Tax For Filing Status		
At Least	But Not Over	1 Or 3 Is	2 Or 5 Is	4 Is	At Least	But Not Over	1 Or 3 Is	2 Or 5 Is	4 Is	At Least	But Not Over	1 Or 3 Is	2 Or 5 Is	4 Is
82,451	82,550	4,675	2,484	2,978	88,951	89,050	5,279	2,874	3,572	95,451	95,550	5,884	3,264	4,176
82,551	82,650	4,684	2,490	2,986	89,051	89,150	5,289	2,880	3,581	95,551	95,650	5,893	3,270	4,186
82,651	82,750	4,693	2,496	2,994	89,151	89,250	5,298	2,886	3,591	95,651	95,750	5,902	3,276	4,195
82,751	82,850	4,703	2,502	3,002	89,251	89,350	5,307	2,892	3,600	95,751	95,850	5,912	3,282	4,204
82,851	82,950	4,712	2,508	3,010	89,351	89,450	5,316	2,898	3,609	95,851	95,950	5,921	3,288	4,214
82,951	83,050	4,721	2,514	3,018	89,451	89,550	5,326	2,904	3,618	95,951	96,050	5,930	3,294	4,223
83,051	83,150	4,731	2,520	3,026	89,551	89,650	5,335	2,910	3,628	96,051	96,150	5,940	3,300	4,232
83,151	83,250	4,740	2,526	3,034	89,651	89,750	5,344	2,916	3,637	96,151	96,250	5,949	3,306	4,242
83,251	83,350	4,749	2,532	3,042	89,751	89,850	5,354	2,922	3,646	96,251	96,350	5,958	3,312	4,251
83,351	83,450	4,758	2,538	3,051	89,851	89,950	5,363	2,928	3,656	96,351	96,450	5,967	3,318	4,260
83,451	83,550	4,768	2,544	3,060	89,951	90,050	5,372	2,934	3,665	96,451	96,550	5,977	3,324	4,269
83,551	83,650	4,777	2,550	3,070	90,051	90,150	5,382	2,940	3,674	96,551	96,650	5,986	3,330	4,279
83,651	83,750	4,786	2,556	3,079	90,151	90,250	5,391	2,946	3,684	96,651	96,750	5,995	3,336	4,288
83,751	83,850	4,796	2,562	3,088	90,251	90,350	5,400	2,952	3,693	96,751	96,850	6,005	3,342	4,297
83,851	83,950	4,805	2,568	3,098	90,351	90,450	5,409	2,958	3,702	96,851	96,950	6,014	3,348	4,307
83,951	84,050	4,814	2,574	3,107	90,451	90,550	5,419	2,964	3,711	96,951	97,050	6,023	3,356	4,316
84,051	84,150	4,824	2,580	3,116	90,551	90,650	5,428	2,970	3,721	97,051	97,150	6,033	3,364	4,325
84,151	84,250	4,833	2,586	3,126	90,651	90,750	5,437	2,976	3,730	97,151	97,250	6,042	3,372	4,335
84,251	84,350	4,842	2,592	3,135	90,751	90,850	5,447	2,982	3,739	97,251	97,350	6,051	3,380	4,344
84,351	84,450	4,851	2,598	3,144	90,851	90,950	5,456	2,988	3,749	97,351	97,450	6,060	3,388	4,353
84,451	84,550	4,861	2,604	3,153	90,951	91,050	5,465	2,994	3,758	97,451	97,550	6,070	3,396	4,362
84,551	84,650	4,870	2,610	3,163	91,051	91,150	5,475	3,000	3,767	97,551	97,650	6,079	3,404	4,372
84,651	84,750	4,879	2,616	3,172	91,151	91,250	5,484	3,006	3,777	97,651	97,750	6,088	3,412	4,381
84,751	84,850	4,889	2,622	3,181	91,251	91,350	5,493	3,012	3,786	97,751	97,850	6,098	3,420	4,390
84,851	84,950	4,898	2,628	3,191	91,351	91,450	5,502	3,018	3,795	97,851	97,950	6,107	3,428	4,400
84,951	85,050	4,907	2,634	3,200	91,451	91,550	5,512	3,024	3,804	97,951	98,050	6,116	3,436	4,409
85,051	85,150	4,917	2,640	3,209	91,551	91,650	5,521	3,030	3,814	98,051	98,150	6,126	3,444	4,418
85,151	85,250	4,926	2,646	3,219	91,651	91,750	5,530	3,036	3,823	98,151	98,250	6,135	3,452	4,428
85,251	85,350	4,935	2,652	3,228	91,751	91,850	5,540	3,042	3,832	98,251	98,350	6,144	3,460	4,437
85,351	85,450	4,944	2,658	3,237	91,851	91,950	5,549	3,048	3,842	98,351	98,450	6,153	3,468	4,446
85,451	85,550	4,954	2,664	3,246	91,951	92,050	5,558	3,054	3,851	98,451	98,550	6,163	3,476	4,455
85,551	85,650	4,963	2,670	3,256	92,051	92,150	5,568	3,060	3,860	98,551	98,650	6,172	3,484	4,465
85,651	85,750	4,972	2,676	3,265	92,151	92,250	5,577	3,066	3,870	98,651	98,750	6,181	3,492	4,474
85,751	85,850	4,982	2,682	3,274	92,251	92,350	5,586	3,072	3,879	98,751	98,850	6,191	3,500	4,483
85,851	85,950	4,991	2,688	3,284	92,351	92,450	5,595	3,078	3,888	98,851	98,950	6,200	3,508	4,493
85,951	86,050	5,000	2,694	3,293	92,451	92,550	5,605	3,084	3,897	98,951	99,050	6,209	3,516	4,502
86,051	86,150	5,010	2,700	3,302	92,551	92,650	5,614	3,090	3,907	99,051	99,150	6,219	3,524	4,511
86,151	86,250	5,019	2,706	3,312	92,651	92,750	5,623	3,096	3,916	99,151	99,250	6,228	3,532	4,521
86,251	86,350	5,028	2,712	3,321	92,751	92,850	5,633	3,102	3,925	99,251	99,350	6,237	3,540	4,530
86,351	86,450	5,037	2,718	3,330	92,851	92,950	5,642	3,108	3,935	99,351	99,450	6,246	3,548	4,539
86,451	86,550	5,047	2,724	3,339	92,951	93,050	5,651	3,114	3,944	99,451	99,550	6,256	3,556	4,548
86,551	86,650	5,056	2,730	3,349	93,051	93,150	5,661	3,120	3,953	99,551	99,650	6,265	3,564	4,558
86,651	86,750	5,065	2,736	3,358	93,151	93,250	5,670	3,126	3,963	99,651	99,750	6,274	3,572	4,567
86,751	86,850	5,075	2,742	3,367	93,251	93,350	5,679	3,132	3,972	99,751	99,850	6,284	3,580	4,576
86,851	86,950	5,084	2,748	3,377	93,351	93,450	5,688	3,138	3,981	99,851	99,950	6,293	3,588	4,586
86,951	87,050	5,093	2,754	3,386	93,451	93,550	5,698	3,144	3,990	99,951	100,000	6,300	3,594	4,593
87,051	87,150	5,103	2,760	3,395	93,551	93,650	5,707	3,150	4,000	OVER \$100,000 YOU MUST COMPUTE YOUR TAX USING THE TAX RATE SCHEDULES.				
87,151	87,250	5,112	2,766	3,405	93,651	93,750	5,716	3,156	4,009					
87,251	87,350	5,121	2,772	3,414	93,751	93,850	5,726	3,162	4,018					
87,351	87,450	5,130	2,778	3,423	93,851	93,950	5,735	3,168	4,028					
87,451	87,550	5,140	2,784	3,432	93,951	94,050	5,744	3,174	4,037					
87,551	87,650	5,149	2,790	3,442	94,051	94,150	5,754	3,180	4,046					
87,651	87,750	5,158	2,796	3,451	94,151	94,250	5,763	3,186	4,056					
87,751	87,850	5,168	2,802	3,460	94,251	94,350	5,772	3,192	4,065					
87,851	87,950	5,177	2,808	3,470	94,351	94,450	5,781	3,198	4,074					
87,951	88,050	5,186	2,814	3,479	94,451	94,550	5,791	3,204	4,083					
88,051	88,150	5,196	2,820	3,488	94,551	94,650	5,800	3,210	4,093					
88,151	88,250	5,205	2,826	3,498	94,651	94,750	5,809	3,216	4,102					
88,251	88,350	5,214	2,832	3,507	94,751	94,850	5,819	3,222	4,111					
88,351	88,450	5,223	2,838	3,516	94,851	94,950	5,828	3,228	4,121					
88,451	88,550	5,233	2,844	3,525	94,951	95,050	5,837	3,234	4,130					
88,551	88,650	5,242	2,850	3,535	95,051	95,150	5,847	3,240	4,139					
88,651	88,750	5,251	2,856	3,544	95,151	95,250	5,856	3,246	4,149					
88,751	88,850	5,261	2,862	3,553	95,251	95,350	5,865	3,252	4,158					
88,851	88,950	5,270	2,868	3,563	95,351	95,450	5,874	3,258	4,167					

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Use only if your taxable income on Form 540, line 19 is more than \$100,000. If \$100,000 or less, use the Tax Table.

	If the amount on Form 540, line 19 is		Enter on Form 540, line 31		of the amount over –
	over –	But not over –			
<b>Schedule X –</b> Use if your filing status is <b>Single or Married/RDP Filing Separately</b>	\$ 0	\$ 9,325	\$ 0.00	+ 1.00%	\$ 0
	9,325	22,107	93.25	+ 2.00%	9,325
	22,107	34,892	348.89	+ 4.00%	22,107
	34,892	48,435	860.29	+ 6.00%	34,892
	48,435	61,214	1,672.87	+ 8.00%	48,435
	61,214	312,686	2,695.19	+ 9.30%	61,214
	312,686	375,221	26,082.09	+ 10.30%	312,686
	375,221	625,369	32,523.20	+ 11.30%	375,221
625,369	AND OVER	60,789.92	+ 12.30%	625,369	

<b>Schedule Y –</b> Use if your filing status is <b>Married/RDP Filing Jointly or Qualifying Widow(er)</b>	\$ 0	\$ 18,650	\$ 0.00	+ 1.00%	\$ 0
	18,650	44,214	186.50	+ 2.00%	18,650
	44,214	69,784	697.78	+ 4.00%	44,214
	69,784	96,870	1,720.58	+ 6.00%	69,784
	96,870	122,428	3,345.74	+ 8.00%	96,870
	122,428	625,372	5,390.38	+ 9.30%	122,428
	625,372	750,442	52,164.17	+ 10.30%	625,372
	750,442	1,250,738	65,046.38	+ 11.30%	750,442
1,250,738	AND OVER	121,579.83	+ 12.30%	1,250,738	

<b>Schedule Z –</b> Use if your filing status is <b>Head of Household</b>	\$ 0	\$ 18,663	\$ 0.00	+ 1.00%	\$ 0
	18,663	44,217	186.63	+ 2.00%	18,663
	44,217	56,999	697.71	+ 4.00%	44,217
	56,999	70,542	1,208.99	+ 6.00%	56,999
	70,542	83,324	2,021.57	+ 8.00%	70,542
	83,324	425,251	3,044.13	+ 9.30%	83,324
	425,251	510,303	34,843.34	+ 10.30%	425,251
	510,303	850,503	43,603.70	+ 11.30%	510,303
850,503	AND OVER	82,046.30	+ 12.30%	850,503	

## How to Figure Tax Using the 2021 California Tax Rate Schedules

**Example:** Chris and Pat Smith are filing a joint tax return using Form 540. Their taxable income on Form 540, line 19 is \$125,000.

**Step 1:** Using Schedule Y, they find the taxable income range that includes their taxable income of \$125,000.

	<b>Example</b>	<b>Your Income</b>
<b>Step 2:</b> They subtract the amount at the beginning of their range from their taxable income.	$\begin{array}{r} \$ 125,000 \\ - 122,428 \\ \hline \$ 2,572 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} \$ \\ - \\ \hline \$ \end{array}$
<b>Step 3:</b> They multiply the result from Step 2 by the percentage for their range.	$\begin{array}{r} \$ 2,572 \\ \times .0930 \\ \hline \$ 239.20 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} \$ \\ \times \\ \hline \$ \end{array}$
<b>Step 4:</b> They round the amount from Step 3 to two decimals (if necessary) and add it to the tax amount for their income range. After rounding the result, they will enter \$5,630 on Form 540, line 31.	$\begin{array}{r} \$5,390.38 \\ + 239.20 \\ \hline \$5,629.58 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} \$ \\ + \\ \hline \$ \end{array}$

# How To Get California Tax Information

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## Where To Get Income Tax Forms and Publications

**By Internet** – You can download, view, and print California income tax forms and publications at [ftb.ca.gov/forms](http://ftb.ca.gov/forms) or you may have these forms and publications mailed to you. Many of our most frequently used forms may be filed electronically, printed out for submission, and saved for record keeping.

**By phone** – To order California tax forms and publications:

- Refer to the list on the next page and find the code number for the form you want to order.
- Call 800.338.0505.
- Follow the recorded instructions.
- Enter the three-digit form code when you are instructed.

Allow two weeks to receive your order. If you live outside California, allow three weeks to receive your order.

**In person** – Many post offices and libraries provide free California tax booklets during the filing season.

Employees at libraries and post offices cannot provide tax information or assistance.

**By mail** – Write to:

TAX FORMS REQUEST UNIT MS D120  
FRANCHISE TAX BOARD  
PO BOX 307  
RANCHO CORDOVA CA 95741-0307

## Letters

If you write to us, be sure your letter includes your social security number or individual taxpayer identification number and your daytime and evening telephone numbers. Send your letter to:

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD  
PO BOX 942840  
SACRAMENTO CA 94240-0040

We will respond to your letter within 10 weeks. In some cases, we may call you to respond to your inquiry, or ask you for additional information. **Do not** attach correspondence to your tax return unless the correspondence relates to an item on the return.

## Your Rights As A Taxpayer

The FTB's goals include making certain that your rights are protected so that you have the highest confidence in the integrity, efficiency, and fairness of our state tax system. For more information, get FTB 4058, California Taxpayers' Bill of Rights. See "Where To Get Income Tax Forms and Publications."

## Franchise Tax Board Privacy Notice on Collection

The privacy and security of your personal information is of the utmost importance to us. We want you to have the highest confidence in the integrity, efficiency, and fairness of our state tax system.

**Your Rights and Responsibilities** – You have a right to know what types of information we gather, how we use it, and to whom we may provide it. Information collected is subject to the California Information Practices Act, Civil Code section 1798-1798.78, except as provided in Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Section 19570.

If you meet certain requirements, you must file a valid tax return and related documents. You must provide your social security number or other identifying number on your tax return and related documents for identification. (R&TC Sections 18501, 18621, and 18624)

**Reasons for Information Requests** – We may request additional information to verify and collect the correct amount of tax. (R&TC Section 19504) You must provide all requested information, unless indicated as "optional."

**Consequences of Noncompliance** – We charge penalties and interest if you:

- Meet income requirements but do not file a valid tax return.
- Do not provide the information we request.
- Provide false information.

We may also disallow your claimed exemptions, exclusions, credits, deductions, or adjustments. If you provide false information, you may be subject to civil penalties and criminal prosecution. Noncompliance can increase your tax liability, or delay or reduce any tax refund.

**Disclosure of Information** – We will not disclose your personal information, unless authorized by law. We may disclose your tax information to:

- The Internal Revenue Service.
- Other states' income tax officials.
- California government agencies and officials.
- Third parties to determine or collect your tax liabilities.
- Your authorized representative(s).

If you owe taxes, we may disclose your balance due as part of our collection process to: employers, financial institutions, county recorders, process agents, or other asset holders.

**Responsibility for the Records** – The director of the Processing Services Bureau maintains Franchise Tax Board's records. You may review your records and bring any inaccuracies to our attention. You can obtain information about your records by:

### Phone

800.852.5711 (within the United States)  
916.845.6500 (outside of the United States)

### Mail

DISCLOSURE OFFICER MS A181  
FRANCHISE TAX BOARD  
PO BOX 1468  
SACRAMENTO CA 95812-1468

To learn more about our Privacy Policy Statement, go to [ftb.ca.gov/privacy](http://ftb.ca.gov/privacy).

**Automated Phone Service**

Use our automated phone service to get recorded answers to many of your questions about California Taxes and to order current year Personal Income Tax Forms and Publications. You can also:

- Get current year tax refund information.
- Get balance due and payment information.

Have paper and pencil ready to take notes.

Telephone: 800.338.0505 from within the United States  
916.845.6500 from outside the United States

**Answers To Tax Questions**

Call our automated phone service, follow the recorded instructions and enter the 3-digit code.

**Code Filing Assistance**

- 100 Do I need to file a tax return?
- 111 Which form should I use?
- 112 How do I file electronically and get a fast refund?
- 201 How can I get an extension to file?
- 203 What is the nonrefundable renter's credit and how do I qualify?
- 204 I never received a Form W-2. What do I do?
- 205 I have no withholding taken out. What do I do?
- 206 Do I have to attach a copy of my federal tax return?
- 209 I lived in California for part of the year. Do I have to file a tax return?
- 210 I did not live in California. Do I have to file a tax return?
- 215 Who qualifies me to use the head of household filing status?
- 222 How much can I deduct for vehicle license fees?

**Penalties**

- 403 What is the estimate penalty rate?

**Notices And Bills**

- 503 How do I file a protest against a Notice of Proposed Assessment?
- 506 How can I get information about my Form 1099-G?

**Tax For Children**

- 601 Can my child take a personal exemption credit when I claim her or him as a dependent on my tax return?

**Miscellaneous**

- 611 What address do I send my payment to?
- 619 How do I report a change of address?

**Order Forms and Publications**

If your current address is on file, you can order California tax forms and publications. Call our automated phone service, follow the recorded instructions and enter the 3-digit code.

**Code California Tax Forms and Publications**

- 900 California Resident Income Tax Booklet: Form 540, Resident Income Tax Return
- 965 Form 540 2EZ Tax Booklet
- 903 Schedule CA (540), California Adjustments – Residents, FTB 3885A, Depreciation and Amortization Adjustments, and Schedule D, California Capital Gain or Loss Adjustment

- 969 Large Print Resident Booklet
- 907 Form 540-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals
- 908 Schedule X, California Explanation of Amended Return Changes
- 909 Schedule D-1, Sales of Business Property
- 910 Schedule G-1, Tax on Lump-Sum Distributions
- 911 Schedule P (540), Alternative Minimum Tax and Credit Limitations – Residents
- 913 Schedule S, Other State Tax Credit
- 914 California Nonresident Income Tax Booklet: Form 540NR, Nonresident or Part-Year Resident Income Tax Return
- 917 Schedule CA (540NR), California Adjustments – Nonresidents or Part-Year Residents
- 918 Schedule P (540NR), Alternative Minimum Tax and Credit Limitations – Nonresidents or Part-Year Residents
- 948 FTB 1131 EN-SP, Franchise Tax Board Privacy Notice on Collection
- 932 FTB 3506, Child and Dependent Care Expenses Credit
- 938 FTB 3514, California Earned Income Tax Credit
- 937 FTB 3516, Request for Copy of Personal Income or Fiduciary Tax Return
- 921 FTB 3519, Payment for Automatic Extension for Individuals
- 922 FTB 3525, Substitute for Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement
- 923 FTB 3526, Investment Interest Expense Deduction
- 939 FTB 3532, Head of Household Filing Status Schedule
- 940 FTB 3540, Credit Carryover and Recapture Summary
- 949 FTB 3567, Installment Agreement Request
- 924 FTB 3800, Tax Computation for Certain Children with Unearned Income
- 929 FTB 3801, Passive Activity Loss Limitations
- 925 FTB 3805E, Installment Sale Income
- 928 FTB 3805P, Additional Taxes on Qualified Plans (Including IRAs) and Other Tax-Favored Accounts
- 926 FTB 3805V, Net Operating Loss (NOL) Computation and NOL and Disaster Loss Limitations — Individuals, Estates, and Trusts
- 943 FTB 4058, California Taxpayers' Bill of Rights
- 927 FTB 5805, Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Individuals and Fiduciaries
- 919 FTB Pub. 1001, Supplemental Guidelines to California Adjustments
- 920 FTB Pub. 1005, Pension and Annuity Guidelines
- 945 FTB Pub. 1006, California Tax Forms and Related Federal Forms
- 946 FTB Pub. 1008, Federal Tax Adjustments and Your Notification Responsibilities to California
- 941 FTB Pub. 1031, Guidelines for Determining Resident Status
- 942 FTB Pub. 1032, Tax Information for Military Personnel
- 934 FTB Pub. 1540, Tax Information for Head of Household Filing Status

**Current Year Refund Information**

If you file by mail, wait at least 8 weeks after you file your tax return before you call to find out about your refund. You need your social security number, the numbers in your street address, box number, route number, or PMB number, and your ZIP code to use this service.

**Balance Due and Payment Information**

Wait at least 45 days from the date you mailed your payment before you call to verify receipt. You need your social security number, the numbers in your street address, box number, route number, or PMB number, and your ZIP code to use this service.

**General Phone Service**

Telephone assistance is available year-round from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. Hours are subject to change.

Telephone: 800.852.5711 from within the United States  
916.845.6500 from outside the United States  
800.829.1040 for federal tax questions, call the IRS

California Relay

Service: 711 or 800.735.2929 for persons with hearing or speaking limitations.

**Large-print forms and instructions** – The Resident Booklet is available in large print upon request. See "Order Forms and Publications" or "Where To Get Income Tax Forms and Publications."

**Asistencia En Español**

Asistencia telefónica está disponible durante todo el año desde las 7 a.m. hasta las 5 p.m. de lunes a viernes, excepto días feriados. Las horas están sujetas a cambios.

Teléfono: 800.852.5711 dentro de los Estados Unidos  
916.845.6500 fuera de los Estados Unidos  
800.829.1040 para preguntas sobre impuestos federales llame al IRS

Servicio de Retransmisión de California: 711 o 800.735.2929 para personas con limitaciones auditivas o del habla.

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