



2008 Montana Individual Estimated Income Tax Worksheet

Keep this worksheet for your records

To estimate your 2008 income tax due, you may use your 2007 income tax due from Form 2, line 58, Form 2M, line 50 or Form 2EZ, line 16. If you choose this method, skip lines 1 through 8 and enter your 2007 tax due on line 9 below, otherwise begin with line 1.

1. Enter your 2008 estimated Montana adjusted gross income here	1.	
2. Enter the estimated amount of your:		
a. 2008 itemized deductions or standard deduction. (If you are using the standard deduction enter .20 (20%) of line 1, but not less than \$1,690 or more than \$3,810 if your filing status is single, or not less than \$3,380 or more than \$7,620 if your filing status is jointly or head of household.)	2a.	
b. 2008 exemptions. (Multiply \$2,040 times the number of your allowable exemptions and enter the result here.)	2b.	
Add lines 2a and 2b and enter the result here	2.	
3. Subtract line 2 from line 1 and enter the result here. This is your 2008 estimated taxable income. If the result is zero or less, stop here. You are not subject to estimated tax payments in 2008	3.	
4. Calculate your estimated 2008 income tax:		
a. Multiply the amount on line 3 using the tax table on the back of this form and enter the result here	4a.	
b. If you have net capital gains included in your estimated Montana adjusted gross income on line 1, multiply the net capital gains amount by 0.02 (2%) and enter the result here	4b.	
Subtract line 4b from 4a and enter the result here. This is your 2008 estimated resident tax after capital gains tax credit.	4.	
5. Enter your 2008 estimated nonrefundable single-year credits and carryover credits here	5.	
6. Subtract line 5 from line 4 and enter the result here. This is your 2008 estimated total tax after nonrefundable credits.	6.	
7. Enter your estimated 2008 recapture taxes here	7.	
8. Add lines 6 and 7 and enter the result here. This is your 2008 estimated total tax due.	8.	
9. a. Multiply line 8 by .90 (90%) and enter the result here	9a.	
b. Enter 100% of the tax due shown on your 2007 income tax return Form 2, line 58 (add columns A and B) or Form 2M, line 50	9b.	
Enter the smaller of line 9a or 9b. If you are unable to compute line 9a, enter the amount from line 9b.	9.	
10. a. Enter the amount of your estimated Montana income tax withheld in 2008. (Examples include withholding on wages, pensions, annuities, pass-through entities, etc.)	10a.	
b. Enter the amount of your 2007 overpayment that was applied to your 2008 income tax	10b.	
c. Enter the amount of your 2008 estimated refundable credits. This includes your elderly homeowner/renter credit, film employment production credit, film qualified expenditure credit and Insure Montana credit	10c.	
Add lines 10a, 10b, and 10c and enter the result here. This is your 2008 estimated payments. ..	10.	
11. Subtract line 10 from line 8. If the result is less than \$500, stop here; you are not subject to estimated tax payments in 2008. If the result is \$500 or more, subtract line 10 from line 9 and enter the amount here and continue to line 12.	11.	

Payment Due Dates

	a.	b.	c.	d.
	April 15, 2008	June 15, 2008	Sept. 15, 2008	Jan 15, 2009
12. Divide the amount on line 11 by four (4) and enter the result in columns a, b, c and d.				
13. Enter your annualized income installment amount from Form ESA, line 25c.				
14. Enter the amount from line 12 or line 13 whichever applies. This is your installment payment due for each period. ..				

If the payment date falls on a weekend or a holiday, your payment is due on the next business day.

2007 Tax Table

If your Taxable Income is Over	but not Over	Multiply your Taxable Income by	and Subtract	equals your Tax
\$0	\$2,500	0.010	\$0	
\$2,500	\$4,400	0.020	\$25	
\$4,400	\$6,600	0.030	\$69	
\$6,600	\$9,000	0.040	\$135	
\$9,000	\$11,600	0.050	\$225	
\$11,600	\$14,900	0.060	\$341	
\$14,900	or more	0.069	\$475	

Example:

Taxable Income = \$4000

Tax rate = 0.020 (2%)

Subtraction amount = \$25

Your tax = \$55

\$4000 multiplied by 0.020 (2%) = \$80 less \$25 = \$55

General Information

What is the purpose of Form ESW?

The purpose of this form is to assist you in calculating your 2008 estimated individual income tax. Estimated tax payments are a method used to pay tax on income that is not subject to withholding. Examples of income that may not be subject to withholding include self-employment, interest, dividends, rents, capital gains, alimony, royalties, etc.

Am I required to make estimated tax payments in 2008?

You are required to make estimated tax payments in 2008 if you expect to owe an income tax liability of at least \$500 after you subtract your tax credits and withholding payments.

If you are required to make estimated tax payments, these payments will be the smaller of:

- 100% of your 2007 Montana tax due reported on Form 2, line 58, Form 2M, line 50 or Form 2EZ, line 16; or
- 90% of your 2008 Montana income tax due.

Who is not required to make estimated tax payments?

You are not required to make estimated tax payments in 2008 if you meet one of the following criteria:

- Your 2008 income tax due after credits and withholding is less than \$500,
- Your 2007 tax period covered 12 months and your Montana tax due was zero,
- You were not required to file a 2007 Montana income tax return,
- In 2008 you retired and were at least 62 years of age (This exception applies only in the year you retire and for one additional year following the year of retirement), or
- You became disabled in 2008,
- At least 2/3 of your gross income is derived from farming and ranching operations or both. (Montana does not apply a "lookback" provision, in determining farming and ranching gross income), or
- The taxpayer died in 2008.

When are my estimated tax payments due?

When you file your return on a calendar year basis, you

may prepay all of your estimated taxes for 2008 by April 15, 2008, or you may pay them in four equal amounts that are due on the dates listed below.

First payment - due April 15, 2008

Second payment - due June 15, 2008

Third payment - due Sept 15, 2008

Fourth payment - due Jan 15, 2009

If any of these installment dates fall on a weekend or a holiday, your payment is due on the next business day.

If you file your return on a fiscal year basis, your payment dates are the 15th day of the fourth, sixth, and ninth months of the fiscal year and the first month of the following fiscal year.

I completed my estimated income tax worksheet at the beginning of the year and did not anticipate a change in my income throughout the year. What do I need to do if my income situation changes during the year?

If your tax situation changes during the year, you will need to recalculate your estimated tax payments. Your remaining installment payments will need to be proportionally changed so that the balance of your estimated payments is paid equally over the remaining installment periods.

How can I determine the amount of my estimated withholding that I will have in 2008?

You can use your 2008 paycheck or pension check stubs that you have received to date to estimate the amount of withholding that you may have in 2008.

In addition, don't forget to include in your payments any 2007 overpayments that are credited to 2008, any backup withholding that may be made on your behalf from a pass-through entity, or your estimated refundable credits, such as the elderly homeowner/renter credit.

I am a nonresident of Montana. Do I have to make estimated tax payments?

As a nonresident or a part-year resident, you are required to make estimated tax payments if you expect to owe at least \$500 in Montana income tax after subtracting your Montana withholding paid and credits that you are entitled to.

I did not make estimated tax payments in 2008 and my income tax due is more than \$500. Am I subject to any penalties and interest on my underpayment?

Yes you are. You are required to pay your income tax liability throughout the year. You can make your payments through employer withholding, installment payments of estimated taxes, or a combination of employer withholding and estimated tax payments.

If you did not pay in advance at least 90% of your 2008 income tax liability (after applying your credits) or 100% of your 2007 income tax liability (after applying your credits), you may have to pay interest on the underpayment of your estimated tax.

Questions? Please call us at (406) 444-6900 or TDD (406) 444-2830 for the hearing impaired.