

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:

**§ 1.6015(e)-1**

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(1) The amount estimated as the income tax imposed by chapter 1 (other than by section 56) for the taxable year after the application of any allowable amounts estimated as the credit for foreign taxes, the dividends received credit (for dividends received on or before December 31, 1964), the credit for partially tax-exempt interest, the retirement income credit, the investment credit, the credit for expenses of work incentive programs, the credit for contributions to candidates, the credit for overpayments of tax, but without regard to the credit under section 31 for tax withheld on wages or to the credit under section 39 for certain uses of gasoline, special fuels, and lubricating oils;

(2) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1966 (and, if the taxpayer so desires, for an earlier taxable year), the amount estimated as the tax on self-employment income imposed by chapter 2;

(3) The amounts estimated by the taxpayer as the credits under section 31 for tax withheld on wages and under section 39 for certain uses of gasoline, special fuels, and lubricating oils;

(4) For taxable years ending after February 29, 1980, the amount which the taxpayer estimates will be the amount of such taxpayer'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.

(5) The excess, if any, of the sum of the amounts shown under subparagraphs (b) (1) and (2) of this paragraph over the sum of the amounts shown under subparagraphs (b)(3) and (4) of this paragraph shall be the estimated tax for the taxable year.

(c) *Use of prescribed form.* Copies of Form 1040-ES will so far as possible be furnished taxpayers by district directors. A taxpayer will not be excused from making a declaration, however, by the fact that no form has been furnished to him. Taxpayers not supplied with the proper form should make ap-

plication therefor to the district director in ample time to have their declarations prepared, verified, and filed with the district director on or before the date prescribed for filing the declaration. If the prescribed form is not available, a statement disclosing the amount estimated as the tax, the estimated credits, and the estimated tax after deducting such credits should be filed as a tentative declaration within the prescribed time, accompanied by the payment of the required installment. Such tentative declaration should be supplemented, without unnecessary delay, by a declaration made on the proper form.

(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(e)-1 Amendment of declaration.**

In the making of a declaration of estimated tax, the taxpayer is required to take into account the then existing facts and circumstances as well as those reasonably to be anticipated relating to prospective gross income, allowable deductions, and estimated credits for the taxable year. Amended or revised declarations may be made in any case in which the taxpayer estimates that his gross income, deductions, or credits will differ from the gross income, deductions, or credits reflected in the previous declaration. An amended declaration may also be made based upon a change in the number of exemptions to which the taxpayer may be entitled for the then current taxable year. However, only one amended declaration may be filed during any interval between installment dates. See paragraph (d) of § 1.6073-1. An amended declaration may be filed jointly by husband and wife even though separate declarations have previously been filed. An amended declaration may be made on either Form 1040-ES (marked "Amended"). See, however, paragraph (c) of § 1.6015(d)-1 for procedure to be