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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 three years after you have used the carryback/carryforward or three years after the carryforward expires.

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.

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Publication

- 4492** Information for Taxpayers Affected by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma

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 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 38.

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.

Schedule A (Form 1045). Use Schedule A (Form 1045) to figure an NOL. The following

discussion explains Schedule A and includes an illustrated example.

First, complete 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 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,
- Contributions to an IRA or other self-employed retirement plan,
- Health savings account deduction,
- Archer MSA deduction,
- Itemized deductions (except for casualty and theft losses, state income tax on business profits, and any employee business expenses), and
- The standard deduction (if you do not itemize your deductions).

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).
- 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 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 Schedule A (Form 1045)

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

Example. Glenn Johnson is in the retail record business. He is single and has the following income and deductions on his Form 1040 for 2006.

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	5,150
Personal exemption	<u>3,300</u>
Glenn's total deductions	<u>\$14,450</u>

Glenn's deductions exceed his income by \$10,800 (\$14,450 – \$3,650). However, to figure whether he has an NOL, certain deductions are not allowed. He uses Schedule A (Form 1045) to figure his NOL. See the illustrated Schedule A (Form 1045), later.

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

Nonbusiness net short-term capital loss	\$1,000
Nonbusiness deductions (standard deduction, \$5,150) minus nonbusiness income (interest, \$425)	4,725
Deduction for personal exemption	<u>3,300</u>
Total adjustments to net loss	<u>\$9,025</u>

Therefore, Glenn's NOL for 2006 is figured as follows:

Glenn's total 2006 income	\$3,650
Less:	
Glenn's original 2006 total deductions	\$14,450
Reduced by the disallowed items	<u>–9,025</u> <u>–5,425</u>
Glenn's NOL for 2006	<u>\$1,775</u>

When To Use an NOL

Generally, if you have an NOL for a tax year ending in 2006, 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 GO Zone losses, and specified liability losses, defined below, 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 Presidentially declared disaster for a qualified small business.

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

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.

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.

Certain timber losses. Income and deductions attributable to qualified timber property (defined below) can be treated as attributable to a farming business if any portion of the property is located in the GO Zone, Rita GO Zone, or Wilma GO Zone.

However, these rules apply only to a timber producer who:

1. Held qualified timber property on the applicable date below:
 - a. August 28, 2005, if any portion of the property is located in the GO Zone,
 - b. September 23, 2005, if any portion of the property is located in the Rita GO Zone (but not in the GO Zone), or
 - c. October 23, 2005, if any portion of the property is located in the Wilma GO Zone (but not in the GO Zone or the Rita GO Zone); and
2. Did not hold more than 500 acres of qualified timber property on the applicable date above.

Qualified timber property is property that contains trees in significant commercial quantities. It can be a woodlot or other site that you own or lease. The property qualifies only if it meets all the following requirements.

- It is located in the United States.
- It is held for the growing and cutting of timber you will either use in, or sell for use in, the commercial production of timber products.

Label

(See instructions on page 16.)

Use the IRS label. Otherwise, please print or type.

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For the year Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2006, or other tax year beginning , 2006, ending , 20 OMB No. 1545-0074
Your first name and initial Last name
Glenn M. Johnson
If a joint return, spouse's first name and initial Last name
Home address (number and street). If you have a P.O. box, see page 16. Apt. no.
5603 E. Main Street
City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. If you have a foreign address, see page 16.
Anytown, VA 20000

Your social security number
765 : 00 : 4321
Spouse's social security number

You must enter your SSN(s) above.

Checking a box below will not change your tax or refund.

Check here if you, or your spouse if filing jointly, want \$3 to go to this fund (see page 16) [X] You [] Spouse

Filing Status

Check only one box.

- 1 [X] Single
2 [] Married filing jointly (even if only one had income)
3 [] Married filing separately. Enter spouse's SSN above and full name here.
4 [] Head of household (with qualifying person). (See page 17.) If the qualifying person is a child but not your dependent, enter this child's name here.
5 [] Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child (see page 17)

Exemptions

6a [X] Yourself. If someone can claim you as a dependent, do not check box 6a
b [] Spouse
c Dependents: (1) First name Last name (2) Dependent's social security number (3) Dependent's relationship to you (4) [X] if qualifying child for child tax credit (see page 19)
d Total number of exemptions claimed 1

If more than four dependents, see page 19.

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 23.

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

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Wages, salaries, tips, etc. (1,225); Taxable interest (425); Ordinary dividends; Qualified dividends; Taxable refunds, credits, or offsets of state and local income taxes; Alimony received; Business income or (loss) (-5,000); Capital gain or (loss) (1,000); Other gains or (losses); IRA distributions; Pensions and annuities; Rental real estate, royalties, partnerships, S corporations, trusts, etc.; Farm income or (loss); Unemployment compensation; Social security benefits; Other income; Total income (2,350).

Adjusted Gross Income

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Archer MSA deduction; Certain business expenses of reservists, performing artists, and fee-basis government officials; Health savings account deduction; Moving expenses; One-half of self-employment tax; Self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, and qualified plans; Self-employed health insurance deduction; Penalty on early withdrawal of savings; Alimony paid; IRA deduction; Student loan interest deduction; Jury duty pay you gave to your employer; Domestic production activities deduction; Total adjusted gross income (2,350).

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

Tax and Credits

Standard Deduction for—

• People who checked any box on line 39a or 39b or who can be claimed as a dependent, see page 34.

• All others: Single or Married filing separately, \$5,150

Married filing jointly or Qualifying widow(er), \$10,300

Head of household, \$7,550

38 Amount from line 37 (adjusted gross income) 38 (2,350)
39a Check if: You were born before January 2, 1942, Blind. Total boxes checked 39a
b If your spouse itemizes on a separate return or you were a dual-status alien, see page 34 and check here 39b
40 Itemized deductions (from Schedule A) or your standard deduction (see left margin) 40 5,150
41 Subtract line 40 from line 38 41 (7,500)
42 If line 38 is over \$112,875, or you provided housing to a person displaced by Hurricane Katrina, see page 36. Otherwise, multiply \$3,300 by the total number of exemptions claimed on line 6d 42 3,300
43 Taxable income. Subtract line 42 from line 41. If line 42 is more than line 41, enter -0- 43 -0-
44 Tax (see page 36). Check if any tax is from: a Form(s) 8814 b Form 4972 44
45 Alternative minimum tax (see page 39). 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 Credit for the elderly or the disabled. Attach Schedule R 49
50 Education credits. Attach Form 8863 50
51 Retirement savings contributions credit. Attach Form 8880 51
52 Residential energy credits. Attach Form 5695 52
53 Child tax credit (see page 42). Attach Form 8901 if required 53
54 Credits from: a Form 8396 b Form 8839 c Form 8859 54
55 Other credits: a Form 3800 b Form 8801 c Form 55
56 Add lines 47 through 55. These are your total credits 56
57 Subtract line 56 from line 46. If line 56 is more than line 46, enter -0- 57

Other Taxes

58 Self-employment tax. Attach Schedule SE 58
59 Social security and Medicare tax on tip income not reported to employer. Attach Form 4137 59
60 Additional tax on IRAs, other qualified retirement plans, etc. Attach Form 5329 if required 60
61 Advance earned income credit payments from Form(s) W-2, box 9 61
62 Household employment taxes. Attach Schedule H 62
63 Add lines 57 through 62. This is your total tax 63

Payments

If you have a qualifying child, attach Schedule EIC.

64 Federal income tax withheld from Forms W-2 and 1099 64
65 2006 estimated tax payments and amount applied from 2005 return 65
66a Earned income credit (EIC) 66a
b Nontaxable combat pay election 66b
67 Excess social security and tier 1 RRTA tax withheld (see page 60) 67
68 Additional child tax credit. Attach Form 8812 68
69 Amount paid with request for extension to file (see page 60) 69
70 Payments from: a Form 2439 b Form 4136 c Form 8885 70
71 Credit for federal telephone excise tax paid. Attach Form 8913 if required 71
72 Add lines 64, 65, 66a, and 67 through 71. These are your total payments 72

Refund

Direct deposit? See page 61 and fill in 74b, 74c, and 74d, or Form 8888.

73 If line 72 is more than line 63, subtract line 63 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 74a
b Routing number c Type: Checking Savings
d Account number
75 Amount of line 73 you want applied to your 2007 estimated tax 75
76 Amount you owe. Subtract line 72 from line 63. For details on how to pay, see page 62 76
77 Estimated tax penalty (see page 62) 77

Amount You Owe

Third Party Designee

Do you want to allow another person to discuss this return with the IRS (see page 63)? Yes. Complete the following. No

Designee's name Phone no. () Personal identification number (PIN)

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.

Joint return? See page 17. Keep a copy for your records.

Your signature Date Your occupation Daytime phone number
Glenn M. Johnson 2-4-07 Self-employed ()
Spouse's signature. If a joint return, both must sign. Date Spouse's occupation

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Preparer's signature Date Check if self-employed Preparer's SSN or PTIN
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP code EIN Phone no. ()

Schedule A—NOL (see page 6 of the instructions)

1	Enter the amount from your 2006 Form 1040, line 41, or Form 1040NR, line 38, minus any amount on Form 8914, line 6. Estates and trusts, enter taxable income increased by the total of the charitable deduction, income distribution deduction, and exemption amount			1	(7,500)
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 page 6 of the instructions)	6	5,150		
7	Nonbusiness income other than capital gains (see page 6 of the 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	4,725
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 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 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 Form 1040, line 35, or Form 1040NR, line 33 (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)

- It consists of at least one acre planted with tree seedlings in the manner normally used in forestation or reforestation.

Qualified timber property does not include property on which you have planted shelter belts or ornamental trees, such as Christmas trees.

See Publication 4492, Information for Taxpayers Affected by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma, for a list of counties and parishes included in the GO Zone, Rita GO Zone, and Wilma GO Zone.

Waiving the 5-year carryback. You can choose to figure the carryback period for a farming loss without regard to the special 5-year carry back rule. To make this choice for 2006, attach to your 2006 income tax return filed by the due date (including extensions) a statement that you are choosing to treat any 2006 farming 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 (including extensions). Attach a statement to your amended return and write "Filed pursuant to section 301.9100-2" at the top of the statement. File the amended return at the same address you used for your original return. 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 the following deductions (to the extent they are taken into account in computing the NOL for the tax year):
 - a. Qualified GO Zone casualty loss (defined later),
 - b. Moving expenses paid or incurred for the employment of an individual whose main home was in the GO Zone before August 28, 2005, who was unable to remain in that home because of Hurricane Katrina, and whose main job location (after the move) is in the GO Zone,
 - c. Temporary housing expenses paid or incurred to house employees of the taxpayer whose main job location is in the GO Zone,
 - d. Depreciation or amortization allowable for any qualified GO Zone property (even if you elected not to claim the special GO Zone depreciation allowance for such property) for the year placed in service, and
 - e. Repair expenses (including expenses for the removal of debris) paid or incurred for any damage from Hurricane Katrina to property located in the GO Zone.

See Publication 4492 for a list of counties and parishes included in the GO Zone.

To the extent the NOL is a qualified GO Zone loss, that part of the loss is carried back to the 5th tax year before the loss. Any such loss not

used in that year is carried to the 4th preceding year and then applied consecutively forward through the 1st preceding year. Any such loss not applied in the 5 preceding years can be carried forward up to 20 years.

Qualified GO Zone casualty loss. A qualified GO Zone casualty loss is any deductible section 1231 loss of property located in the GO Zone if the loss was caused by Hurricane Katrina. For this purpose, the amount of the loss is reduced by any recognized gain from an involuntary conversion caused by Hurricane Katrina of property located in the GO Zone. Any such loss taken into account in figuring your qualified GO Zone loss is not eligible for the election to be treated as having occurred in the previous tax year.

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 2006, attach to your 2006 income tax return filed by the due date (including extensions) a statement that you are choosing to treat any 2006 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 (including extensions). Attach a statement to your amended return, and write "Filed pursuant to section 301.9100-2" at the top of the statement. File the amended return at the same address you used for your original return. 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).

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 2006, attach to your 2006 income tax return filed by the due date (including extensions) a statement that you are choosing to treat any 2006 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. File the amended return at the same address you used for your original return. 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 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 2006 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 2004, the second year before the NOL year, as shown in the following chart.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Carryback/ Carryover</u>	<u>Unused Loss</u>
2004	\$42,000	\$40,000
2005	40,000	37,000
2006 (NOL year)		
2007	37,000	31,500
2008	31,500	22,500
2009	22,500	12,700
2010	12,700	4,000
2011	4,000	-0-

If your loss were larger, you could carry it forward until the year 2026. If you still had an unused 2006 carryforward after the year 2026, you could not 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 2003. As shown in the following chart, \$3,000 of this NOL is used in 2003. The remaining \$1,000 is carried to 2004 with the \$38,000 NOL that you must begin using in 2004.

Year	Carryback/ Carryover	Unused Loss
2003	\$3,000	\$1,000
2004	39,000	37,000
2005	37,000	34,000
2006 (NOL year)		
2007	34,000	28,500
2008	28,500	19,500
2009	19,500	9,700
2010	9,700	1,000
2011	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 NOL minus the 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 more than 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 not filing 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 NOL year. If the last day of the 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 2006 to 2004, you must file Form 1045 on or after the date you file your tax return for 2006, but no later than December 31, 2007.

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 2003 return by the April 15, 2004, due date, you must file a claim for refund of 2001 tax because of an NOL carryback from 2003 by April 17, 2007.

Attach a computation of your NOL using Schedule A (Form 1045) and, if it applies, your NOL carryover using Schedule B (Form 1045), 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. Student loan interest deduction.
7. 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 after applying the above refigured items but without the NOL deduction.)

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 casualty losses.
- Miscellaneous itemized deductions subject to the 2% limit.
- The overall limit on itemized deductions.
- The phaseout of the deduction for exemptions.

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 2006). Estates and trusts include an NOL deduction on Form 1041 with other deductions not subject to the 2% limit (line 15a for 2006).

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 2006. They have an NOL of \$5,000. They carry the NOL back to 2004, a year in which Mark and Nancy filed separate returns. Figured separately, Nancy's 2006 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 2004 separate return.

Example 2. Assume the same facts as in Example 1, except that both Mark and Nancy had deductions in 2006 that were more than their income. Figured separately, his NOL is \$1,800 and hers 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 × \$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 2004 and separate returns for 2005 and 2006. In 2006, 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 2004 joint return and claim a \$20,000 NOL deduction.

Their joint modified taxable income (MTI) for 2004 is \$15,000, and their joint NOL carryover to 2005 is \$5,000 (\$20,000 – \$15,000). Sam and Wanda each figure their separate MTI for 2004 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)	× .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 2005	\$5,000

Joint carryover to 2005	\$5,000
Sam's carryover	– 5,000
Wanda's carryover to 2005	\$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 2005. 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 2005 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 2006 deductions are more than her 2006 income because of a business loss. She uses Form 1045 to carry back her NOL 2 years and claim an NOL deduction in 2004. (See the filled-in Form 1045 on page 11.) Her filing status in both years was single.

Martha figures her 2006 NOL on Schedule A, Form 1045 (not shown). (For an example using Schedule A, see *Illustrated Schedule A (Form 1045)* under *How To Figure an NOL*, earlier.) She enters the \$10,000 NOL from 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 12/31/04 on page 1 of Form 1045 using the following amounts from her 2004 return.

2004 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	\$3,100
Income tax	\$5,156
Self-employment tax	\$6,120

Martha refigures her taxable income for 2004 after carrying back her 2006 NOL as follows:

2004 Adjusted gross income . . .	\$50,000
Less:	
NOL from 2006	<u>-10,000</u>

2004 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	<u>- 3,100</u>
2004 Taxable income after	
carryback	<u>\$22,900</u>

Martha then completes lines 10 through 25, using the "After carryback" column under the column for the second preceding tax year ended 12/31/04. 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 (\$22,900) from line 15, and the tax tables in her 2004 Form 1040 instructions to find her income tax. She enters the new amount, \$3,081, on line 16, and her new total tax liability, \$9,201, on line 25.

Martha used up her \$10,000 NOL in 2004 so she does not complete a column for the first preceding tax year ended 12/31/2005. The decrease in tax because of her NOL deduction (line 27) is \$2,075.

Martha files Form 1045 after filing her 2006 return, but no later December 31, 2007. She mails it to the Internal Revenue Service Center where she filed her 2006 return and attaches a copy of her 2006 return (including the applicable forms and schedules).

Application for Tentative Refund

2006

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

Type or print	Name(s) shown on return <i>Martha Sanders</i>	Social security or employer identification number <i>123-00-4567</i>
	Number, street, and apt. or suite no. If a P.O. box, see page 3 of the 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 page 3 of the 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 2006, or other tax year beginning , 2006, ending , 20	b Date tax return was filed <i>3-5-2007</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 from a tax shelter required to be registered? . . . 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 page 3 of the instructions)? . . . Yes No

Computation of Decrease in Tax
 (see page 3 of the instructions)

Note: If 1a and 1c are blank, skip lines 10 through 15.

	____ preceding tax year ended ▶		2nd preceding tax year ended ▶ 12-31-04		1st preceding tax year ended ▶ 12-31-05	
	Before carryback	After carryback	Before carryback	After carryback	Before carryback	After carryback
10 NOL deduction after carryback (see page 3 of the instructions)				10,000		
11 Adjusted gross income			50,000	40,000		
12 Deductions (see page 4 of the instructions)			13,250	14,000		
13 Subtract line 12 from line 11			36,750	26,000		
14 Exemptions (see page 5 of the instructions)			3,100	3,100		
15 Taxable income. Line 13 minus line 14			33,650	22,900		
16 Income tax. See page 5 of the instructions and attach an explanation			5,156	3,081		
17 Alternative minimum tax						
18 Add lines 16 and 17			5,156	3,081		
19 General business credit (see page 5 of the instructions)						
20 Other credits. Identify						
21 Total credits. Add lines 19 and 20						
22 Subtract line 21 from line 18			5,156	3,081		
23 Self-employment tax			6,120	6,120		
24 Other taxes						
25 Total tax. Add lines 22 through 24			11,276	9,201		
26 Enter the amount from the "After carryback" column on line 25 for each year			9,201			
27 Decrease in tax. Line 25 minus line 26			2,075			
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 4-11-2007

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

Preparer Other Than Taxpayer Name _____ Address _____ Date _____

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.

Schedule B (Form 1045). You can use Schedule B (Form 1045) to figure your modified taxable income for carryback years and your carryover from each of those years. Do not use Schedule B for a carryforward year. If your 2006

return includes an NOL deduction from an NOL year before 2006 that reduced your taxable income to zero (to less than zero, if an estate or trust), see *NOL Carryover From 2006 to 2007*, later.

Illustrated Schedule B (Form 1045)

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

Example. Ida Brown runs a small clothing shop. In 2006, she has an NOL of \$36,000 that she carries back to 2004. She has no other carrybacks or carryovers to 2004.

Ida's adjusted gross income in 2004 was \$29,000, consisting of her salary of \$30,000 minus a \$1,000 capital loss deduction. She is single and claimed only one personal exemption of \$3,100. During that year, she gave \$1,450 in charitable contributions. Her medical expenses were \$2,725. She also deducted \$1,650 in taxes and \$1,125 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 ($.075 \times \$29,000 = \$2,175$; $\$2,725 - \$2,175 = \$550$). The deductions for taxes and home mortgage interest were not subject to any limits. She was able to claim \$4,775 ($\$1,450 + \$550 + \$1,650 + \$1,125$) in itemized deductions for 2004. She had no other deductions in 2004. Her taxable income for the year was \$21,125.

Ida's \$36,000 carryback will reduce her 2004 taxable income to zero. She completes the column for the second preceding tax year ended 12/31/04 of Schedule B (Form 1045) to figure how much of her NOL she uses up in 2004 and how much she can carry over to 2005. See the illustrated Schedule B shown on page 13. Ida does not complete the column for the first preceding tax year ended 12/31/05 because the \$10,700 carryover to 2005 is completely used up that year. (See the information for line 9 below.)

Line 1. Ida enters \$36,000, her 2006 net operating loss, on line 1.

Line 2. She enters \$21,125, her 2004 taxable income, on line 2.

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

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.

Line 7. Ida had itemized deductions and entered \$1,000 on line 3, so she completes lines 11 through 35 to figure her adjustment to itemized deductions. On line 7, she enters the total adjustment from line 35.

Line 11. Ida's adjusted gross income for 2004 was \$29,000.

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.)

Line 13. Her modified adjusted gross income for 2004 is now \$30,000.

Line 14. On her 2004 tax return, she deducted \$550 as medical expenses.

Line 15. Her actual medical expenses were \$2,725.

Line 16. She multiplies her modified adjusted gross income, \$30,000, by .075. She enters \$2,250 on line 16.

Line 17. The difference between her actual medical expenses and the amount she is allowed to deduct is \$475.

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

Line 19. She enters her modified adjusted gross income of \$30,000 on line 19.

Line 20. She had no other carrybacks to 2004 and enters zero on line 20.

Line 21. Her modified adjusted gross income remains \$30,000.

Line 22. Her actual contributions for 2004 were \$1,450, which she enters on line 22.

Line 23. 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 23.

Line 24. The difference is zero.

Lines 25 through 34. Ida had no casualty losses or deductions for miscellaneous items in 2004 so she leaves these lines blank.

Line 35. She combines lines 18, 24, 29, and 34 and enters \$75 on line 35. She carries this figure to **line 7**.

Line 8. Ida enters the deduction for her personal exemption of \$3,100 for 2004.

Line 9. After combining lines 2 through 8, Ida's modified taxable income is \$25,300.

Line 10. Ida figures her carryover to 2005 by subtracting her modified taxable income (line 9) from her NOL deduction (line 1). She enters the \$10,700 carryover on line 10. She also enters the \$10,700 as her NOL deduction for 2005 on Form 1045, page 1, line 10, in the "After carryback" column under the column for the first preceding tax year ended 12/31/05. (For an illustrated example of page 1 of Form 1045, see *Illustrated Form 1045 under How To Claim an NOL Deduction*, earlier.)

Schedule B—NOL Carryover (see page 6 of the instructions)

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

	<u>2nd</u> preceding tax year ended ► 12-31-04	_____ preceding tax year ended ►	_____ preceding tax year ended ►
1 NOL deduction (see page 6 of the instructions). Enter as a positive number	36,000		
2 Taxable income before 2006 NOL carryback (see page 7 of the instructions). Estates and trusts, increase this amount by the sum of the charitable deduction and income distribution deduction	21,125		
3 Net capital loss deduction (see page 7 of the instructions)	1,000		
4 Section 1202 exclusion. Enter as a positive number	-0-		
5 Domestic production activities deduction	-0-		
6 Adjustment to adjusted gross income (see page 7 of the instructions)	-0-		
7 Adjustment to itemized deductions (see page 7 of the instructions)	75		
8 Individuals, enter deduction for exemptions (minus any amount on Form 8914, line 2, for 2005). Estates and trusts, enter exemption amount	3,100		
9 Modified taxable income. Combine lines 2 through 8. If zero or less, enter -0-	25,300		
10 NOL carryover (see page 7 of the instructions). Subtract line 9 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-	10,700		
Adjustment to Itemized Deductions (Individuals Only) Complete lines 11 through 35 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 2006 NOL carryback	29,000		
12 Add lines 3 through 6 above	1,000		
13 Modified adjusted gross income. Add lines 11 and 12	30,000		
14 Medical expenses from Sch. A (Form 1040), line 4 (or as previously adjusted)	550		
15 Medical expenses from Sch. A (Form 1040), line 1 (or as previously adjusted)	2,725		
16 Multiply line 13 by 7.5% (.075)	2,250		
17 Subtract line 16 from line 15. If zero or less, enter -0-	475		
18 Subtract line 17 from line 14	75		

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 ► 12-31-04	_____ preceding tax year ended ►	_____ preceding tax year ended ►
19 Modified adjusted gross income from line 13 on page 3	30,000		
20 Enter as a positive number any NOL carryback from a year before 2006 that was deducted to figure line 11 on page 3	-0-		
21 Add lines 19 and 20	30,000		
22 Charitable contributions from Sch. A (Form 1040), line 18, or Sch. A (Form 1040NR), line 7 (or as previously adjusted)	1,450		
23 Refigured charitable contributions (see page 7 of the instructions)	1,450		
24 Subtract line 23 from line 22	-0-		
25 Casualty and theft losses from Form 4684, line 18 (line 20 for 2005) (or as previously adjusted)			
26 Casualty and theft losses from Form 4684, line 16 (line 18 for 2005) (or as previously adjusted)			
27 Multiply line 19 by 10% (.10)			
28 Subtract line 27 from line 26. If zero or less, enter -0-			
29 Subtract line 28 from line 25			
30 Miscellaneous itemized deductions from Sch. A (Form 1040), line 26, or Sch. A (Form 1040NR), line 15 (or as previously adjusted)			
31 Miscellaneous itemized deductions from Sch. A (Form 1040), line 23, or Sch. A (Form 1040NR), line 12 (or as previously adjusted)			
32 Multiply line 19 by 2% (.02)			
33 Subtract line 32 from line 31. If zero or less, enter -0-			
34 Subtract line 33 from line 30			
35 Complete the worksheet on page 8 of the instructions if line 19 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"> ● \$117,950 for 1996. ● \$121,200 for 1997. ● \$124,500 for 1998. ● \$126,600 for 1999. ● \$128,950 for 2000. ● \$132,950 for 2001. ● \$137,300 for 2002. ● \$139,500 for 2003. ● \$142,700 for 2004. ● \$145,950 for 2005. Otherwise, combine lines 18, 24, 29, and 34; enter the result here and on line 7 (page 3)	75		

NOL Carryover From 2006 to 2007

If you had an NOL deduction carried forward from a year prior to 2006 that reduced your taxable income on your 2006 return to zero (to less than zero, if an estate or trust), complete Table 1, Worksheet for NOL Carryover From 2006 to 2007. It will help you figure your NOL to carry to 2007. 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 2006 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 reduces your taxable income below zero. Your NOL carryover to 2007 is the total of the amount on line 10 of the worksheet and all later NOL amounts.

Example. Your taxable income for 2006 is \$4,000 without your \$9,000 NOL deduction. Your NOL deduction includes a \$2,000 carryover from 2004 and a \$7,000 carryover from 2005. Subtract your 2004 NOL of \$2,000 from \$4,000. This gives you taxable income of \$2,000. Your 2004 NOL is now completely used up. Subtract your \$7,000 2005 NOL from \$2,000. This gives you taxable income of (\$5,000). You now complete the worksheet for your 2005 NOL. Your NOL carryover to 2007 is the unused part of your 2005 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. 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 deduction.
4. Excludable savings bond interest.
5. Excludable employer-provided adoption benefits.
6. Student loan interest deduction.
7. Tuition and fees 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 44 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. If you had a contributions carryover from 2005 to 2006 and your NOL deduction includes an amount from an NOL year before 2005, you may have to reduce your contributions carryover. This reduction is any adjustment you made to your 2005 charitable contributions deduction when figuring your NOL carryover to 2006. Use the reduced contributions carryover to figure the amount to enter on line 20.

Table 1. **Worksheet for NOL Carryover From 2006 to 2007 (For an NOL Year Before 2006)***

For Use by Individuals, Estates, and Trusts (Keep for your records.)
See the instructions under NOL Carryover From 2006 to 2007.



NOL YEAR: _____

USE YOUR 2006 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 2006 (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 32 or line 44 (see instructions)		
8. Enter your deduction for exemptions from line 42 (Form 1040), line 39 (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 2007. 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 2007		

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 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS:

19. Enter your charitable contributions deduction from Schedule A (Form 1040), line 18, or Schedule A (Form 1040NR), line 7		
20. Refigure your charitable contributions deduction using line 13 above as your adjusted gross income. (see instructions)		
21. Subtract line 20 from line 19		

ADJUSTMENT TO CASUALTY AND THEFT LOSSES:

22. Enter your casualty and theft losses from Form 4684, line 20		
23. Enter your casualty and theft losses from Form 4684, line 18		
24. Multiply line 13 above by 10% (.10)		
25. Subtract line 24 from line 23. Enter the result (but not less than zero)		
26. Subtract line 25 from line 22		

ADJUSTMENT TO MISCELLANEOUS DEDUCTIONS:

27. Enter your miscellaneous deductions from Schedule A (Form 1040), line 26, or Schedule A (Form 1040NR), line 15		
28. Enter your miscellaneous deductions from Schedule A (Form 1040), line 23, or Schedule A (Form 1040NR), line 12		
29. Multiply line 13 above by 2% (.02)		
30. Subtract line 29 from line 28. Enter the result (but not less than zero)		
31. Subtract line 30 from line 27		

TENTATIVE TOTAL ADJUSTMENT:

32. Combine lines 18, 21, 26, and 31, and enter the result here. If line 13 above is \$150,500 or less (\$75,250 or less if married filing separately), also enter the result on line 7 above and stop here. Otherwise, go to line 33		
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***Note:** If you choose to waive the carryback period, and instead you choose to only carry your 2006 NOL forward, use Schedule A, Form 1045 to compute your 2006 NOL that will be carried over to 2007. Report your 2006 NOL from line 25, Schedule A, Form 1045, on the "other income" line of your 2007 Form 1040 or Form 1040NR, or the line on Form 1041 for deductions NOT subject to the 2% floor in 2007.

Table 1. (Continued)

ADJUSTMENT TO OVERALL ITEMIZED LIMIT:	
33. Enter the amount from Schedule A (Form 1040), line 28, or Schedule A (Form 1040NR), line 17	
34. Add lines 17, 20, 25, and 30, and the amounts on Schedule A (Form 1040), lines 9, 14, and 27, or the amounts from Schedule A (Form 1040NR), lines 3 and 16	
35. Add lines 17 and 25, the amount on Schedule A (Form 1040), line 13, and any gambling losses included on Schedule A (Form 1040), line 27	
36. Subtract line 35 from line 34. If the result is zero, enter the amount from line 32 on line 7 above and stop here . Otherwise, go to line 37	
37. Multiply line 36 by 80% (.80)	
38. Subtract \$150,500 (\$75,250 if married filing separately) from the amount on line 13	
39. Multiply line 38 by 3% (.03)	
40. Enter the smaller of line 37 or line 39	
41. Divide line 40 by 3.0	
42. Subtract line 41 from line 40	
43. Subtract line 42 from line 34. Enter the result (but not less than your standard deduction amount)	
44. Subtract line 43 from line 33. Enter the result here and on line 7	

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