

portion of such payments to be allocated to the surviving spouse shall be that portion of the aggregate amount of such payments as the amount of tax imposed by chapter 1 (other than by section 56) shown on the separate return of the surviving spouse (plus, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1966, the amount of tax imposed by chapter 2 shown on the return of the surviving spouse) bears to the sum imposed by chapter 1 (other than by section 56) shown on the separate returns of the surviving spouse and of the decedent (plus, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1966, the sum of the taxes imposed by chapter 2 shown on the returns of the surviving spouse and of the decedent); and the balance of such payments shall be allocated to the decedent. This rule may be illustrated by analogizing the surviving spouse described in this rule to H in the example contained in paragraph (b) of this section and the decedent in this rule to W in that example.

(d) *Signing of declaration.* A joint declaration of a husband and wife (if not made by an agent of one or both spouses) shall be signed by both spouses. The provisions of paragraph (f) of § 1.6015(a)-1, relating to returns made by agents, shall apply where one spouse signs a declaration as agent for the other, or where a third party signs a declaration as agent for one or both spouses.

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**§ 1.6015(c)-1 Definition of estimated tax.**

(a) *In general.* In the case of an individual, the term "estimated tax" means:

(1) The amount which the individual estimates as the amount of the income tax imposed by chapter 1 (other than the tax imposed by section 56 or for taxable years ending before September 30, 1968, the tax surcharge imposed by section 51) for the taxable year (and including the amount which he estimates as the amount of any qualified State individual income taxes which are treated pursuant to section 6361(a) as if they were imposed by chapter 1 for the taxable year), plus

(2) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1966, the amount which the individual estimates as the amount of the self-employment tax imposed by chapter 2 for the taxable year, minus

(3) The amount which the individual estimates as the sum of any credits against tax provided by part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1. These credits are those provided by section 31 (relating to tax withheld on wages), section 32 (relating to tax withheld at source on nonresident aliens and foreign corporations and on tax-free covenant bonds), section 33 (relating to foreign taxes), section 34 (relating to the credit for dividends received on or before December 31, 1964), section 35 (relating to partially tax-exempt interest), section 37 (relating to the elderly), section 38 (relating to the investment credit), section 39 (relating to certain uses of gasoline, special fuels, and lubricating oil), section 40 (relating to expenses of work incentive programs), section 41 (relating to contributions to candidates), section 42 (relating to general tax credit), section 43 (relating to earned income), section 44 (relating to purchase of new principal residence), section 44A (relating to expenses for household and dependent care services necessary for gainful employment), section 44B (relating to credit for employment of certain new employees), and section 45 (relating to overpayments of tax), minus,

(4) In the case of an individual who is subject to one or more qualified State individual income taxes, the amount which he estimates as the sum of the credits allowed against such taxes pursuant to section 6362(b)(2) (B) or (C) or section 6362(c)(4) and paragraph (c) of § 301.6362-4 of this chapter (Regulations on Procedure and Administration) (relating to the credit for income taxes of other States or political subdivisions thereof) and paragraph (c)(2) of § 301.6361-1 (relating to the credit for tax withheld from wages on account of qualified State individual income taxes), and minus

(5) For taxable years ending after February 29, 1980, the amount which the individual estimates will be the amount of such individual's overpayment of windfall profit tax imposed by section 4986 of the Code for the taxable

year. For this purpose, the amount of such overpayment is the amount by which such individual's aggregate windfall profit tax liability for the taxable year as a producer of crude oil is reasonably expected to be exceeded by withholding of windfall profit tax for the taxable year.

(b) *Example.* A, a self-employed individual not subject to any qualified State individual income tax, estimates that his liabilities for income tax and self-employment tax for 1973 will be \$1,600 and \$400, respectively. A is required to declare and pay an estimated tax of \$2,000 for that year.

(Secs. 6015, 6154, 6654, 6655, and 7805, Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (96 Stat. 2395 and 2396, 68A Stat. 917; 26 U.S.C. 6015, 6154, 6654, 6655, and 7805))

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**§ 1.6015(d)-1 Contents of declaration of estimated tax.**

(a) *In general.* (1) The declaration of estimated tax by an individual shall be made on Form 1040-ES. For the purpose of making the declaration, the amount of gross income which the taxpayer can reasonably be expected to receive or accrue, depending upon the method of accounting upon which taxable income is computed, and the amount of the estimated allowable deductions and credits to be taken into account in computing the amount of estimated tax shall be determined upon the basis of the facts and circumstances existing as at the time prescribed for the filing of the declaration as well as those reasonably to be anticipated for the taxable year. If, therefore, the taxpayer is employed at the date prescribed for filing his declaration at a given wage or salary, it should, in the absence of circumstances indicating the contrary, be presumed by him for the purpose of the declaration that such employment will continue to the end of the taxable year at the wage or salary received by him as of such date. In the case of income other than wages and salary the regularity in the payment of income, such as dividends, interest, rents, royalties, and income arising from estates and trusts is a factor to be taken into con-

sideration. Thus, if the taxpayer owns shares of stock in a corporation and dividends have been paid regularly for several years upon such stock, the taxpayer in the preparation of his declaration should, in the absence of information indicating a change in the dividend policy, include the prospective dividends from the corporation for the taxable year as well as those actually received in such year prior to the filing of the declaration. In the case of a taxpayer engaged in business on his own account, there shall be made an estimate of gross income and deductions and credits in the light of the best available information affecting the trade, business, or profession.

(2) In the case of any individual who can, at the time of the preparation of his declaration, reasonably anticipate that his gross income will be of such amount and character as to enable him to elect upon his return for such year to compute the tax under section 3 (relating to optional tax), in lieu of the tax imposed by section 1, the declaration of estimated tax may be made upon the basis set forth in section 3 and §1.3-1. The filing of a declaration computed upon the basis of section 3 shall not constitute the making of an election under section 4 (relating to rules for optional tax) nor will it permit the filing of a return on the basis of the optional tax under section 3 unless the taxpayer otherwise comes within the provisions of sections 3 and 4. For the purpose of computing the tax liability in the case of married persons, if the taxable income of one spouse is determined without regard to the standard deduction, the standard deduction is not allowed to either. (See, however, paragraph (c) of §1.142-1 for exceptions where spouses are legally separated under a decree of divorce or separate maintenance.) Hence, where separate declarations are filed, one spouse should not use section 3 in computing the estimated tax unless the other spouse also uses section 3 or employs the standard deduction in computing the estimated tax.

(b) *Computation of estimated tax.* In computing the estimated tax the taxpayer should take into account the following: