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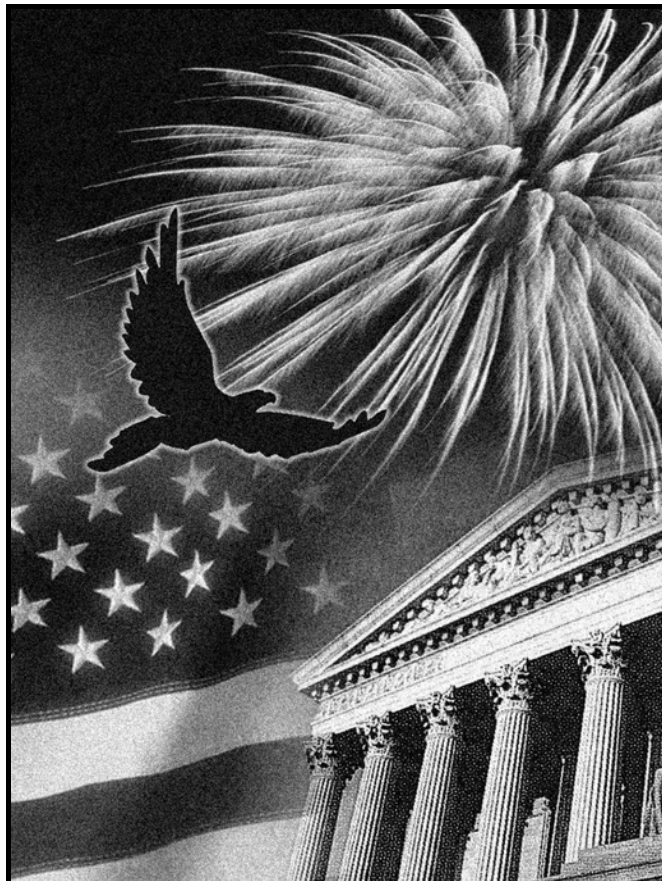
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Introduction

If your deductions for the year are more than your income for the year, you may have a net operating loss (NOL). An NOL year is the year in which an NOL occurs. You can use an NOL by deducting it from your income in another year or years.

What this publication covers. This publication discusses NOLs for individuals, estates, and trusts. It covers:

- How to figure an NOL,
- When to use an NOL,
- How to claim an NOL deduction, and
- How to figure an NOL carryover.

To have an NOL, your loss must generally be caused by deductions from your:

- Trade or business,
- Work as an employee,
- Casualty and theft losses,
- Moving expenses, or
- Rental property.

A loss from operating a business is the most common reason for an NOL.

Partnerships and S corporations generally cannot use an NOL. However, partners or shareholders can use their separate shares of the partnership's or S corporation's business income and business deductions to figure their individual NOLs.

Keeping records. You should keep records for any tax year that generates an NOL for 3 years after you have used the carryback/carryforward or 3 years after the carryforward expires.



You should attach all required documents to the Form 1045 or Form 1040X. For details, see the instructions for Form 1045 or Form 1040X.

What is not covered in this publication?

The following topics are not covered in this publication.

- Bankruptcies. See Publication 908, Bankruptcy Tax Guide.
- NOLs of corporations. See Publication 542, Corporations.

Section references. Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

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Publication

- 4492** Information for Taxpayers Affected by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma
- 4492-A** Information for Taxpayers Affected by the May 4, 2007, Kansas Storms and Tornadoes
- 4492-B** Information for Affected Taxpayers in the Midwestern Disaster Areas

Form (and Instructions)

- 1040X** Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return
- 1045** Application for Tentative Refund

See [How To Get Tax Help](#) near the end of this publication for information about getting these publications and forms.

NOL Steps

Follow Steps 1 through 5 to figure and use your NOL.

Step 1. Complete your tax return for the year. You may have an NOL if a negative figure appears on the line below:

Individuals — Form 1040, line 41, or Form 1040NR, line 39.

Estates and trusts — Form 1041, line 22.

If the amount on that line is not negative, stop here — you do not have an NOL.

Step 2. Determine whether you have an NOL and its amount. See [How To Figure an NOL](#), later. If you do not have an NOL, stop here.

Step 3. Decide whether to carry the NOL back to a past year or to waive the carryback period and instead carry the NOL forward to a future year. See [When To Use an NOL](#), later.

Step 4. Deduct the NOL in the carryback or carryforward year. See [How To Claim an NOL Deduction](#), later. If your NOL deduction is equal to or less than your taxable income without the deduction, stop here — you have used up your NOL.

Step 5. Determine the amount of your unused NOL. See [How To Figure an NOL Carryover](#), later. Carry over the unused NOL to the next carryback or carryforward year and begin again at Step 4.

Note. If your NOL deduction includes more than one NOL amount, apply Step 5 separately to each NOL amount, starting with the amount from the earliest year.

How To Figure an NOL

If your deductions for the year are more than your income for the year, you may have an NOL.

There are rules that limit what you can deduct when figuring an NOL. In general, the following items are not allowed when figuring an NOL.

- Any deduction for personal exemptions.
- Capital losses in excess of capital gains.
- The section 1202 exclusion of 50% of the gain from the sale or exchange of qualified small business stock.
- Nonbusiness deductions in excess of non-business income.
- Net operating loss deduction.
- The domestic production activities deduction.

Form 1045, Schedule A. Use Form 1045, Schedule A, to figure an NOL. The following discussion explains Schedule A and includes an illustrated example.

First, complete Form 1045, Schedule A, line 1, using amounts from your return. If line 1 is a negative amount, you may have an NOL.

Next, complete the rest of Form 1045, Schedule A, to figure your NOL.

Nonbusiness deductions (line 6). Enter on line 6 deductions that are not connected to your trade or business or your employment. Examples of deductions not related to your trade or business are:

- Alimony paid,
- Deductions for contributions to an IRA or a self-employed retirement plan,
- Health savings account deduction,
- Archer MSA deduction,
- The additional exemption amount for providing housing to a Midwestern displaced individual from Form 8914,
- Most itemized deductions (except for casualty and theft losses, state income tax on business profits, and any employee business expenses), and
- The standard deduction (except the amount of any net disaster loss from Form 4684, line 18).

Do not include on line 6 the deduction for personal exemptions for you, your spouse, or your dependents.

Do not enter business deductions on line 6. These are deductions that are connected to your trade or business. They include the following.

- State income tax on business profits.
- Moving expenses.
- Educator expenses.
- The deduction of one-half of your self-employment tax or your deduction for self-employed health insurance.
- Domestic production activities deduction.
- Rental losses.
- Loss on the sale or exchange of business real estate or depreciable property.
- Your share of a business loss from a partnership or S corporation.
- Ordinary loss on the sale or exchange of stock in a small business corporation or a small business investment company.
- If you itemize your deductions, casualty and theft losses (even if they involve non-business property) and employee business expenses (such as union dues, uniforms, tools, education expenses, and travel and transportation expenses).
- The amount of any net disaster loss from Schedule L (Form 1040A or 1040), line 6, you included in your standard deduction.
- Loss on the sale of accounts receivable (if you use an accrual method of accounting).
- Interest and litigation expenses on state and federal income taxes related to your business.
- Unrecovered investment in a pension or annuity claimed on a decedent's final return.
- Payment by a federal employee to buy back sick leave used in an earlier year.

Nonbusiness income (line 7). Enter on line 7 only income that is not related to your trade or business or your employment. For example, enter your annuity income, dividends, and interest on investments. Also, include your share of nonbusiness income from partnerships and S corporations.

Do not include on line 7 the income you receive from your trade or business or your employment. This includes salaries and wages, self-employment income, and your share of business income from partnerships and S corporations. Also, do not include rental income or ordinary gain from the sale or other disposition of business real estate or depreciable business property.

Adjustment for section 1202 exclusion (line 17). Enter on line 17 any gain you excluded under Internal Revenue Code section 1202 on the sale or exchange of qualified small business stock.

Adjustments for capital losses (lines 19–22). The amount deductible for capital losses is limited based on whether the losses are business capital losses or nonbusiness capital losses.

Nonbusiness capital losses. You can deduct your nonbusiness capital losses (line 2) only up to the amount of your nonbusiness capital gains without regard to any section 1202 exclusion (line 3). If your nonbusiness capital losses are more than your nonbusiness capital gains without regard to any section 1202 exclusion, you cannot deduct the excess.

Business capital losses. You can deduct your business capital losses (line 11) only up to the total of:

- Your nonbusiness capital gains that are more than the total of your nonbusiness capital losses and excess nonbusiness deductions (line 10), and
- Your total business capital gains without regard to any section 1202 exclusion (line 12).

Domestic production activities deduction (line 23). You cannot take the domestic production activities deduction when figuring your

NOL. Enter on line 23 any domestic production activities deduction claimed on your return.

NOLs from other years (line 24). You cannot deduct any NOL carryovers or carrybacks from other years. Enter the total amount of your NOL deduction for losses from other years.

Illustrated Form 1045, Schedule A

The following example illustrates how to figure an NOL. It includes filled-in pages 1 and 2 of Form 1040 and Form 1045, Schedule A.

Example. Glenn Johnson is in the retail record business. He is single and has the following income and deductions on his Form 1040 for 2010.

INCOME	
Wages from part-time job	\$1,225
Interest on savings	425
Net long-term capital gain on sale of real estate used in business	<u>2,000</u>
Glenn's total income	<u>\$3,650</u>
DEDUCTIONS	
Net loss from business (gross income of \$67,000 minus expenses of \$72,000)	\$5,000
Net short-term capital loss on sale of stock	1,000
Standard deduction	5,700
Personal exemption	<u>3,650</u>
Glenn's total deductions	<u>\$15,350</u>

Glenn's deductions exceed his income by \$11,700 (\$15,350 – \$3,650). However, to figure whether he has an NOL, certain deductions are not allowed. He uses Form 1045, Schedule A, to figure his NOL. See the illustrated Form 1045, Schedule A, later.

The following items are not allowed on Form 1045, Schedule A.

Nonbusiness net short-term capital loss	\$1,000
Nonbusiness deductions (standard deduction, \$5,700) minus nonbusiness income (interest, \$425)	5,275
Deduction for personal exemption	<u>3,650</u>
Total adjustments to net loss	<u>\$9,925</u>

Therefore, Glenn's NOL for 2010 is figured as follows:

Glenn's total 2010 income	\$3,650
Less:	
Glenn's original 2010 total deductions	\$15,350
Reduced by the disallowed items	<u>– 9,925</u>
	<u>– 5,425</u>
Glenn's NOL for 2010	<u>\$1,775</u>

Name, Address, and SSN

See separate instructions.

Form fields for Name, Address, and SSN including first name (Glenn M.), last name (Johnson), and home address (5603 E. Main Street).

Form fields for social security numbers: Your social security number (765 00 4321) and Spouse's social security number.

Presidential Election Campaign

Check here if you, or your spouse if filing jointly, want \$3 to go to this fund. [X] You [] Spouse

Filing Status

Check only one box.

- 1 [X] Single
2 [] Married filing jointly
3 [] Married filing separately
4 [] Head of household
5 [] Qualifying widow(er)

Exemptions

If more than four dependents, see instructions and check here []

Table for Exemptions with columns for (1) First name, Last name, (2) Dependent's social security number, (3) Dependent's relationship to you, and (4) Child tax credit.

Summary of Exemptions: Boxes checked on 6a and 6b (1), No. of children on 6c who lived with you (1), Total number of exemptions claimed (1).

Income

Attach Form(s) W-2 here. Also attach Forms W-2G and 1099-R if tax was withheld.

If you did not get a W-2, see page 20.

Enclose, but do not attach, any payment. Also, please use Form 1040-V.

Main Income Table with rows 7 through 22, including wages (1,225), taxable interest (425), dividends, and total income (2,350).

Adjusted Gross Income

Adjusted Gross Income Table with rows 23 through 37, listing deductions like educator expenses, health savings account, and total adjusted gross income (2,350).

For Disclosure, Privacy Act, and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate instructions.

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Form 1040 (2010)

*Net capital gain (\$2,000 less \$1,000 loss)

Tax and Credits	38	Amount from line 37 (adjusted gross income)	38	(2,350)
	39a	Check <input type="checkbox"/> You were born before January 2, 1946, <input type="checkbox"/> Blind. } Total boxes		
		if: <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse was born before January 2, 1946, <input type="checkbox"/> Blind. } checked ▶ 39a		
	b	If your spouse itemizes on a separate return or you were a dual-status alien, check here ▶ 39b		
	40	Itemized deductions (from Schedule A) or your standard deduction (see instructions)	40	5,700
	41	Subtract line 40 from line 38	41	(8,050)
	42	Exemptions. Multiply \$3,650 by the number on line 6d.	42	3,650
	43	Taxable income. Subtract line 42 from line 41. If line 42 is more than line 41, enter -0-	43	-0-
	44	Tax (see instructions). Check if any tax is from: a <input type="checkbox"/> Form(s) 8814 b <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4972.	44	
	45	Alternative minimum tax (see instructions). Attach Form 6251	45	
	46	Add lines 44 and 45	46	
	47	Foreign tax credit. Attach Form 1116 if required	47	
	48	Credit for child and dependent care expenses. Attach Form 2441	48	
	49	Education credits from Form 8863, line 23	49	

Other Taxes	56	Self-employment tax. Attach Schedule SE	56	
	57	Unreported social security and Medicare tax from Form: a <input type="checkbox"/> 4137 b <input type="checkbox"/> 8919	57	
	58	Additional tax on IRAs, other qualified retirement plans, etc. Attach Form 5329 if required	58	
	59	a <input type="checkbox"/> Form(s) W-2, box 9 b <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule H c <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5405, line 16	59	
60	Add lines 56 through 59. This is your total tax	60		

Payments	61	Federal income tax withheld from Forms W-2 and 1099	61	
	62	2010 estimated tax payments and amount applied from 2009 return	62	
	63	Making work pay credit. Attach Schedule M	63	
	64a	Earned income credit (EIC)	64a	
	b	Nontaxable combat pay election 64b		
	65	Additional child tax credit. Attach Form 8812	65	
	66	American opportunity credit from Form 8863, line 14	66	
	67	First-time homebuyer credit from Form 5405, line 10	67	
	68	Amount paid with request for extension to file	68	
	69	Excess social security and tier 1 RRTA tax withheld	69	
	70	Credit for federal tax on fuels. Attach Form 4136	70	
	71	Credits from Form: a <input type="checkbox"/> 2439 b <input type="checkbox"/> 8839 c <input type="checkbox"/> 8801 d <input type="checkbox"/> 8885	71	
72	Add lines 61, 62, 63, 64a, and 65 through 71. These are your total payments	72		

If you have a qualifying child, attach Schedule EIC.

Refund	73	If line 72 is more than line 60, subtract line 60 from line 72. This is the amount you overpaid	73	
	74a	Amount of line 73 you want refunded to you . If Form 8888 is attached, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	74a	
	b	Routing number	c Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Checking <input type="checkbox"/> Savings	
Direct deposit? See instructions.	d	Account number		
75	Amount of line 73 you want applied to your 2011 estimated tax ▶	75		

Amount You Owe	76	Amount you owe. Subtract line 72 from line 60. For details on how to pay, see instructions ▶	76	
	77	Estimated tax penalty (see instructions)	77	

Third Party Designee Do you want to allow another person to discuss this return with the IRS (see instructions)? **Yes.** Complete below. **No**

Designee's name ▶	Phone no. ▶	Personal identification number (PIN) ▶
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Sign Here Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Your signature	Date	Your occupation	Daytime phone number
Glenn M. Johnson	2-4-10	Self-Employed	
Spouse's signature. If a joint return, both must sign.	Date	Spouse's occupation	

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Firm's name ▶			Firm's EIN ▶	
Firm's address ▶			Phone no.	

Schedule A—NOL (see instructions)

1	Enter the amount from your 2010 Form 1040, line 41, or Form 1040NR, line 39. Estates and trusts, enter taxable income increased by the total of the charitable deduction, income distribution deduction, and exemption amount		1	(8,050)
2	Nonbusiness capital losses before limitation. Enter as a positive number	2	1,000	
3	Nonbusiness capital gains (without regard to any section 1202 exclusion)	3		
4	If line 2 is more than line 3, enter the difference; otherwise, enter -0-	4	1,000	
5	If line 3 is more than line 2, enter the difference; otherwise, enter -0-	5	-0-	
6	Nonbusiness deductions (see instructions)	6	5,700	
7	Nonbusiness income other than capital gains (see instructions)	7	425	
8	Add lines 5 and 7	8	425	
9	If line 6 is more than line 8, enter the difference; otherwise, enter -0-			9 5,275
10	If line 8 is more than line 6, enter the difference; otherwise, enter -0-. But do not enter more than line 5	10	-0-	
11	Business capital losses before limitation. Enter as a positive number	11		
12	Business capital gains (without regard to any section 1202 exclusion)	12	2,000	
13	Add lines 10 and 12	13	2,000	
14	Subtract line 13 from line 11. If zero or less, enter -0-	14	-0-	
15	Add lines 4 and 14	15	1,000	
16	Enter the loss, if any, from line 16 of your 2010 Schedule D (Form 1040). (Estates and trusts, enter the loss, if any, from line 15, column (3), of Schedule D (Form 1041).) Enter as a positive number. If you do not have a loss on that line (and do not have a section 1202 exclusion), skip lines 16 through 21 and enter on line 22 the amount from line 15	16		
17	Section 1202 exclusion. Enter as a positive number			17
18	Subtract line 17 from line 16. If zero or less, enter -0-	18	-0-	
19	Enter the loss, if any, from line 21 of your 2010 Schedule D (Form 1040). (Estates and trusts, enter the loss, if any, from line 16 of Schedule D (Form 1041).) Enter as a positive number	19		
20	If line 18 is more than line 19, enter the difference; otherwise, enter -0-	20	-0-	
21	If line 19 is more than line 18, enter the difference; otherwise, enter -0-			21 -0-
22	Subtract line 20 from line 15. If zero or less, enter -0-			22 1,000
23	Domestic production activities deduction from your 2010 Form 1040, line 35, or Form 1040NR, line 34 (or included on Form 1041, line 15a)			23
24	NOL deduction for losses from other years. Enter as a positive number			24
25	NOL. Combine lines 1, 9, 17, and 21 through 24. If the result is less than zero, enter it here and on page 1, line 1a. If the result is zero or more, you do not have an NOL			25 (1,775)

When To Use an NOL

Generally, if you have an NOL for a tax year ending in 2010, you must carry back the entire amount of the NOL to the 2 tax years before the NOL year (the carryback period), and then carry forward any remaining NOL for up to 20 years after the NOL year (the carryforward period). You can, however, choose not to carry back an NOL and only carry it forward. See [Waiving the Carryback Period](#), later. You cannot deduct any part of the NOL remaining after the 20-year carryforward period.

NOL year. This is the year in which the NOL occurred.

Exceptions to 2-Year Carryback Rule

Eligible losses, farming losses, qualified disaster losses, qualified GO Zone losses, and specified liability losses, defined next, qualify for longer carryback periods.

Eligible loss. The carryback period for eligible losses is 3 years. Only the eligible loss portion of the NOL can be carried back 3 years. An eligible loss is any part of an NOL that:

- Is from a casualty or theft, or
- Is attributable to a federally declared disaster for a qualified small business or certain qualified farming businesses.

Qualified small business. A qualified small business is a sole proprietorship or a partnership that has average annual gross receipts (reduced by returns and allowances) of \$5 million or less during the 3-year period ending with the tax year of the NOL. If the business did not exist for this entire 3-year period, use the period the business was in existence.

An eligible loss does not include a farming loss, a qualified disaster loss, or a qualified GO Zone loss.

Farming loss. The carryback period for a farming loss is 5 years. Only the farming loss portion of the NOL can be carried back 5 years. A farming loss is the smaller of:

1. The amount that would be the NOL for the tax year if only income and deductions attributable to farming businesses were taken into account, or
2. The NOL for the tax year.

Farming business. A farming business is a trade or business involving cultivation of land, raising or harvesting of any agricultural or horticultural commodity, operating a nursery or sod farm, raising or harvesting of trees bearing fruit, nuts, or other crops, or ornamental trees. The raising, shearing, feeding, caring for, training, and management of animals is also considered a farming business.

A farming business does not include contract harvesting of an agricultural or horticultural commodity grown or raised by someone else. It also does not include a business in which you merely buy or sell plants or animals grown or raised by someone else.

Waiving the 5-year carryback. You can choose to figure the carryback period for a farming loss without regard to the special 5-year carryback rule. To make this choice for 2010, attach to your 2010 income tax return filed by the due date (including extensions) a statement that you are choosing to treat any 2010 farming

losses without regard to the special 5-year carryback rule. If you filed your return on time, you can make this choice on an amended return filed within 6 months after the due date of the return (excluding extensions). Attach a statement to your amended return, and write "Filed pursuant to section 301.9100-2" at the top of the statement. Once made, this choice is irrevocable.

Qualified disaster loss. The carryback period for a qualified disaster loss is 5 years. Only the qualified disaster loss portion of the NOL can be carried back 5 years. A qualified disaster loss is the smaller of:

1. The sum of:
 - a. Any losses attributable to a federally declared disaster and occurring in the disaster area, plus
 - b. Any allowable qualified disaster expenses (even if you did not choose to treat those expenses as deductions in the current year), or
2. The NOL for the tax year.

Qualified disaster expenses. A qualified disaster expense is any capital expense paid or incurred in connection with a trade or business or with business-related property which is:

- For the abatement or control of hazardous substances that were released as a result of a federally declared disaster,
- For the removal of debris from, or the demolition of structures on, real property which is business-related property damaged or destroyed as a result of a federally declared disaster, or
- For the repair of business-related property damaged as a result of a federally declared disaster.

Business-related property is property held for use in a trade or business, property held for the production of income, or inventory property.

Note. Internal Revenue Code section 198A allows taxpayers to treat certain capital expenses (qualified disaster expenses) as deductions in the year the expenses were paid or incurred.

Excluded losses. A qualified disaster loss does not include any losses from property used in connection with any private or commercial golf course, country club, massage parlor, hot tub facility, suntan facility, or any store for which the principal business is the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption off premises.

A qualified disaster loss also does not include any losses from any gambling or animal racing property. Gambling or animal racing property is any equipment, furniture, software, or other property used directly in connection with gambling, the racing of animals, or the on-site viewing of such racing, and the portion of any real property (determined by square footage) that is dedicated to gambling, the racing of animals, or the on-site viewing of such racing, unless this portion is less than 100 square feet.

Waiving the 5-year carryback. You can choose to figure the carryback period for a qualified disaster loss without regard to the special 5-year carryback rule. To make this choice for 2010, attach to your 2010 income tax return filed by the due date (including extensions) a statement that you are choosing to treat any 2010 qualified disaster losses without regard to the special 5-year carryback rule. If you filed your

return on time, you can make this choice on an amended return filed within 6 months after the due date of the return (excluding extensions). Attach a statement to your amended return, and write "Filed pursuant to section 301.9100-2" at the top of the statement. Once made, this choice is irrevocable.

Qualified GO Zone loss. The carryback period for a qualified GO Zone loss is 5 years. Only the qualified GO Zone loss portion of the NOL can be carried back 5 years. A qualified GO Zone loss is the smaller of:

1. The excess of the NOL for the year over the specified liability loss for the year to which a 10-year carryback applies, or
2. The total of any qualified GO Zone casualty loss and any depreciation allowable for any specified GO Zone extension nonresidential real property and residential rental property placed in service in 2010 (even if you elected not to claim the special GO Zone depreciation allowance for such property).

For a list of counties and parishes included in the GO Zone, see Notice 2007-36, 2007-17 I.R.B. 1000, available at http://www.irs.gov/irb/2007-17_IRB/ar12.html.

Waiving the 5-year carryback. You can choose to figure the carryback period for a qualified GO Zone loss without regard to the special 5-year carryback rule. To make this choice for 2010, attach to your 2010 income tax return filed by the due date (including extensions) a statement that you are choosing to treat any 2010 qualified GO Zone losses without regard to the special 5-year carryback rule. If you filed your original return on time, you can make this choice on an amended return filed within 6 months after the due date of the return (excluding extensions). Attach a statement to your amended return, and write "Filed pursuant to section 301.9100-2" at the top of the statement. Once made, this choice is irrevocable.

Specified liability loss. The carryback period for a specified liability loss is 10 years. Only the specified liability loss portion of the NOL can be carried back 10 years. Generally, a specified liability loss is a loss arising from:

- Product liability, or
- An act (or failure to act) that occurred at least 3 years before the beginning of the loss year and resulted in a liability under a federal or state law requiring:

1. Reclamation of land,
2. Dismantling of a drilling platform,
3. Remediation of environmental contamination, or
4. Payment under any workers compensation act.

Any loss from a liability arising from (1) through (4) above can be taken into account as a specified liability loss only if you used an accrual method of accounting throughout the period in which the act (or failure to act) occurred. For details, see section 172(f) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Waiving the 10-year carryback. You can choose to figure the carryback period for a specified liability loss without regard to the special 10-year carryback rule. To make this choice for 2010, attach to your 2010 income tax return filed by the due date (including extensions) a statement that you are choosing to treat any 2010

specified liability losses without regard to the special 10-year carryback rule. If you filed your original return on time, you can make this choice on an amended return filed within 6 months after the due date of the return (excluding extensions). Attach a statement to your amended return and write "Filed pursuant to section 301.9100-2" at the top of the statement. Once made, this choice is irrevocable.

Waiving the Carryback Period

You can choose not to carry back your NOL. If you make this choice, then you can use your NOL only in the 20-year carryforward period. (This choice means you also choose not to carry back any alternative tax NOL.)

To make this choice, attach a statement to your original return filed by the due date (including extensions) for the NOL year. This statement must show that you are choosing to waive the carryback period under section 172(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

If you filed your return timely but did not file the statement with it, you must file the statement with an amended return for the NOL year within 6 months of the due date of your original return (excluding extensions). Enter "Filed pursuant to section 301.9100-2" at the top of the statement.

Once you choose to waive the carryback period, it generally is irrevocable. If you choose to waive the carryback period for more than one NOL, you must make a separate choice and attach a separate statement for each NOL year.



If you do not file this statement on time, you cannot waive the carryback period.

How To Carry an NOL Back or Forward

If you choose to carry back the NOL, you must first carry the entire NOL to the earliest carryback year. If your NOL is not used up, you can carry the rest to the next earliest carryback year, and so on.

If you do not use up the NOL in the carryback years, carry forward what remains of it to the 20 tax years following the NOL year. Start by carrying it to the first tax year after the NOL year. If you do not use it up, carry the unused part to the next year. Continue to carry any unused part of the NOL forward until the NOL is used up or you complete the 20-year carryforward period.

Example 1. You started your business as a sole proprietor in 2010 and had a \$42,000 NOL for the year. No part of the NOL qualifies for the 3-year, 5-year, or 10-year carryback. You begin using your NOL in 2008, the second year before the NOL year, as shown in the following chart.

Year	Carryback/ Carryover	Unused Loss
2008	\$42,000	\$40,000
2009	40,000	37,000
2010 (NOL year)		
2011	37,000	31,500
2012	31,500	22,500
2013	22,500	12,700
2014	12,700	4,000
2015	4,000	-0-

If your loss were larger, you could carry it forward until the year 2030. If you still had an unused 2010 carryforward after the year 2030, you would not be allowed to deduct it.

Example 2. Assume the same facts as in [Example 1](#), except that \$4,000 of the NOL is attributable to a casualty loss and this loss qualifies for a 3-year carryback period. You begin using the \$4,000 in 2007. As shown in the following chart, \$3,000 of this NOL is used in 2007. The remaining \$1,000 is carried to 2008 with the \$38,000 NOL that you must begin using in 2008.

Year	Carryback/ Carryover	Unused Loss
2007	\$4,000	\$1,000
2008	39,000	37,000
2009	37,000	34,000
2010 (NOL year)		
2011	34,000	28,500
2012	28,500	19,500
2013	19,500	9,700
2014	9,700	1,000
2015	1,000	-0-

How To Claim an NOL Deduction

If you have not already carried the NOL to an earlier year, your NOL deduction is the total NOL. If you carried the NOL to an earlier year, your NOL deduction is the carried over NOL minus the NOL amount you used in the earlier year or years.

If you carry more than one NOL to the same year, your NOL deduction is the total of these carrybacks and carryovers.

NOL resulting in no taxable income. If your NOL is more than the taxable income of the year you carry it to (figured before deducting the NOL), you generally will have an NOL carryover to the next year. See [How To Figure an NOL Carryover](#), later, to determine how much NOL you have used and how much you carry to the next year.

Deducting a Carryback

If you carry back your NOL, you can use either Form 1045 or Form 1040X. You can get your refund faster by using Form 1045, but you have a shorter time to file it. You can use Form 1045 to apply an NOL to all carryback years. If you use Form 1040X, you must use a separate Form 1040X for each carryback year to which you apply the NOL.

Estates and trusts that do not file Form 1045 must file an amended Form 1041 (instead of Form 1040X) for each carryback year to which NOLs are applied. Use a copy of the appropriate year's Form 1041, check the Amended return box, and follow the Form 1041 instructions for amended returns. Include the NOL deduction with other deductions not subject to the 2% limit (line 15a). Also, see the special procedures for filing an amended return due to an NOL carryback, explained under [Form 1040X](#), later.

Form 1045. You can apply for a quick refund by filing Form 1045. This form results in a tentative adjustment of tax in the carryback year. See the [Form 1045 illustrated at the end of this discussion](#).

If the IRS refunds or credits an amount to you from Form 1045 and later determines that the refund or credit is too much, the IRS may assess and collect the excess immediately.

Generally, you must file Form 1045 on or after the date you file your tax return for the NOL year, but not later than one year after the end of the NOL year. If the last day of the NOL year falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the form will be considered timely if postmarked on the next business day. For example, if you are a calendar year taxpayer with a carryback from 2010 to 2008, you must file Form 1045 on or after the date you file your tax return for 2010, but no later than January 2, 2012.

Form 1040X. If you do not file Form 1045, you can file Form 1040X to get a refund of tax because of an NOL carryback. File Form 1040X within 3 years after the due date, including extensions, for filing the return for the NOL year. For example, if you are a calendar year taxpayer and filed your 2007 return by the April 18, 2008, due date, you must file a claim for refund of 2005 tax because of an NOL carryback from 2007 by April 18, 2011.

Attach a computation of your NOL using Form 1045, Schedule A, and, if it applies, your NOL carryover using Form 1045, Schedule B, [discussed later](#).

Refiguring your tax. To refigure your total tax liability for a carryback year, first refigure your adjusted gross income for that year. (On Form 1045, use lines 10 and 11 and the "After carryback" column for the applicable carryback year.) Use your adjusted gross income after applying the NOL deduction to refigure income or deduction items that are based on, or limited to, a percentage of your adjusted gross income. Refigure the following items.

1. The special allowance for passive activity losses from rental real estate activities.
2. Taxable social security and tier 1 railroad retirement benefits.
3. IRA deductions.
4. Excludable savings bond interest.
5. Excludable employer-provided adoption benefits.
6. The student loan interest deduction.
7. The tuition and fees deduction.

If more than one of these items apply, refigure them in the order listed above, using your adjusted gross income after applying the NOL deduction and any previous item. (Enter your NOL deduction on Form 1045, line 10. On line 11, using the "After carryback" column, enter your adjusted gross income refigured after applying the NOL deduction and after refiguring any above items.)

Next, refigure your taxable income. (On Form 1045, use lines 12 through 15 and the "After carryback" column.) Use your refigured adjusted gross income (Form 1045, line 11, using the "After carryback" column) to refigure certain deductions and other items that are based on or limited to a percentage of your adjusted gross income. Refigure the following items.

- The itemized deduction for medical expenses.
- The itemized deduction for qualified mortgage insurance premiums.
- The itemized deduction for casualty losses.
- Miscellaneous itemized deductions subject to the 2% limit.

- The overall limit on itemized deductions.
- The phaseout of the deduction for exemptions.
- Qualified motor vehicle tax.



Do not refigure the itemized deduction for charitable contributions.

Finally, use your refigured taxable income (Form 1045, line 15, using the “After carryback” column) to refigure your total tax liability. Refigure your income tax, your alternative minimum tax, and any credits that are based on, or limited to, the amount of tax. (On Form 1045, use lines 16 through 25, and the “After carryback” column.) The earned income credit, for example, may be affected by changes to adjusted gross income or the amount of tax (or both) and, therefore, must be recomputed. If you become eligible for a credit because of the carryback, complete the form for that specific credit (such as the EIC Worksheet) for that year.

While it is necessary to refigure your income tax, alternative minimum tax, and credits, do not refigure your self-employment tax.

Deducting a Carryforward

If you carry forward your NOL to a tax year after the NOL year, list your NOL deduction as a negative figure on the Other income line of Form 1040 or Form 1040NR (line 21 for 2010). Estates and trusts include an NOL deduction on Form 1041 with other deductions not subject to the 2% limit (line 15a for 2010).

You must attach a statement that shows all the important facts about the NOL. Your statement should include a computation showing how you figured the NOL deduction. If you deduct more than one NOL in the same year, your statement must cover each of them.

Change in Marital Status

If you and your spouse were not married to each other in all years involved in figuring NOL carrybacks and carryovers, only the spouse who had the loss can take the NOL deduction. If you file a joint return, the NOL deduction is limited to the income of that spouse.

For example, if your marital status changes because of death or divorce, and in a later year you have an NOL, you can carry back that loss only to the part of the income reported on the joint return (filed with your former spouse) that was related to your taxable income. After you deduct the NOL in the carryback year, the joint rates apply to the resulting taxable income.

Refund limit. If you are not married in the NOL year (or are married to a different spouse), and in the carryback year you were married and filed a joint return, your refund for the overpaid joint tax may be limited. You can claim a refund for the difference between your share of the refigured tax and your contribution toward the tax paid on the joint return. The refund cannot be more than the joint overpayment. Attach a statement showing how you figured your refund.

Figuring your share of a joint tax liability. There are five steps for figuring your share of the refigured joint tax liability.

1. Figure your total tax as though you had filed as married filing separately.

2. Figure your spouse’s total tax as though your spouse had also filed as married filing separately.
3. Add the amounts in (1) and (2).
4. Divide the amount in (1) by the amount in (3).
5. Multiply the refigured tax on your joint return by the amount figured in (4). This is your share of the joint tax liability.

Figuring your contribution toward tax paid. Unless you have an agreement or clear evidence of each spouse’s contributions toward the payment of the joint tax liability, figure your contribution by adding the tax withheld on your wages and your share of joint estimated tax payments or tax paid with the return. If the original return for the carryback year resulted in an overpayment, reduce your contribution by your share of the tax refund. Figure your share of a joint payment or refund by the same method used in figuring your share of the joint tax liability. Use your taxable income as originally reported on the joint return in steps (1) and (2) above, and substitute the joint payment or refund for the refigured joint tax in step (5).

Change in Filing Status

If you and your spouse were married and filed a joint return for each year involved in figuring NOL carrybacks and carryovers, figure the NOL deduction on a joint return as you would for an individual. However, treat the NOL deduction as a joint NOL.

If you and your spouse were married and filed separate returns for each year involved in figuring NOL carrybacks and carryovers, the spouse who sustained the loss may take the NOL deduction on a separate return.

Special rules apply for figuring the NOL carrybacks and carryovers of married people whose filing status changes for any tax year involved in figuring an NOL carryback or carryover.

Separate to joint return. If you and your spouse file a joint return for a carryback or carryforward year, and were married but filed separate returns for any of the tax years involved in figuring the NOL carryback or carryover, treat the separate carryback or carryover as a joint carryback or carryover.

Joint to separate returns. If you and your spouse file separate returns for a carryback or carryforward year, but filed a joint return for any or all of the tax years involved in figuring the NOL carryover, figure each of your carryovers separately.

Joint return in NOL year. Figure each spouse’s share of the joint NOL through the following steps.

1. Figure each spouse’s NOL as if he or she filed a separate return. See [How To Figure an NOL](#), earlier. If only one spouse has an NOL, stop here. All of the joint NOL is that spouse’s NOL.
2. If both spouses have an NOL, multiply the joint NOL by a fraction, the numerator of which is spouse A’s NOL figured in (1) and the denominator of which is the total of the spouses’ NOLs figured in (1). The result is spouse A’s share of the joint NOL. The rest of the joint NOL is spouse B’s share.

Example 1. Mark and Nancy are married and file a joint return for 2010. They have an

NOL of \$5,000. They carry the NOL back to 2008, a year in which Mark and Nancy filed separate returns. Figured separately, Nancy’s 2010 deductions were more than her income, and Mark’s income was more than his deductions. Mark does not have any NOL to carry back. Nancy can carry back the entire \$5,000 NOL to her 2008 separate return.

Example 2. Assume the same facts as in [Example 1](#), except that both Mark and Nancy had deductions in 2010 that were more than their income. Figured separately, his NOL is \$1,800 and her NOL is \$3,000. The sum of their separate NOLs (\$4,800) is less than their \$5,000 joint NOL because his deductions included a \$200 net capital loss that is not allowed in figuring his separate NOL. The loss is allowed in figuring their joint NOL because it was offset by Nancy’s capital gains. Mark’s share of their \$5,000 joint NOL is \$1,875 ($\$5,000 \times \$1,800 / \$4,800$) and Nancy’s is \$3,125 ($\$5,000 - \$1,875$).

Joint return in previous carryback or carryforward year. If only one spouse had an NOL deduction on the previous year’s joint return, all of the joint carryover is that spouse’s carryover. If both spouses had an NOL deduction (including separate carryovers of a joint NOL, figured as explained in the [previous discussion](#)), figure each spouse’s share of the joint carryover through the following steps.

1. Figure each spouse’s modified taxable income as if he or she filed a separate return. See [Modified taxable income](#) under [How To Figure an NOL Carryover](#), later.
2. Multiply the joint modified taxable income you used to figure the joint carryover by a fraction, the numerator of which is spouse A’s modified taxable income figured in (1) and the denominator of which is the total of the spouses’ modified taxable incomes figured in (1). This is spouse A’s share of the joint modified taxable income.
3. Subtract the amount figured in (2) from the joint modified taxable income. This is spouse B’s share of the joint modified taxable income.
4. Reduce the amount figured in (3), but not below zero, by spouse B’s NOL deduction.
5. Add the amounts figured in (2) and (4).
6. Subtract the amount figured in (5) from spouse A’s NOL deduction. This is spouse A’s share of the joint carryover. The rest of the joint carryover is spouse B’s share.

Example. Sam and Wanda filed a joint return for 2008 and separate returns for 2009 and 2010. In 2010, Sam had an NOL of \$18,000 and Wanda had an NOL of \$2,000. They choose to carry back both NOLs 2 years to their 2008 joint return and claim a \$20,000 NOL deduction.

Their joint modified taxable income (MTI) for 2008 is \$15,000, and their joint NOL carryover to 2009 is \$5,000 ($\$20,000 - \$15,000$). Sam and Wanda each figure their separate MTI for 2008 as if they had filed separate returns. Then they figure their shares of the \$5,000 carryover as follows.

Step 1.	
Sam’s separate MTI	\$9,000
Wanda’s separate MTI	+ 3,000
Total MTI	\$12,000

Step 2.	
Joint MTI	\$15,000

Sam's MTI + total MTI
 (\$9,000 + \$12,000) $\times .75$
 Sam's share of joint MTI \$11,250

Step 3.
 Joint MTI \$15,000
 Sam's share of joint MTI $- 11,250$
 Wanda's share of joint MTI \$3,750

Step 4.
 Wanda's share of joint MTI \$3,750
 Wanda's NOL deduction $- 2,000$
 Wanda's remaining share \$1,750

Step 5.
 Sam's share of joint MTI \$11,250
 Wanda's remaining share $+ 1,750$
 Joint MTI to be offset \$13,000

Step 6.
 Sam's NOL deduction \$18,000
 Joint MTI to be offset $- 13,000$
 Sam's carryover to 2009 \$5,000

Joint carryover to 2009 \$5,000
 Sam's carryover $- 5,000$
 Wanda's carryover to 2009 \$-0-

Wanda's \$2,000 NOL deduction offsets \$2,000 of her \$3,750 share of the joint modified taxable income and is completely used up. She has no carryover to 2008. Sam's \$18,000 NOL deduction offsets all of his \$11,250 share of joint modified taxable income and the remaining \$1,750 of Wanda's share. His carryover to 2008 is \$5,000.

Illustrated Form 1045

The following example illustrates how to use Form 1045 to claim an NOL deduction in a carryback year. It includes a filled-in page 1 of Form 1045.

Example. Martha Sanders is a self-employed contractor. Martha's 2010 deductions are more than her 2010 income because of a business loss. She uses Form 1045 to carry back her NOL 2 years and claim an NOL deduction in 2008. Her filing status in both years was single. See the filled-in Form 1045 on page 11.

Martha figures her 2010 NOL on Form 1045, Schedule A (not shown). (For an example using Form 1045, Schedule A, see *Illustrated Form 1045, Schedule A* under *How To Figure an NOL*, earlier.) She enters the \$10,000 NOL from Form 1045, Schedule A, line 25, on Form 1045, line 1a.

Martha completes lines 10 through 25, using the "Before carryback" column under the column for the second preceding tax year ended 12/31/08 on page 1 of Form 1045 using the following amounts from her 2008 return.

2008 Adjusted gross income	\$50,000
Itemized deductions:	
Medical expenses	
[\$6,000 - (\$50,000	
× 7.5%)]	\$2,250
State income tax	+ 2,000
Real estate tax	+ 4,000
Home mortgage	
interest	+ 5,000
Total itemized deductions	\$13,250
Exemption	\$3,500
Income tax	\$4,663
Self-employment tax	\$6,120

Martha refigures her taxable income for 2008 after carrying back her 2010 NOL as follows:

2008 Adjusted gross income	\$50,000
Less:	
NOL from 2010	$-10,000$
2008 Adjusted gross income after	
carryback	\$40,000
Less:	
Itemized deductions:	
Medical expenses	
[\$6,000 - (\$40,000	
× 7.5%)]	\$3,000
State income tax	+ 2,000
Real estate tax	+ 4,000
Home mortgage	
interest	+ 5,000
Total itemized deductions	$-14,000$
Less:	
Exemption	$-3,500$
2008 Taxable income after	
carryback	\$22,500

Martha then completes lines 10 through 25, using the "After carryback" column under the column for the second preceding tax year ended 12/31/08. On line 10, Martha enters her \$10,000 NOL deduction. Her new adjusted gross income on line 11 is \$40,000 (\$50,000 - \$10,000). To complete line 12, she must refigure her medical expense deduction using her new adjusted gross income. Her refigured medical expense deduction is \$3,000 [\$6,000 - (\$40,000 × 7.5%)]. This increases her total itemized deductions to \$14,000 [\$13,250 + (\$3,000 - \$2,250)].

Martha uses her refigured taxable income (\$22,500) from line 15, and the tax tables in her 2008 Form 1040 instructions to find her income tax. She enters the new amount, \$2,978, on line 16, and her new total tax liability, \$9,098, on line 25.

Martha used up her \$10,000 NOL in 2008 so she does not complete a column for the first preceding tax year ended 12/31/2009. The decrease in tax because of her NOL deduction (line 27) is \$1,655.

Martha files Form 1045 after filing her 2010 return, but no later than January 2, 2012. She mails it to the Internal Revenue Service Center for the place where she lives as shown in the 2010 instructions for Form 1040 and attaches a copy of her 2010 return (including the applicable forms and schedules).

Application for Tentative Refund

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ See separate instructions.
▶ Do not attach to your income tax return—mail in a separate envelope.
▶ For use by individuals, estates, or trusts.

2010

Type or print	Name(s) shown on return <i>Martha Sanders</i>	Social security or employer identification number 123-00-4567	
	Number, street, and apt. or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. <i>9876 Holly Street</i>	Spouse's social security number (SSN) :	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. If a foreign address, see instructions. <i>Yardley, PA 19067</i>	Daytime phone number (<i>041</i>) <i>123-4567</i>	
1 This application is filed to carry back:	a Net operating loss (NOL) (Sch. A, line 25, page 2) \$ <i>\$10,000</i>	b Unused general business credit \$	c Net section 1256 contracts loss \$
2a For the calendar year 2010, or other tax year beginning , 2010, and ending , 20	b Date tax return was filed <i>3-5-2010</i>		

- 3** If this application is for an unused credit created by another carryback, enter year of first carryback ▶
- 4** If you filed a joint return (or separate return) for some, but not all, of the tax years involved in figuring the carryback, list the years and specify whether joint (J) or separate (S) return for each ▶
- 5** If SSN for carryback year is different from above, enter **a** SSN ▶ and **b** Year(s) ▶
- 6** If you changed your accounting period, give date permission to change was granted ▶
- 7** Have you filed a petition in Tax Court for the year(s) to which the carryback is to be applied? Yes No
- 8** Is any part of the decrease in tax due to a loss or credit resulting from a reportable transaction required to be disclosed on Form 8886, Reportable Transaction Disclosure Statement? Yes No
- 9** If you are carrying back an NOL or net section 1256 contracts loss, did this cause the release of foreign tax credits or the release of other credits due to the release of the foreign tax credit (see instructions)? Yes No

Computation of Decrease in Tax (see instructions)		preceding tax year ended ▶		2nd preceding tax year ended ▶ 12-31-08		1st preceding tax year ended ▶ 12-31-09	
		Before carryback	After carryback	Before carryback	After carryback	Before carryback	After carryback
Note: If 1a and 1c are blank, skip lines 10 through 15.							
10	NOL deduction after carryback (see instructions)				10,000		
11	Adjusted gross income			50,000	40,000		
12	Deductions (see instructions)			13,250	14,000		
13	Subtract line 12 from line 11			36,750	26,000		
14	Exemptions (see instructions)			3,400	3,400		
15	Taxable income. Line 13 minus line 14			33,350	22,600		
16	Income tax. See instructions and attach an explanation			4,768	3,003		
17	Alternative minimum tax						
18	Add lines 16 and 17			4,768	3,003		
19	General business credit (see instructions)						
20	Other credits. Identify						
21	Total credits. Add lines 19 and 20						
22	Subtract line 21 from line 18			4,768	3,003		
23	Self-employment tax			6,120	6,120		
24	Other taxes						
25	Total tax. Add lines 22 through 24			10,888	9,123		
26	Enter the amount from the "After carryback" column on line 25 for each year			9,123			
27	Decrease in tax. Line 25 minus line 26			1,765			
28	Overpayment of tax due to a claim of right adjustment under section 1341(b)(1) (attach computation)						

Sign Here Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this application and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete.

Your signature Martha Sanders Date 4-12-2010

Spouse's signature. If Form 1045 is filed jointly, **both** must sign. _____ Date _____

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶			Firm's EIN ▶	
	Firm's address ▶			Phone no.	

How To Figure an NOL Carryover

If your NOL is more than your taxable income for the year to which you carry it (figured before deducting the NOL), you may have an NOL carryover. You must make certain modifications to your taxable income to determine how much NOL you will use up in that year and how much you can carry over to the next tax year. Your carryover is the excess of your NOL deduction over your modified taxable income for the carryback or carryforward year. If your NOL deduction includes more than one NOL, apply the NOLs against your modified taxable income in the same order in which you incurred them, starting with the earliest.

Modified taxable income. Your modified taxable income is your taxable income figured with the following changes.

1. You cannot claim an NOL deduction for the NOL carryover you are figuring or for any later NOL.
2. You cannot claim a deduction for capital losses in excess of your capital gains. Also, you must increase your taxable income by the amount of any section 1202 exclusion claimed on Schedule D (Form 1040).
3. You cannot claim the domestic production activities deduction.
4. You cannot claim a deduction for your exemptions for yourself, your spouse, or dependents.
5. You must figure any item affected by the amount of your adjusted gross income after making the changes in (1), (2), and (3), above, and certain other changes to your adjusted gross income that result from (1), (2), and (3). This includes income and deduction items used to figure adjusted gross income (for example, IRA deductions), as well as certain itemized deductions. To figure a charitable contribution deduction, do not include deductions for NOL carrybacks in the change in (1) but do include deductions for NOL carryforwards from tax years before the NOL year.

Your taxable income as modified cannot be less than zero.

Form 1045, Schedule B. You can use Form 1045, Schedule B, to figure your modified taxable income for carryback years and your carryover from each of those years. Do not use Form 1045, Schedule B, for a carryforward year. If your 2010 return includes an NOL deduction from an NOL year before 2010 that reduced your taxable income to zero (to less than zero, if an estate or trust), see [NOL Carryover From 2010 to 2011](#), later.

Illustrated Form 1045, Schedule B

The following example illustrates how to figure an NOL carryover from a carryback year. It includes a filled-in Form 1045, Schedule B.

Example. Ida Brown runs a small clothing shop. In 2010, she has an NOL of \$36,000 that she carries back to 2008. She has no other carrybacks or carryforwards to 2008.

Ida's adjusted gross income in 2008 was \$35,000, consisting of her salary of \$36,000 minus a \$1,000 capital loss deduction. She is single and claimed only one personal exemption of \$3,500. During that year, she gave \$1,450 in charitable contributions. Her medical expenses were \$3,000. She also deducted \$1,650 in taxes and \$3,125 in home mortgage interest.

Her deduction for charitable contributions was not limited because her contributions, \$1,450, were less than 50% of her adjusted gross income. The deduction for medical expenses was limited to expenses over 7.5% of adjusted gross income ($.075 \times \$35,000 = \$2,625$; $\$3,000 - \$2,625 = \$375$). The deductions for taxes and home mortgage interest were not subject to any limits. She was able to claim \$6,600 ($\$1,450 + \$375 + \$1,650 + \$3,125$) in itemized deductions and a personal exemption deduction of \$3,500 for 2008. She had no other deductions in 2008 (except the NOL deduction). Her taxable income (figured without the NOL deduction) for the year was \$24,900.

Ida's adjusted gross income in 2009 was \$9,225, consisting of net business income from the clothing shop of \$12,225 and a net capital loss \$3,000. She did not itemize her deductions in 2009. She deducted the standard deduction of \$5,700 and the personal exemption deduction of \$3,650. She had no other deductions in 2009 (other than the NOL deduction). Her taxable income, therefore, was (\$125).

Ida's \$36,000 carryback will result in her having 2008 taxable income of zero. She completes the column for the second preceding tax year ended 12/31/08 on Form 1045, Schedule B, to figure how much of her NOL she uses up in 2008 and how much she can carry over to 2009. She completes the column for the first preceding tax year ended 12/31/09. See the illustrated Form 1045, Schedule B, shown on pages 13 and 14.

Column 1, line 1. Ida enters \$36,000, her 2010 net operating loss, on line 1.

Column 1, line 2. She enters \$24,900, her 2008 taxable income (figured without the NOL deduction), on line 2.

Column 1, line 3. Ida enters her net capital loss deduction of \$1,000 on line 3.

Column 1, lines 4 and 5. Ida had no section 1202 exclusion or domestic production activities deduction in 2008. She enters zero on lines 4 and 5.

Column 1, line 6. Although Ida's entry on line 3 modifies her adjusted gross income, that does not affect any other items included in her adjusted gross income. Ida enters zero on line 6.

Column 1, line 7. Ida had itemized deductions and entered \$1,000 on line 3, so she completes lines 11 through 38 to figure her adjustment to itemized deductions. On line 7, she enters the total adjustment from line 38.

Column 1, line 11. Ida's adjusted gross income for 2008 was \$35,000.

Column 1, line 12. She adds lines 3 through 6 and enters \$1,000 on line 12. (This is her net capital loss deduction added back, which modifies her adjusted gross income.)

Column 1, line 13. Her modified adjusted gross income for 2008 is now \$36,000.

Column 1, line 14. On her 2008 tax return, she deducted \$375 as medical expenses.

Column 1, line 15. Her actual medical expenses were \$3,000.

Column 1, line 16. She multiplies her modified adjusted gross income, \$36,000, by .075. She enters \$2,700 on line 16.

Column 1, line 17. The difference between her actual medical expenses and the amount she is allowed to deduct is \$300.

Column 1, line 18. The difference between her medical deduction and her modified medical deduction is \$75. She enters this on line 18.

Column 1, lines 19 through 21. Ida had no deduction for qualified mortgage insurance premiums in 2008. She skips lines 19 and 20 and enters zero on line 21.

Column 1, line 22. She enters her modified adjusted gross income of \$36,000 on line 22.

Column 1, line 23. She had no other carrybacks to 2008 and enters zero on line 23.

Column 1, line 24. Her modified adjusted gross income remains \$36,000.

Column 1, line 25. Her actual contributions for 2008 were \$1,450, which she enters on line 25.

Column 1, line 26. She now refigures her charitable contributions based on her modified adjusted gross income. Her contributions are well below the 50% limit, so she enters \$1,450 on line 26.

Column 1, line 27. The difference is zero.

Column 1, lines 28 through 37. Ida had no casualty losses or deductions for miscellaneous items in 2008. She skips lines 28 through 31 and lines 33 through 36. Ida enters zero on lines 32 and 37.

Column 1, line 38. She combines lines 18, 21, 27, 32, and 37 and enters \$75 on line 38. She carries this figure to line 7.

Column 1, line 8. Ida enters the deduction for her personal exemption of \$3,500 for 2008.

Column 1, line 9. After combining lines 2 through 8, Ida's modified taxable income is \$29,475.

Column 1, line 10. Ida figures her carryover to 2009 by subtracting her modified taxable income (line 9) from her NOL deduction (line 1). She enters the \$6,525 carryover on line 10. She also enters the \$6,525 as her NOL deduction for 2009 on Form 1045, page 1, line 10, in the "After carryback" column under the column for the first preceding tax year ended 12/31/09. (For an illustrated example of page 1 of Form 1045, see [Illustrated Form 1045](#) under [How To Claim an NOL Deduction](#), earlier.)

Next, Ida completes column 2 for the first preceding tax year ended 12/31/09.

Column 2, line 1. Ida enters \$6,525, the carryback of her 2010 NOL to 2009, from column 1, line 10, on line 1.

Column 2, line 2. She enters (\$125), her 2009 taxable income, on line 2.

Column 2, line 3. Ida enters her net capital loss deduction of \$3,000 on line 3.

Column 2, lines 4 and 5. Ida had no section 1202 exclusion or domestic production activities deduction in 2009. She enters zero on lines 4 and 5.

Column 2, line 6. Although Ida's entry on line 3 modifies her adjusted gross income, that does not affect any other items included in her adjusted gross income. Ida enters zero on line 6.

Column 2, line 7. Because Ida did not itemize deductions on her 2009 tax return, she enters zero on line 7.

Column 2, line 8. Ida enters the deduction for her personal exemption of \$3,650 for 2009.

Column 2, line 9. After combining lines 2 through 8, Ida's modified taxable income is \$6,525.

Column 2, line 10. Ida figures her carryforward to 2011 by subtracting her modified taxable income (line 9) from her NOL deduction (line 1). She enters the \$0 carryover on line 10.

Schedule B—NOL Carryover (see instructions)

Complete one column before going to the next column. Start with the earliest carryback year.

	<u>2nd</u> preceding tax year ended ► 12-31-08	<u>1st</u> preceding tax year ended ► 12-31-09	<u> </u> preceding tax year ended ►
1 NOL deduction (see instructions). Enter as a positive number	36,000	6,525	
2 Taxable income before 2010 NOL carryback (see instructions). Estates and trusts, increase this amount by the sum of the charitable deduction and income distribution deduction	24,900	(125)	
3 Net capital loss deduction (see instructions)	1,000	3,000	
4 Section 1202 exclusion. Enter as a positive number	-0-	-0-	
5 Domestic production activities deduction	-0-	-0-	
6 Adjustment to adjusted gross income (see instructions)	-0-	-0-	
7 Adjustment to itemized deductions (see instructions)	75	-0-	
8 Individuals, enter deduction for exemptions (minus any amount on Form 8914, line 6, for 2006 and 2009; line 2 for 2005 and 2008). Estates and trusts, enter exemption amount	3,500	3,650	
9 Modified taxable income. Combine lines 2 through 8. If zero or less, enter -0-	29,475	6,525	
10 NOL carryover (see instructions).	6,525	-0-	
Adjustment to Itemized Deductions (Individuals Only) Complete lines 11 through 38 for the carryback year(s) for which you itemized deductions only if line 3, 4, or 5 above is more than zero.			
11 Adjusted gross income before 2010 NOL carryback	35,000		
12 Add lines 3 through 6 above	1,000		
13 Modified adjusted gross income. Add lines 11 and 12	36,000		
14 Medical expenses from Sch. A (Form 1040), line 4 (or as previously adjusted)	375		
15 Medical expenses from Sch. A (Form 1040), line 1 (or as previously adjusted)	3,000		
16 Multiply line 13 by 7.5% (.075)	2,700		
17 Subtract line 16 from line 15. If zero or less, enter -0-	300		
18 Subtract line 17 from line 14	75		
19 Mortgage insurance premiums from Sch. A (Form 1040), line 13 (or as previously adjusted)			
20 Refigured mortgage insurance premiums (see instructions)			
21 Subtract line 20 from line 19	-0-		

Schedule B—NOL Carryover (Continued)

Complete one column before going to the next column. Start with the earliest carryback year.

	<u>2nd</u> preceding tax year ended ► 12-31-08	_____ preceding tax year ended ►	_____ preceding tax year ended ►
22 Modified adjusted gross income from line 13 on page 3 of the form	36,000		
23 Enter as a positive number any NOL carryback from a year before 2010 that was deducted to figure line 11 on page 3 of the form	-0-		
24 Add lines 22 and 23	36,000		
25 Charitable contributions from Sch. A (Form 1040), line 19 (line 18 for 2000 through 2006), or Sch. A (Form 1040NR), line 7 (or as previously adjusted)	1,450		
26 Refigured charitable contributions (see instructions)	1,450		
27 Subtract line 26 from line 25	-0-		
28 Casualty and theft losses from Form 4684, line 21 (line 23 for 2008; line 18 for 2000 through 2004 and 2007; line 20 for 2005 and 2006)			
29 Casualty and theft losses from Form 4684, line 18 (line 21 for 2008; line 16 for 2000 through 2004 and 2007)			
30 Multiply line 22 by 10% (.10)			
31 Subtract line 30 from line 29. If zero or less, enter -0-			
32 Subtract line 31 from line 28	-0-		
33 Miscellaneous itemized deductions from Sch. A (Form 1040), line 27 (line 26 for 2000 through 2006), or Sch. A (Form 1040NR), line 15 (or as previously adjusted)			
34 Miscellaneous itemized deductions from Sch. A (Form 1040), line 24 (line 23 for 2000 through 2006), or Sch. A (Form 1040NR), line 12 (or as previously adjusted)			
35 Multiply line 22 by 2% (.02)			
36 Subtract line 35 from line 34. If zero or less, enter -0-			
37 Subtract line 36 from line 33	-0-		
38 Complete the worksheet in the instructions if line 22 is more than the applicable amount shown below (more than one-half that amount if married filing separately for that year). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$128,950 for 2000. • \$132,950 for 2001. • \$137,300 for 2002. • \$139,500 for 2003. • \$142,700 for 2004. • \$145,950 for 2005. • \$150,500 for 2006. • \$156,400 for 2007. • \$159,950 for 2008. • \$166,800 for 2009. Otherwise, combine lines 18, 21, 27, 32, and 37; enter the result here and on line 7 (page 3)	75		

NOL Carryover From 2010 to 2011

If you had an NOL deduction carried forward from a year prior to 2010 that resulted in your having taxable income on your 2010 return of zero (of less than zero, if an estate or trust), complete Table 1, Worksheet for NOL Carryover From 2010 to 2011 on the following page. It will help you figure your NOL to carry to 2011. Keep the worksheet for your records.

Worksheet Instructions

At the top of the worksheet, enter the NOL year for which you are figuring the carryover.

More than one NOL. If your 2010 NOL deduction includes amounts for more than one loss year, complete this worksheet only for one loss year. To determine which year, start with your earliest NOL and subtract each NOL separately from your taxable income figured without the NOL deduction. Complete this worksheet for the earliest NOL that results in your having taxable income below zero. Your NOL carryover to 2011 is the total of the amount on line 10 of the worksheet and all later NOL amounts.

Example. Your taxable income for 2010 is \$5,000 without your \$9,000 NOL deduction. Your NOL deduction includes a \$2,000 carryover from 2008 and a \$7,000 carryover from 2009. Subtract your 2008 NOL of \$2,000 from \$5,000. This gives you taxable income of \$3,000. Your 2008 NOL is now completely used up. Subtract your \$7,000 2009 NOL from \$3,000. This gives you taxable income of (\$4,000). You now complete the worksheet for your 2009 NOL. Your NOL carryover to 2011 is the unused part of your 2009 NOL from line 10 of the worksheet.

Line 2. Treat your NOL deduction for the NOL year entered at the top of the worksheet and later years as a positive amount. Add it to your negative taxable income (figured without the NOL deduction). Enter the result on line 2.

Line 6. You must refigure the following income and deductions based on adjusted gross income.

1. The special allowance for passive activity losses from rental real estate activities.
2. Taxable social security and tier 1 railroad retirement benefits.

3. IRA deductions.
4. Excludable savings bond interest.
5. Excludable employer-provided adoption benefits.
6. The student loan interest deduction.

If none of these items apply to you, enter zero on line 6. Otherwise, increase your adjusted gross income by the total of lines 3 through 5 and your NOL deduction for the NOL year entered at the top of the worksheet and later years. Using this increased adjusted gross income, refigure the items that apply, in the order listed above. Your adjustment for each item is the difference between the refigured amount and the amount included on your return. Combine the adjustments for previous items with your adjusted gross income before refiguring the next item. Keep a record of your computations.

Enter your total adjustments for the above items on line 6.

Line 7. Enter zero if you claimed the standard deduction. Otherwise, use lines 11 through 38 of the worksheet to figure the amount to enter on this line. Complete only those sections that apply to you.

Estates and trusts. Enter zero on line 7 if you did not claim any miscellaneous deductions on Form 1041, line 15b, or a casualty or theft loss. Otherwise, refigure these deductions by substituting modified adjusted gross income (see [below](#)) for adjusted gross income. Subtract the recomputed deductions from those claimed on the return. Enter the result on line 7.

Modified adjusted gross income. To refigure miscellaneous itemized deductions of an estate or trust (Form 1041, line 15b), modified adjusted gross income is the total of the following amounts.

- The adjusted gross income on the return.
- The amounts from lines 3 through 5 of the worksheet.
- The exemption amount from Form 1041, line 20.
- The NOL deduction for the NOL year entered at the top of the worksheet and for later years.

To refigure the casualty and theft loss deduction of an estate or trust, modified adjusted gross income is the total of the following amounts.

- The adjusted gross income amount you used to figure the deduction claimed on the return.
- The amounts from lines 3 through 5 of the worksheet.
- The NOL deduction for the NOL year entered at the top of the worksheet and for later years.

Line 11. Treat your NOL deduction for the NOL year entered at the top of the worksheet and for later years as a positive amount. Add it to your adjusted gross income. Enter the result on line 11.

Line 20. Is your modified adjusted gross income from line 13 of this worksheet more than \$260,000 (\$135,000 if married filing separately)?

Yes. Your deduction is limited. Refigure your deduction using the New Motor Vehicle Tax Deduction Worksheet in the 2010 Schedule A (Form 1040). On line 4 of the New Motor Vehicle Tax Deduction Worksheet, enter the amount from line 13 of this worksheet.

No. Your deduction is not limited. Enter the amount from line 19 on line 20 and enter -0- on line 21.

Line 23. Is your modified adjusted gross income from line 13 of this worksheet more than \$100,000 (\$50,000 if married filing separately)?

Yes. Your deduction is limited. Refigure your deduction using the Mortgage Insurance Premiums Deduction Worksheet in the 2010 Instructions for Schedule A (Form 1040). On line 2 of the Mortgage Insurance Premiums Deduction Worksheet, enter the amount from line 13 of this worksheet.

No. Your deduction is not limited. Enter the amount from line 22 on line 23 and enter -0- on line 24.

Line 26. If you had a contributions carryover from 2009 to 2010 and your NOL deduction includes an amount from an NOL year before 2009, you may have to reduce your contributions carryover. This reduction is any adjustment you made to your 2009 charitable contributions deduction when figuring your NOL carryover to 2010. Use the reduced contributions carryover to figure the amount to enter on line 26.

Table 1. **Worksheet for NOL Carryover From 2010 to 2011 (For an NOL Year Before 2010)***

For Use by Individuals, Estates, and Trusts (Keep for your records.)
See the instructions under NOL Carryover From 2010 to 2011.



NOL YEAR: _____

USE YOUR 2010 FORM 1040, FORM 1040NR (OR FORM 1041) TO COMPLETE THIS WORKSHEET:

1. Enter as a positive number your NOL deduction for the NOL year entered above from line 21 (Form 1040 or Form 1040NR) or line 15a (Form 1041)	
2. Enter your taxable income without the NOL deduction for 2010 (see instructions)	
3. Enter as a positive number any net capital loss deduction	
4. Enter as a positive number any gain excluded on the sale or exchange of qualified small business stock	
5. Enter the amount of any domestic production activities deduction	
6. Enter any adjustments to your adjusted gross income (see instructions)	
7. Enter any adjustments to your itemized deductions from line 35 (see instructions)	
8. Enter your deduction for exemptions from line 42 (Form 1040), line 40 (Form 1040NR), or line 20 (Form 1041).	
9. Modified taxable income. Combine lines 2 through 8. Enter the result (but not less than zero) .	
10. NOL carryover to 2011. Subtract line 9 from line 1. Enter the result (but not less than zero) here and on the "other income" line of Form 1040 or Form 1040NR (or the line on Form 1041 for deductions NOT subject to the 2% floor) in 2011	
ADJUSTMENTS TO ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS (INDIVIDUALS ONLY):	
11. Enter your adjusted gross income without the NOL deduction for the NOL year entered above or later years. (see instructions)	
12. Combine lines 3, 4, 5, and 6 above	
13. Modified adjusted gross income. Combine lines 11 and 12 above	
ADJUSTMENT TO MEDICAL EXPENSES:	
14. Enter your medical expenses from Schedule A (Form 1040), line 4	
15. Enter your medical expenses from Schedule A (Form 1040), line 1	
16. Multiply line 13 above by 7.5% (.075)	
17. Subtract line 16 from line 15. Enter the result (but not less than zero).	
18. Subtract line 17 from line 14	
ADJUSTMENT TO MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES:	
19. Enter your motor vehicle taxes deduction from Schedule A (Form 1040), line 7	
20. Refigure your motor vehicle taxes deduction using line 13 above as your adjusted gross income (see instructions)	
21. Subtract line 20 from line 19	
ADJUSTMENT TO MORTGAGE INSURANCE PREMIUMS:	
22. Enter your mortgage insurance premiums deduction from Schedule A (Form 1040), line 13	
23. Refigure your mortgage insurance premiums deduction using line 13 above as your adjusted gross income (see instructions)	
24. Subtract line 23 from line 22	
ADJUSTMENT TO CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS:	
25. Enter your charitable contributions deduction from Schedule A (Form 1040), line 19, or Schedule A (Form 1040NR), line 7	
26. Refigure your charitable contributions deduction using line 13 above as your adjusted gross income. (see instructions)	
27. Subtract line 26 from line 25	
ADJUSTMENT TO CASUALTY AND THEFT LOSSES:	
28. Enter your casualty and theft losses from Form 4684, line 20	
29. Enter your casualty and theft losses from Form 4684, line 17	
30. Multiply line 13 above by 10% (.10)	
31. Subtract line 30 from line 29. Enter the result (but not less than zero)	
32. Subtract line 31 from line 28	
ADJUSTMENT TO MISCELLANEOUS DEDUCTIONS:	
33. Enter your miscellaneous deductions from Schedule A (Form 1040), line 27, or Schedule A (Form 1040NR), line 15	
34. Enter your miscellaneous deductions from Schedule A (Form 1040), line 24, or Schedule A (Form 1040NR), line 12	
35. Multiply line 13 above by 2% (.02)	
36. Subtract line 35 from line 34. Enter the result (but not less than zero)	
37. Subtract line 36 from line 33	
TENTATIVE TOTAL ADJUSTMENT:	
38. Combine lines 18, 21, 24, 27, 32, and 37, and enter the result here	

*Note: If you choose to waive the carryback period, and instead you choose to only carry your 2010 NOL forward, use Schedule A, Form 1045 to compute your 2010 NOL that will be carried over to 2011. Report your 2010 NOL from line 25, Schedule A, Form 1045, on the "other income" line of your 2011 Form 1040 or Form 1040NR, or the line on Form 1041 for deductions NOT subject to the 2% floor in 2011.

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