

General Information

Estimated tax means the amount that you estimate to be your Income Tax for the year, after subtracting withholdings and other credits. If you do not pay your tax through withholdings, or if you do not have enough tax withheld, you must make estimated tax payments. You can avoid making these payments by asking your employer to withhold more tax from your wages. To do this, complete Form NJ-W4 and give it to your employer. If you have pension income, file Form NJ-W-4P with the payer of the pension to have tax withheld. For more information, see Tax Topic Bulletin GIT-8, *Estimating Income Taxes*.

Note: Estimated tax payments are not payments for outstanding tax liabilities. For information on starting a payment plan, visit state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/questions/deferred1.shtml.

Who Must File

Whether you are a resident or a nonresident, you are required to make estimated tax payments if you estimate that you will owe more than \$400. This also is true for certain estates and trusts. Consider the following when determining whether you are required to make estimated tax payments.

Minimum Income Filing Threshold. You are not required to file a New Jersey Income Tax return or pay tax if your gross income for the entire year is \$20,000 or less (filing status married/CU couple, filing joint return or head of household or qualifying widow(er)/surviving CU partner), or \$10,000 or less (estates and trusts, or individuals with filing status single or married/CU partner, filing separate return).

Retirement Income Exclusion. You may be able to exclude up to \$100,000 (filing status married/CU couple, filing joint return), \$75,000 (filing status single, head of household, or qualifying widow(er)/surviving CU partner), or \$50,000 (filing status married/CU partner, filing separate return) of your taxable pension and other income.

When to File

Your first installment must be submitted on or before April 15, 2020, for calendar year filers or by the date specified in these instructions for *Fiscal Year Taxpayers* or *Farmers* or *Changes in Income, Exemptions, etc.* If you are paying your estimated tax in four equal installments, additional payments must be made on or before June 15, 2020, September 15, 2020, and January 15, 2021.

Where to Mail Your Estimated Payment

Mail Form NJ-1040-ES along with your check or money order to: State of New Jersey, Division of Taxation, Revenue Processing Center, PO Box 222, Trenton NJ 08646-0222.

Write your Social Security number on your check. If you are filing jointly, include both of your Social Security numbers on all the documents you submit. Fiduciaries must include the federal employer identification number of the estate or trust.

How to Calculate Your Estimated Tax

Determine your expected income, then subtract your exemptions and deductions to arrive at your expected taxable income.

Apply the appropriate tax rate to your expected taxable income. Subtract total anticipated credits and withholdings to arrive at your estimated tax. Use the estimated tax worksheet on page 3 as a guide for this calculation. See the instructions for the NJ-1040, NJ-1040NR, or NJ-1041 for more details on income, exemptions, deductions, and credits.

Exemptions

You may be able to claim the following exemptions:

- Taxpayer (and either spouse/civil union partner, if filing jointly, or domestic partner) – \$1,000 each;
- Taxpayer (and spouse/civil union partner if filing jointly) who is 65 or older – an additional \$1,000 each;
- Taxpayer (and spouse/civil union partner if filing jointly) who is blind or disabled – an additional \$1,000 each;
- Taxpayer (and spouse/civil union partner if filing jointly) who is a veteran honorably discharged or released from active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces – an additional \$6,000 each;
- Each dependent who qualifies as your dependent for federal income tax purposes – \$1,500 per dependent;
- Each dependent under age 22 who is attending an accredited institution of higher education full time – an additional \$1,000 per dependent.

Deductions

You can deduct the following:

- Medical expenses in excess of 2 percent (0.02) of gross income, qualified Archer medical savings account (MSA) contributions, and health insurance costs of the self-employed;
- Alimony and separate maintenance payments, subject to certain limitations;
- Qualified conservation contributions;
- Health Enterprise Zone deduction;
- Property Tax Deduction or Credit (claim only one);
- Alternative business calculation adjustment.

Other Credits

If you meet the eligibility requirements, you can claim: Property Tax Credit or Deduction (claim only one), New Jersey Earned Income Tax Credit, Child and Dependent Care Credit, Wounded Warrior Caregivers Credit, Gold Star Family Counseling Credit, and Sheltered Workshop Tax Credit. See the instruction booklet for the Income Tax return that you file for information on how to estimate the amount of your credit(s).

Fiscal Year Taxpayers

Fiscal year filers must estimate their tax for the period covered by their fiscal year, and change the payment due dates to correspond with the 15th day of the fourth, sixth, and ninth month of their fiscal year, and the first month after the end of their fiscal year. When any date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, substitute the next regular workday.

Payment of Estimated Tax

You can pay your estimated tax in full by the due date of the first installment or in four equal installments. Estimated payments can be made by:

Check or Money Order, payable to **State of New Jersey – TGI**. Write your Social Security number (federal employer identification number for estates or trusts) on your payment and enclose it with the completed voucher for the period.

Electronic Check (e-check), online (*njtaxation.org*). If you do not have internet access, you can pay by e-check by contacting the Division’s Customer Service Center (609-292-6400) or by visiting a Regional Information Center (see page 4). Do not send in a voucher when paying by e-check. You need your Social Security number and date of birth to make a payment. Estates and trusts need their federal employer identification number and either the date of the decedent’s death or the date the trust was created. E-check payments made using an account that is funded from a financial institution outside the United States will not be accepted. E-check payments of estimated tax can be scheduled in advance.

Credit Card, online (*njtaxation.org*) or by phone (1-888-673-7694) using a Visa, American Express, MasterCard, or Discover card. Credit card payments also can be made by contacting the Division’s Customer Service Center (609-292-6400) or by visiting a Regional Information Center (see page 4). Fees apply when you pay by credit card. The fee is added to your actual tax payment. Do not send in a voucher when paying by credit card.

Changes in Income, Exemptions, etc.

If a change occurs, you may be required to make an estimated payment even if you did not need to make payments earlier in the year. Calendar year filers must file by:

- June 15, 2020 – if changes occur after April 1 and before June 2;
- September 15, 2020 – if changes occur after June 1 and before September 2;
- January 15, 2021 – if changes occur after September 1.

Pay the estimated tax in equal installments on the remaining payment dates.

You do not need to submit a January 15, 2021, estimated payment as long as you file your 2020 Income Tax return by February 16, 2021, and pay the entire balance due.

Farmers

If at least two-thirds of your total estimated income for the tax year is from farming (including oyster farming), you can submit your estimated tax payments at any time on or before January 15, 2021. In this case, the estimated tax must be paid in full. If you operate on a fiscal year basis, file by the 15th day of the first month after the end of your fiscal year.

Amended Estimated Payments

If the amount of your estimated tax changes, any remaining installments must be adjusted to reflect the change. Use the Amended Calculation Schedule on page 4 to determine the amount of your remaining installments.

Failure to Pay Estimated Tax

If an installment is filed after the due date, it does not affect the due date of the remaining installments. If you fail to pay all or any part of your required estimated tax, *underpayment of estimated tax* occurs. Interest is added to the underpayment amount for that period (see *Interest* below). The estate of a taxpayer who dies during the tax year may be required to start (or continue) filing estimated tax payments.

Form NJ-2210 and NJ-2210NR

If you fail to make all required estimated tax payments, complete Form NJ-2210, Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Individuals, Estates or Trusts, or NJ-2210NR, Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Nonresidents, to determine if interest is due and if so, to calculate the amount.

Interest

Interest will be assessed at the prime rate plus 3 percent, compounded annually. At the end of each calendar year, any tax and interest that are still unpaid will become part of the balance on which interest is charged.

Completing the Estimated Tax Payment Voucher

- a. Complete the worksheet to calculate your estimated tax.
- b. Enter your name, address, and Social Security number on the voucher (if not preprinted). If you are filing jointly, include the name and Social Security numbers for both of you in the same order the names are listed on your New Jersey Income Tax return. Estates and trusts enter the federal employer identification number.

Note: Print your numbers as follows:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
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- c. Check the appropriate box to indicate the return for which payment is being made: Resident (Form NJ-1040), Nonresident (Form NJ-1040NR or NJ-1080C), or Fiduciary (Form NJ-1041).
- d. Enter the actual amount of the payment being submitted in the spaces on the voucher. If you had an overpayment on your 2019 Income Tax return and elected to apply the overpayment to your 2020 return, that overpayment will be automatically credited to the first quarterly installment, or it can be partially or fully applied to any installment. Subtract the amount of the 2019 overpayment from the amount of the installment due, and enter only the amount actually being submitted with the voucher.
- e. Enclose your check or money order with the voucher. Write your Social Security number on your check or money order. If you are filing jointly, include the Social Security numbers for both of you. Estates and trusts enter the federal employer identification number.
- f. Mail your check or money order along with your voucher to the address listed in *Where to Mail* on page 1.

Note: If you pay by e-check or credit card, do not send the estimated tax voucher, Form NJ-1040-ES.

NOTE: If your estimated tax should change during the year, you can use the amended calculation below to determine the amended amounts to enter on your voucher.

Amended Calculation Schedule (Use if your estimated tax changes substantially after you file your first voucher.)			
1. Amended estimated tax			
2. Less (a) Amount of last year's overpayment elected for credit to 2020			
(b) Any estimated payments already made for 2020			
(c) Total of lines 2(a) and 2(b)			
3. Unpaid balance (Subtract line 2(c) from line 1)			
4. Amount to be paid (line 3 divided by the number of remaining installments)			

Record of Estimated Tax Payments				
Voucher Number	(a) Date	(b) Amount	(c) 2019 Overpayment Credit Applied to Installment	(d) Total Amount Paid and Credited From Jan 1 Through Installment Date Shown Add (b) and (c)
1				
2				
3				
4				
Total →				

When You Need Information...

by phone...

Call our Automated Tax Information System
1-800-323-4400 — (within NJ, NY, PA, DE, and MD) or
609-826-4400. Touch-tone phones only.

- ◆ Listen to recorded tax information on many topics.
- ◆ Order certain forms and publications through our message system.

Contact our Customer Service Center
609-292-6400 — Speak directly to a Division of Taxation representative for tax information and assistance.

Text Telephone Service (TTY/TDD) for Hearing-Impaired Users

1-800-286-6613 — (toll-free within NJ, NY, PA, DE, and MD) or **609-984-7300**. These numbers are accessible *only* from TTY devices.

- ◆ Submit a text message on any New Jersey tax matter.
- ◆ Receive a reply through NJ Relay Services (711).

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Visit the New Jersey Division of Taxation Website
 Many State tax forms and publications are available on our website: **njtaxation.org**

Also, you can reach us by email with general State tax questions at: **nj.taxation@treas.nj.gov**
 Do not include confidential information such as Social Security or federal tax identification numbers, liability or payment amounts, dates of birth, or bank account numbers in your email.

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state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/listservice.shtml

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