



Resident Income Tax Return

New York State • City of New York • City of Yonkers

IT-201-I Instructions

Instructions for Form IT-201

Highlights for 1995 (see page 3)

- New York State tax rates have decreased. The state maximum tax rate is reduced from 7.875% to 7.59375%.
- City of New York Tax Table has been adjusted to reflect New York City tax rate changes.
- The itemized deduction lines have been moved to Form IT-201-ATT. If you choose to itemize on your New York return, you'll have to get Form IT-201-ATT, complete lines 1 through 14 of Part I, and attach it to your return (see pages 18, 27 and 28).
- You may qualify to claim the new excess deductions credit this year. This credit will be allowed for tax years beginning in 1995 only (see instructions for lines 32 and 38 on pages 18 and 20).
- The New York State earned income credit percentage is increased from 7.5% to 10% (see the instructions for Form IT-215 on page 39).
- Income tax refunds will be applied against any overpayment of public assistance benefits which a taxpayer is required to repay to the Department of Social Services or a local social services district (see Collection of Debts from Your Refund, on page 24).
- Form IT-201 looks different. By moving the itemized deduction lines to its attachment Form IT-201-ATT, and by increasing the size of the print and the entry boxes throughout, we have tried to make the 1995 Form IT-201 easier to read and complete.

This booklet also contains:

- Instructions for Form IT-201-ATT, *Itemized Deduction and Other Credits and Taxes*

If you want to claim the New York itemized deduction this year, get NY Form IT-201-ATT and attach it to your Form IT-201.

From the Commissioner

Legislation enacted with the 1995-96 budget contains a significant number of tax reductions aimed at reducing the tax burdens on individuals. The top income tax rate for tax year 1995 will fall from 7.875% to 7.59375%. Standard deduction amounts, which have been frozen since 1990, increase for tax year 1995. The household credit is retained, and the earned income credit is increased from 7.5% to 10%. There is also a new excess deductions credit designed to offset tax increases that the 1995 rate schedule would cause for certain taxpayers.

As standard deduction amounts increase, more and more taxpayers — even those who may have itemized on their federal returns — may find it advantageous to claim New York's standard deduction. You may also be able to file the shorter and simpler Form IT-200. Please read the instructions under the heading *Which Form to File* carefully. It could save you time and money.

As always, we will be working hard to get your refund to you as quickly as possible. Toward this end, we are continuing to develop machine-readable tax forms. The background ink color on this year's forms and the preprinted boxes where you make your entries represent refinements in our program to develop machine-readable tax forms. This lets us use the latest computer imaging technology in the initial scanning

and data entry of income tax returns. It also means more efficient handling of your return. You can help by making your entries carefully, as explained in these instructions, and by filing an original return, not a photocopy.

By way of reminder, you can prevent delays in processing your return and any tax refund that you may be entitled to by reviewing the checklist on page 26. This will help you avoid the kinds of errors that make it necessary for us to send back or adjust your return.

Remember, too, that if you need help with your 1995 New York State income tax return, you can call toll free (from New York State only) 1 800 CALL TAX (1 800 225-5829). From areas outside New York, call (518) 438-8581. Trained service representatives are on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Michael H. Urbach
Commissioner

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- **New York State Tax Rate Decrease**

Tax rate changes designated in the 1987 tax reform legislation, which were subsequently postponed, have been reinstated. For tax year 1995, the state maximum tax rate has been reduced from 7.875% to 7.59375%.

- **New York City Tax Table Adjusted**

The New York City tax rate changes, which were previously postponed, have been reinstated. Some of the taxable income brackets and percentages in the New York City tax rate schedule for 1995 have been modified. Therefore, the city of New York tax table has been adjusted accordingly.

- **Standard Deduction Amounts Increased**

Depending on your filing status, the standard deduction amounts may have increased for tax year 1995. See the *Standard Deduction Table* on page 18.

- **Itemized Deductions Moved to Form IT-201-ATT**

The lines for entering your itemized deductions have been moved to Form IT-201-ATT. If you itemize deductions on your federal return and choose to itemize on your New York return, you must complete lines 1 through 14, Part I of Form IT-201-ATT, and attach it to your return. For more information, see pages 18, 27 and 28.

- **Can You Claim the New Excess Deductions Credit?**

If you itemized deductions on your federal return and your New York itemized deduction is more than the amount shown on line 2 of the *Excess Deduction Credit Worksheet* on page 20, you may qualify for the new excess deductions credit. **The excess deductions credit will be allowed for tax years beginning in 1995 only.** If you qualify, the amount of the credit is determined based upon your taxable income. For more information, see the instructions for lines 32 and 38 on pages 18 and 20.

- **Claimers of the New York Standard Deduction Can Still Qualify for the Excess Deductions Credit**

If you itemized deductions on your federal return and your New York itemized deduction is more than the amount shown on line 2 of the *Excess Deductions Credit Worksheet* but less than the standard deduction amount for your filing status, you may qualify for the new excess deductions credit. For more information, see the instructions for line 38 on page 20.

- **New York State Earned Income Credit Percentage Increased**

For 1995, the New York State earned income credit percentage is increased from 7.5% to 10%. If you qualify, complete Form IT-215, *Claim for Earned Income Credit*, and transfer the allowable amount to your return. Your earned income credit will reduce the amount you owe or increase your refund. For more information, see the instructions for Form IT-215.

- **Refund Offsets for Overpayments of Public Assistance Benefits**

Effective September 1, 1995, if you are required to repay to the Department of Social Services or a local social services district for an overpayment of public assistance benefits, your New York State, New York City or Yonkers income tax refund will be applied against the amount of the overpayment. The refund will be applied only if you are in default in repaying the amount to the Department of Social Services or the local district.

- **Form IT-201 Looks Different**

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- **Do you need a tax packet?**

If you use a paid preparer, or if you use computer software to prepare your return, or if for any other reason you do not need a tax packet mailed to you for next year's taxes, please mark an "X" in the box at item D of your Form IT-201. By marking this box, you will help us reduce printing and mailing costs.

When you check the box, we will send you a mailing label that you or whoever prepares your return should use on your 1996 return. Be sure to use your preprinted mailing label; if you do not, it may cause a delay in processing your return and your refund, if you are entitled to one.

- **Notice to Estimated Tax Filers**

The Tax Department plans to begin mailing estimated tax vouchers in mid-February. Estimated tax filers can expect to receive their IT-2105 payment vouchers in late February or early March. The first installment is due on or before April 15, 1996.

4 How to avoid mistakes that slow down the processing of your return and refund

- **Be sure to check either the *Yes* or *No* box at Item C.**
Item C asks whether or not you can be claimed as a dependent on another taxpayer's federal return. Be sure to check either the *Yes* or *No* box, especially if you are single, since the answer determines the amount of standard deduction allowed.
- **Public employee 414(h) retirement contributions must be entered on line 20.**
If you are a Tier III or Tier IV member of the New York State and Local Retirement Systems (including the New York State Employees' Retirement System and the New York State Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement System), New York State Teacher's Retirement System, or an employee of the State or City University of New York who belongs to the Optional Retirement Program or any tier member of the New York City Employees' Retirement System, the New York City Teachers' Retirement System, the New York City Police Pension Fund or the New York City Fire Department Pension Fund, you must enter the amount of public employee 414(h) retirement contributions you made in 1995 on line 20.
- **New York City IRC 125 flexible benefits program must be entered on line 21.**
IRC Section 125 amounts deducted or deferred from your salary under a flexible benefits program established by the city of New York and certain other New York City public employers must be entered on line 21 of Form IT-201.
- **Check the New York standard deduction table on page 18 and make sure that you have claimed the correct standard deduction for your filing status on line 32.**
For example, do not claim a head of household filing status and then claim a standard deduction for a single or married filer.
- **Complete the New York *Dependent Exemption Worksheet* on page 19 and enter the line c number on line 34.**
Some taxpayers make the mistake of entering the number of exemptions that they claimed on their federal return on line 34 of their Form IT-201. In general, federal exemptions include both personal and dependent exemptions. However, only dependent exemptions are allowed on your New York State return. The value of each New York dependent exemption is \$1,000. To ensure that you receive credit for the correct number of New York dependent exemptions, complete the worksheet on page 19 of these instructions before making an entry at line 34 of your return.
- **Use the correct New York tax table.**
Be sure you are using the correct tax table to look up your tax; some taxpayers erroneously use the city tax table to determine their state tax, and vice versa. (The state tax table is on red pages 41 through 48.)
- **Be sure to claim the correct amount for your New York State child and dependent care credit.**
This credit is limited to 20% of your federal child care **credit** before any limitations. Some taxpayers erroneously claim 20% of their federal child and dependent care **expenses** instead of 20% of their credit.

Be sure that, on line 37, you enter 20% of the federal child and dependent care credit, not expenses (from federal Form 1040A, Schedule 2, Part II, line 10; or, if you filed federal Form 2441, from line 10, before any limitations).

Taxpayers who file federal Form 2441 and are required to complete the worksheet on page 2 of the Form 2441 instructions may find that their federal child care credit is reduced on this worksheet. Some taxpayers claim 20% of this reduced federal child and dependent care credit on their state return; however, you are actually allowed 20% of the credit **before any limitations**.
- **Nonobligated spouses should attach Form IT-280 to their returns.**
If you are a nonobligated spouse who is filing Form IT-280 to disclaim your spouse's debt, use the original Form IT-280. Do not use a photocopy. If you need to order this form, call toll free (from New York State only) 1 800 462-8100. From areas outside New York State, call (518) 438-1073.
- **Enter your refund or amount you owe on the correct line of your return.**
Taxpayers sometimes enter the amount they owe on the **refund** line (line 64) instead of on the **amount you owe** line (line 66). The taxpayer then expects a refund, when in fact he or she owes tax. This will result in a bill for the tax owed plus interest and possible penalty. This situation can be avoided by making sure that if you owe tax, you enter the amount owed on the correct line and pay this amount when you file your return.
- **Use your preprinted mailing label.**
The mailing label on the front of the income tax packet is designed to speed processing and prevent common errors that may delay refund checks. But do not attach the label until you have completed and checked your return. See Step 5 on page 25 of these instructions.

● **Americans with Disabilities Act**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, we will ensure that our lobbies, offices, meeting rooms and other facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. If you have questions about special accommodations for persons with disabilities, please call the information numbers listed under *Need Help?* on page 12 and the back cover.

Who Must File

New York Residents

You must file a New York State resident return if you meet any of the following conditions:

- You have to file a federal return.
- You did not have to file a federal return but:

your federal filing status would have been:	and you had federal adjusted gross income (plus New York additions)* of more than:
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single, and you can be claimed as a dependent on another taxpayer's federal return	\$2,800
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single, and you cannot be claimed as a dependent on another taxpayer's federal return or

married filing joint return or

married filing separate return or

head of household or

qualifying widow(er)	\$4,000
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* (New York additions are explained on pages 15 and 16 of these instructions; see the federal instructions to find your filing status and figure your federal adjusted gross income.)

- You want to claim a refund of any New York State, city of New York or city of Yonkers income taxes withheld from your pay.
- You want to claim a refund of the New York State earned income credit.
- You are subject to the minimum income tax.
- You are subject to the separate tax on lump-sum distributions.

If you need help, call New York State Taxpayer Assistance toll free at **1 800 CALL TAX** (1 800 225-5829) or see page 12 of these instructions.

Did you use federal Form 8814 or federal Form 8615 to report your child's investment income?

If you elected to file federal Form 8814 with your federal return, the amount of your child's investment income over \$1,000 that was included in your federal gross income will be reported on your New York return and taxed at your rate. In this case, you will not file a New York return for your child. However, it will be to your advantage to file a New York return for your child since there will not be any New York tax on the first \$2,800 of your child's investment income. To qualify for filing a New York return for your child, you must first file a federal Form 8615 (instead of federal Form 8814) to report your child's investment income.

Residents of New York City and Yonkers

If you were a New York City or Yonkers resident for the tax year and you have to file a New York State return, report your New York City income tax or your Yonkers resident income tax surcharge on your state return.

Nonresidents of New York City and Yonkers

If you are not a New York City or Yonkers resident for 1995 but you earned wages or self-employment income in either of these cities and you have to file a New York State income tax return, you must also file Form NYC-203, *City of New York Nonresident Earnings Tax Return*, and/or Form Y-203, *City of Yonkers Nonresident Earnings Tax Return*.

If you are married, you cannot file jointly on Form NYC-203 or Form Y-203. If you each have taxable earnings, you must each file a separate Form NYC-203 and/or Form Y-203.

Forms NYC-203 and Y-203 are due at the same time as your state return and must be attached to it. For more information, see the instructions for these forms.

Partnerships/Limited Liability Partnerships or Companies

Partnerships, including limited liability partnerships (LLP), limited liability companies (LLC) and limited liability investment companies (LLIC), are not subject to the New York State personal income tax but individual members of the partnerships are. If your partnership has a partner who is a New York State resident, or if the partnership has any income from New York State sources, it must file Form IT-204, *Partnership Return*. If you were a partner, transfer your share of income or loss, deductions and adjustments from Form IT-204 to your Form IT-201. For more information see IT-204-I, *Instructions for Form IT-204*. If your partnership carried on a business in New York City, it may also be required to file Form NYC-204, *City of New York Unincorporated Business Tax Partnership Return*. For more information, see the instructions for Form NYC-204. If you need to get forms and instructions from the NYC Department of Finance, you can get them by visiting **Taxpayer Assistance, 25 Elm Place, 4th Floor, Brooklyn, NY**. This office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. You can also call Taxpayer Assistance at (718) 935-6000, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Since New York State does not administer the New York City unincorporated business tax, do not file your NYC-204 with your state return.

Estates and Trusts

Estates and trusts are subject to the New York State personal income tax. The fiduciary for an estate or trust must file Form IT-205, *Fiduciary Income Tax Return*. Each beneficiary of an estate or trust must include his or her share of the estate or trust income on Form IT-201. For more information on responsibilities of beneficiaries, see *Beneficiaries (estates and trusts)* on page 15 of these instructions.

Homeowners and Renters

If you are a New York State resident and if your household gross income was \$18,000 or less, you may be entitled to a state tax credit for part of the real property taxes or rent you paid during the year. Qualified persons 65 or older can claim a credit of up to \$375. For qualified persons under 65, the maximum credit is \$75. To claim the credit, complete Form IT-214, *Claim for Real Property Tax Credit for Homeowners and Renters*, and attach it to your return.

If you do not have to file an income tax return, you may still claim the credit by filing only Form IT-214.

For more information, see *Instructions for Form IT-214* on page 36 and Publication 22, *General Information on New York State's Real Property Tax Credit for Homeowners and Renters*.

Residents of New York State Claiming the Earned Income Credit

If you are a New York State resident and claimed a federal earned income credit, you may be entitled to a state earned income credit. To claim the credit, complete Form IT-215, *Claim for Earned Income Credit*, and attach it to your return. For more information, see pages 23 and 39.

Deceased Taxpayers

If a taxpayer died before filing a return for 1995, the taxpayer's spouse or personal representative may have to file and sign a return for that taxpayer. A personal representative can be an executor, administrator or anyone who is in charge of the deceased taxpayer's property. If a taxpayer did not have to file a federal return but had New York State tax withheld, a New York return must be filed to get a refund. If a joint federal income tax return was filed for the deceased taxpayer and the surviving spouse, a joint New York State return can be filed on Form IT-200 or Form IT-201, depending on which federal form was filed. The filing due date is the same as if the taxpayer had lived. The person who files the return for the deceased should write the taxpayer's first name and date of death in the area indicated at the top of the return.

If a refund over \$10,000 is requested and (1) the return is not signed by the fiduciary or (2) you are a court-appointed representative and are claiming a refund for a deceased taxpayer, file the return and attach a copy of the certificate that shows your appointment. All other filers requesting the deceased taxpayer's refund must file the return and may have to attach Form AU-281.17, *Survivors Affidavit*. Call or write us for this form. See *How to Get Forms* on page 9 of these instructions.

Who Must File *(continued)*

Members of the Armed Forces

If you are a member of the military and a New York State resident, the amount of your military pay that is subject to federal income tax is also subject to New York income tax.

If your permanent home (domicile) was in New York State when you entered the military but you were assigned to duty outside the state, you are still a New York State resident and must file a resident return even if you are presently serving outside New York State.

If your permanent home (domicile) was in New York State when you entered the military but you meet the conditions for nonresident status, your military pay is not subject to New York income tax.

If you are stationed in a foreign country when your return is due and you qualify for an automatic two-month extension of time to file your return, you are automatically granted a two-month extension of time to file your New York return.

For more information, see Publication 361, *New York State Income Tax Information for Military Personnel and Veterans*.

City taxes — If you were a New York City or Yonkers resident when you entered the military and if your military pay is subject to New York State income tax, it is also subject to New York City or Yonkers taxes. However, if you meet the conditions for nonresident status, your military pay is not subject to the New York City or Yonkers nonresident earnings tax.

Nonresidents and Part-Year Residents

If you were not a New York State resident for 1995 or if your New York resident status changed (see *Resident, Nonresident and Part-Year Resident Defined* below), and you had New York source income, you may have to file Form IT-203, *Nonresident and Part-Year Resident Income Tax Return*, instead of Form IT-201. For more information, see the instructions for Form IT-203.

City taxes — If you changed your New York City or Yonkers resident status during the year, you must complete Form IT-360.1, *Change of City Resident Status*, and pay the New York City resident tax or a Yonkers resident income tax surcharge for the part of the year that you lived in New York City or Yonkers. If you earned wages in one of these cities or conducted a trade or business there (either as an individual or a member of a partnership) during the part of the year that you were not a New York City or Yonkers resident, you must complete Form NYC-203, *City of New York Nonresident Earnings Tax Return*, or Form Y-203, *City of Yonkers Nonresident Earnings Tax Return*, and pay any tax due. For more information, see IT-360.1-I, Instructions for Form IT-360.1.

Resident, Nonresident and Part-Year Resident Defined

You may have to pay income tax as a New York State resident even if you are not considered a resident for other purposes. For income tax purposes, your resident status depends on where you were domiciled and where you maintained a permanent place of abode during the taxable year.

In general, your *domicile* is the place you intend to have as your permanent home. Your domicile is, in effect, the **state** where your permanent home is located. It is the place you intend to return to whenever you may be away (as on vacation abroad, business assignment, educational leave, or military assignment).

You can have only one domicile. Your New York domicile is not changed until you can demonstrate that you have abandoned your New York domicile and established a new permanent domicile outside New York State.

A change of domicile must be *clear and convincing*. Easily controlled factors such as where you vote, where your driver's license and registration are issued, where your will is located or similar items are **not** the primary factors to be taken into consideration in determining where you are domiciled. To properly determine whether you have changed your domicile, you should first consider a comparison of your primary ties in both locations. For example, compare (1) the size, value, and nature of use of your first residence to the size, value, and nature of use of your newly acquired residence; (2) your employment and/or business connections in both locations; (3) the amount of time spent in both locations; (4) the physical location of items that have significant sentimental value to you in both locations; and (5) your close family ties in both locations. A change of domicile is *clear and convincing* only when your primary ties are clearly **greater** in the new location. When weighing your primary ties keep in mind that depending upon your overall lifestyle, some may weigh more heavily than others. It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to make available, if required by the Tax Department, documentation showing the necessary intention to effect a change of domicile.

If you move to a new location but intend to stay there only for a limited amount of time (no matter how long), your domicile does not change. For example, Mr. Green of ABC Electronics in Elmira, New York was temporarily assigned to the Atlanta, Georgia branch office for two years. After his stay in Atlanta, he returned to his job in New York. His domicile did not change during his stay in Georgia; it remained New York State.

If your domicile is New York State and you go to a foreign country because of a business assignment by your employer, or for study, research or any other purpose, your domicile does not change unless you show that you definitely do not intend to return to New York.

A *permanent place of abode* is a residence (a building or structure where a person can live) you permanently maintain, whether you

own it or not, and usually includes a residence your husband or wife owns or leases. A place of abode is not permanent if you maintain it only during a temporary or limited period of time for a particular purpose.

For more information, see Publication 88, *General Tax Information for New York State Nonresidents and Part-Year Residents*.

Resident — You are a New York State resident if:

a) Your domicile is not New York State but you maintain a permanent place of abode in New York and spend *184 days or more* in New York during the taxable year.

However, if you are a member of the armed forces, and your domicile is not New York State, you are not a resident under this definition; or

b) Your domicile is New York State. However, even if your domicile is New York, you are not a resident if you meet **all three** of the conditions in either Group A or Group B as follows:

Group A

- 1) You did not maintain any permanent place of abode in New York State during the taxable year; and
- 2) You maintained a permanent place of abode outside New York State during the entire taxable year; and
- 3) You spent *30 days or less* in New York State during the taxable year.

Group B

- 1) You were in foreign country for at least 450 days during any period of 548 consecutive days; and
- 2) You spent *90 days or less* in New York State during this 548-day period, and your spouse (unless legally separated) or minor children spent *90 days or less* in New York during this 548-day period in a permanent place of abode maintained by you; and
- 3) During the nonresident portion of the taxable year in which the 548-day period either begins or ends, you were present in New York State for no more than the number of days which bears the same ratio to 90 as the number of days in such portion of the taxable year bears to 548. This condition is illustrated by the following formula;

$$\frac{\text{Number of days in the nonresident portion}}{548} \times 90 =$$

Maximum number of days allowed in New York State

Nonresident — You are a New York State nonresident if you were not a resident of New York State for any part of the year.

Part-year resident — You are a New York State part-year resident if you meet the definition of resident or nonresident for only part of the year.

For more information on nonresidents and part-year residents, see the instructions for Form IT-203.

Which Form to File

If the federal income tax return you filed was:

You should file your New York income tax return on:

Form 1040EZ ...

Form IT-100 if you want us to figure your tax and, if applicable, claim the earned income credit,

or

Form IT-200 if you want to figure your tax yourself or claim the real property tax credit (see *Homeowners and Renters* on page 5) or you want to disclaim a spouse's debt (see *Collection of debts from your refund*, page 24) or you want to claim the New York State earned income credit (see page 23).

Form 1040A ...

Form IT-100 if you want us to figure your tax and, if applicable, claim the earned income credit, and you did not have IRA distributions, pension or annuity income or social security benefits included in your federal adjusted gross income. (You must use **Form IT-200** if you are married and filing a separate federal return and you did not have IRA distributions, pension or annuity income or social security benefits included in your federal adjusted gross income.)

or

Form IT-200 if you want to figure your tax yourself and you did not have IRA distributions, pension or annuity income or social security benefits included in your federal adjusted gross income, or you want to claim the real property tax credit (see *Homeowners and Renters* on page 5) or you want to disclaim a spouse's debt (see *Collection of debts from your refund*, page 24) or you want to claim the New York State earned income credit (see page 23).

Form 1040

Form IT-201 (but see *Can you file Form IT-200 instead of Form IT-201?* below).

Can you file Form IT-200 instead of Form IT-201?

Even though you filed federal Form 1040, you should file New York's shorter return, Form IT-200, instead of Form IT-201 if:

- you itemized your deductions on federal Form 1040, but your New York standard deduction is larger than your New York itemized deduction and you do not qualify for the excess deductions credit (use the worksheet on this page); and
- your income was only from wages, interest, dividends, taxable refunds, credits or offsets of state and local income taxes or unemployment compensation; and
- your adjustments to income are only for IRA deductions, public employee 414(h) retirement contributions, IRC 125 amounts deducted or deferred from your salary under a flexible benefits program established by the city of New York and

certain other New York City public employers, interest income on U.S. government bonds or taxable refunds, credits or offsets of state and local income taxes; and

- your taxable income is less than \$65,000; and
- your only New York tax credits are the child and dependent care, household, earned income or real property tax credits; and
- your only other income taxes are full-year New York City or Yonkers income taxes; and
- you did not make estimated tax payments, you do not need to extend the time to file your return, and you are a calendar-year filer.

Worksheet for Figuring Which Deduction is Larger

a. Total itemized deductions from federal Schedule A, line 28 a. _____

b. State, local and foreign income taxes from federal Schedule A, lines 5 and 8 b. _____

c. Subtract line b from line a c. _____

d. Enter the standard deduction that applies to your filing status:

- Single and can be claimed as a dependent \$2,800
- Single and cannot be claimed as a dependent 6,600
- Married filing joint return 10,800
- Married filing separate return 5,400
- Head of household 8,150
- Qualifying widow(er) 10,800 d. _____

If line d is larger than line c, you meet the first requirement in *Can you file Form IT-200 instead of Form IT-201?*, and you should file Form IT-200 if you meet the other requirements. If line c is larger than line d, your tax will be less if you file Form IT-201 and take the itemized deduction. If you itemize your deductions on federal Form 1040, fill in lines 1 through 14 of Form IT-201-ATT. You may qualify to claim the excess deductions credit on line 38 of Form IT-201. If any of the other adjustments to federal itemized deductions apply to you (see pages 27 and 28 of these instructions), adjust line c appropriately.

No matter which federal form you filed, you must use New York Form IT-201 if:

- You have IRA distributions, pension or annuity income or social security benefits included in your federal adjusted gross income.
- You have any of the following New York adjustments to income: **subtractions** for taxable social security benefits and the pension and annuity income exclusion; (the subtraction for interest income on U.S. government bonds can be made on all New York returns); **additions** to income for interest income on state and local bonds and obligations (but not those of New York State and local governments within the state) and the accelerated cost recovery system (ACRS) deduction. For information on all New York adjustments to income, see *New York Adjustments* on page 15.

- You can claim any of these New York tax credits:
 - excess deductions credit
 - resident credit
 - accumulation distribution credit
 - investment credit
 - special additional mortgage recording tax credit carryover
 - solar and wind energy credit carryover
 - economic development zone credits.

The household credit, earned income credit, and child and dependent care credit can be claimed on all New York returns. The real property tax credit can be claimed only on Forms IT-200 and IT-201. The excess deductions credit can only be claimed on Form IT-201.

- You are subject to any of these taxes:
 - minimum income tax
 - separate tax on lump-sum distributions
 - add-back of investment credit on early dispositions
 - part year city of New York resident tax
 - part-year city of Yonkers resident income tax surcharge
 - add-back of EDZ investment tax credit
 - add-back of EDZ capital tax credit
 - add-back of resident credit for taxes paid to a province of Canada.
- You are claiming a 1995 estimated tax payment or an overpayment credit from your 1994 return.
- You want to apply any part of your 1995 overpayment to your estimated tax for 1996.
- You were a New York State resident for all of 1995, but a New York City or Yonkers resident for only part of the year. For more information on change of city resident status, see IT-360.1-1, *Instructions for Form IT-360.1*.
- You are filing for a taxable period other than the calendar year January 1 through December 31, 1995.
- You need an extension of time to file your return.

If you did not have to file a federal return but you must file a New York return, use your federal instructions to choose the federal form you would have filed if one had been required. Then use these instructions to choose your New York form. You will also need your federal instructions to determine your filing status, your income, adjustments to income, and the number of exemptions you may claim. If you need help, see page 12 of these instructions.

Separate returns are required for some married taxpayers who file a joint federal return. If one of you was a New York State resident and the other was a nonresident or part-year resident, you must each file a separate New York return. The New York State resident must use Form IT-200 or Form IT-201. The nonresident or part-year resident, if required to file a New York return, must use Form IT-203. However, if both of you choose to file as New York residents, you may file a joint New York State return; use Form IT-200 or Form IT-201. For the definition of resident, nonresident and part-year resident, see page 6. Some federal Form 1040 filers can use Form IT-200. See *Can you file Form IT-200 instead of Form IT-201?* on this page.

Also, if you filed a joint federal return but are unable to file a joint New York return because the address or whereabouts of your spouse is unknown, you may be able to file a separate return. See *Line Instructions for Form IT-201*, Item A, on page 13.

Electronic Filing

Taxpayers may electronically file their 1995 New York State IT-201, *Resident Income Tax Return*. Electronically-filed returns offer the advantages of computer-filing accuracy and rapid processing of your refund.

To file your IT-201 return electronically:

- You must be requesting a refund; and
- You must file your federal return electronically; and
- You must use a New York State accepted preparer for electronic filing; and
- You must ensure that a signed Form IT-201-E, *Declaration for Electronic Filing of Resident Income Tax Return*, and all required attachments are filed on your behalf. The Tax Department will not process electronically-filed returns or pay

any refund due until it receives a signed Form IT-201-E.

You **may not** electronically file your IT-201 return if **any** of the following apply:

- You attach Form IT-280, *Nonobligated Spouse Allocation*;
- You are filing for a period other than January 1, 1995, through December 31, 1995;
- You are filing an amended return;
- You are required to file Form IT-201-ATT, *Itemized Deduction and Other Credits and Taxes*. (However, you may file Form IT-201 electronically if you are attaching Form IT-201-ATT to claim the New York itemized deduction only.)
- You are filing Form IT-2105.9, *Underpayment of Estimated Income Tax by Individuals and Fiduciaries*;

- You were a part-year resident of New York State, the city of New York or Yonkers;
- You have a nonresident earnings tax liability for the city of New York or Yonkers;
- You are married and filing separate returns;
- You are filing for a decedent, including a joint return filed by a surviving spouse;
- There is a Power of Attorney currently in effect to have a refund sent to a third party;
- You are filing more than 20 Forms W-2/IT-2102, 30 Forms W-2G/IT-2102-G or 10 Forms 1099-R/IT-2102-P with your Form IT-201; or
- You are requesting special consideration or procedures.

Other Forms You May Have to File

Form IT-2105, *Estimated Income Tax Payment Voucher*

The total amount you must pay for 1996 through withholding and estimated tax is the lesser of:

1. 90% of the tax shown on the 1996 return, or
2. 100% of the tax shown on the 1995 return (110% of that amount if you are not a farmer or fisherman and the New York adjusted gross income shown on that return is more than \$150,000 or, if married filing separately, more than \$75,000).

However, if you do not file a 1995 tax return, or your 1995 return did not cover all 12 months, item 2 above does not apply.

For more information, see the instructions for Form IT-2105.

You do not have to pay estimated tax if you expect to owe less than \$100 of New York State or New York City or Yonkers tax after deducting tax withheld and credits you are entitled to claim.

If you paid estimated tax for 1995 and filed a 1994 New York State income tax return, you will automatically receive a 1996 estimated tax packet in the mail. Included in your packet will be your account statement for tax year 1995. It will show the total amount recorded in your account as of the date shown on the statement. Review this statement carefully. If you disagree with any of the information, complete Form IT-2105.1 and mail it immediately to: **NYS Tax Department, Estimated Tax Unit (IT-2105.1), W A Harriman Campus, Albany NY 12227**. Do not use a pre-addressed label for this form.

If you do not receive your 1996 estimated tax packet by the date your first payment is due (generally April 15), call or write us for forms and instructions. See *How to Get Forms* on page 9.

Estimated income tax for estates and trusts — Estates and trusts are required to make estimated tax payments. However, estates (and certain grantor trusts that receive the residue of the decedent's estate under the decedent's will) are exempt from

paying estimated tax for the first two years after the decedent's death. Generally, an estate or trust must pay estimated tax if the estate or trust is expected to owe, after subtracting its withholding and credits, at least \$100 in New York income tax for 1996.

A fiduciary of an estate or trust who makes an election to allocate any portion of the estate's or trust's estimated tax payment among the beneficiaries must file Form IT-205-T. For more information, see the instructions for Form IT-205.

Form IT-201-ATT, *Itemized Deduction and Other Credits and Taxes*

Complete this form if you claimed itemized deductions on your federal return or are subject to any other New York State or New York City taxes. You can also use this form to claim other New York State credits. For more information, see *Instructions for Form IT-201-ATT* on page 27.

Form IT-220, *Minimum Income Tax*

Complete this form if you have federal tax preference items totaling more than your specific deduction of \$5,000 (\$2,500 if you are married and filing separately). You may have to file Form IT-220 even if you are not required to file federal Form 6251, *Alternative Minimum Tax - Individuals*. For more information, see the instructions for form IT-220.

Form IT-221, *Disability Income Exclusion*

Complete this form to figure the amount of your disability income that may be excluded from income on Form IT-201. To qualify, you must have retired due to permanent and total disability and you must not have reached age 65 when your tax year ended. If you claim this exclusion, the *Physician's Statement* at the bottom of Form IT-221 must also be completed and signed by your doctor. For more information, see Form IT-221.

Form IT-230, *Separate Tax on Lump-Sum Distributions*

Complete Form IT-230 if you used federal Form 4972 to figure your federal tax on a

lump-sum distribution from a qualified retirement plan. For more information, see the instructions for Form IT-230.

Form IT-399, *New York State Depreciation Schedule*

Complete this form if you are an individual, partnership, estate or trust to figure your New York depreciation deduction for property placed in service during taxable years beginning in 1981, 1982, 1983, and 1984, and for property placed in service outside New York State in taxable years beginning after December 31, 1984, but before January 1, 1994 (including property on which ACRS depreciation was figured in accordance with the federal Tax Reform Act of 1986). Also use Form IT-399 to figure your adjustment for the federal ACRS deduction and the year of disposition adjustment. For more information, see Form IT-399.

Form IT-201-X, *Amended Resident Income Tax Return*

Generally, an amended return claiming credit for, or a refund of, an overpayment must be filed within three years of the date that the original return was filed, or within two years of the date the tax was paid, whichever is later. However, if you file an amended federal return showing a change in your taxable income, tax preference items, total taxable amount or capital gain or ordinary income portion of a lump-sum distribution, or credit for child and dependent care expenses, you must also file an amended New York State return within 90 days from the date you amend your federal return.

You must also file an amended return to correct any error on your original state return and to report changes made by the Internal Revenue Service.

If the Internal Revenue Service changes the taxable income, tax preference items, total taxable amount or capital gain or original income portion of a lump-sum distribution, or disallows your refund claim or credit for child and dependent care expenses that you reported on your federal return, you must report these changes to the New York State Tax

Department within 90 days from the date the Internal Revenue Service makes its final determination.

To amend your 1995 return, you must use 1995 Form IT-201-X. Since we cannot process your amended return until we have completed the processing of all original returns, there may be some delay in completing the review of your amended returns. If you need forms, see *How to Get Forms* below.

Form CT-33-D, Tax on Premiums Paid or Payable to an Unauthorized Insurer on Risks Located Within New York State

Complete this form if you have purchased or renewed a taxable insurance contract from an insurer not authorized to transact business in New York State under a Certificate of

Authority from the Superintendent of Insurance. You will be liable for a tax of 3.6% of the premium. The return must be filed within 60 days following the end of the calendar quarter in which the contract was purchased or renewed. For more information see Form CT-33-D and TSB-M-90(9)C.

When to File

File your return as soon as you can after January 1, 1996, but not later than the filing deadline, **April 15, 1996**. (If you are required to file your 1995 federal return at the IRS Service Center in Andover, Massachusetts, the filing deadline for your New York State return is April 16, 1996.) If you file late, you may have to pay penalties and interest. See *Penalties and Interest on page 11*.

Extension of time to file — If you know that you cannot meet the filing deadline, ask for an extension of time by filing New York State Form IT-370, *Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File for Individuals*. The time to file will be automatically extended for four months if you file Form IT-370 on time and, if required, pay any tax you owe with it. If you expect to receive a refund or anticipate having no amount of New York State, New York City or Yonkers income tax remaining unpaid as of the due date of the return, we will accept a copy of federal Form 4868, *Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual*

Income Tax Return. Send us a copy of federal Form 4868 on or before the due date of the return. Attach another copy to your return when you file it. Write **New York State Copy** at the top of the form.

If you are required to pay your tax when you request your extension, mail Form IT-370 with your payment to: Extension Request, P O Box 15106, Albany NY 12212-5106.

If you are not required to pay any tax when you request your extension, mail Form IT-370 (or the copy of your federal Form 4868) to: Extension Request - NR, P O Box 15105, Albany NY 12212-5105.

When you file, you must use Form IT-201; you cannot file Form IT-100 or Form IT-200.

If after asking for an extension of time to file using Form IT-370 or federal Form 4868, you choose to file your federal return electronically, you may still file your New York State resident income tax return, Form IT-201, electronically through August 15, 1996. Electronic returns may not be filed after this date.

If you qualify for an automatic two-month extension of time to file your federal income tax return because (1) you are a U.S. citizen or resident and live outside the U.S. and your main place of business or post of duty is outside the U.S. and Puerto Rico or (2) you are in the military service outside the U.S. and Puerto Rico when your 1995 return is due, you are entitled to a similar two-month automatic extension to file your New York income tax return. The time to pay your New York State, New York City and city of Yonkers tax is similarly automatically extended. You must attach to your New York State return a statement showing that you qualify for the federal automatic two-month extension.

If you cannot file on or before the end of this automatic two-month extension, file Form IT-370 and pay any tax due with it to receive an additional two months to file. If you still need more time, you must file Form IT-372, *Application for Additional Extension of Time to File for Individuals*.

Where to File

Use the preaddressed envelope that came with your tax packet. If you do not have one, address your envelope as follows:

For refund returns —

STATE PROCESSING CENTER — REFUND '95
ONE WATERVLIET AVE EXT
ALBANY NY 12261-0001

For all other returns —

STATE PROCESSING CENTER
ONE WATERVLIET AVE EXT
ALBANY NY 12261-0001

How to Get Forms

You can get forms and publications at many banks and public libraries, or by using the *Forms Order Blank* in the tax packet mailed to you. You can also get forms by calling toll free (from New York State only) 1 800 462-8100. From areas outside New York State, call (518) 438-1073. If you want to write instead of calling, address your letter to **NYS Tax Department, Taxpayer Assistance Bureau, W A Harriman Campus, Albany NY 12227.**

If you need to get forms and instructions from the New York City Department of Finance, you can get them by visiting the NYC Department of Finance, Taxpayer Assistance, 25 Elm Place, 4th floor, Brooklyn NY. This office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. You can also call NYC Taxpayer Assistance at (718) 935-6000 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Reminders

Refunds/Real Property Tax Credit/Earned Income Credit

Even if you do not have to file a return, you should file to get a refund if New York State, New York City or Yonkers income taxes were withheld from your pay. You may also be eligible for a refund if you are qualified to claim the real property tax credit or the New York State earned income credit. If you qualify for the real property tax credit, file Form IT-214 to claim the refund for this credit. If you qualify to claim the New York State earned income credit, complete Form IT-215 and attach it to your return to claim the refund for this credit. For more information on the real property tax credit, see *Homeowners and Renters* on page 5. For more information on the New York State earned income credit, see *Line 50* on page 20.

Name and Social Security Number

You must enter your name and social security number on all forms you send to us. **If you are making a payment, write your social security number and 1995 Income Tax on your check or money order.**

Whole Dollar Amounts

You may round all money items on your return to the nearest dollar. For example, round \$10.49 to \$10.00; round \$10.50 to \$11.00. If you round to the nearest dollar, round for all amounts.

Household Credit

If you are single, with federal adjusted gross income of \$28,000 or less and cannot be claimed as a dependent on another taxpayer's federal return, you qualify for a \$20 to \$75 household credit.

If you are married filing jointly, a head of household (with qualifying person) or a qualifying widow(er) with dependent child with federal adjusted gross income of \$32,000 or less and cannot be claimed as a dependent on another taxpayer's federal return, you qualify for a household credit of \$15 to \$75 plus \$5 to \$15 for each exemption you claim on your federal return.

If you are a New York City resident, you may also qualify for a New York City household credit.

For more information on the **New York State** household credit, see the instructions for line 39 on page 21 of these instructions. For more information on the **City of New York** household credit, see the instructions for line 46 on page 22 of these instructions.

Wage and Tax Statements

Your employer must give you a wage and tax statement — either federal Form W-2 or New York State Form IT-2102. This statement shows your total earnings and the amount of New York State, New York City and Yonkers taxes withheld from your pay during the year.

If you received periodic annuity, pension, retired pay or IRA payments and income tax was withheld, the payer must give you a statement, either federal Form 1099-R or New York State Form IT-2102-P. This statement

shows the amount of your gross and taxable retirement plan payments, and the New York State, New York City and Yonkers tax withheld from your payments during the year.

If you received payments of lottery distributions and income tax was withheld from those payments, you will receive federal Form W-2G, or New York State Form IT-2102-G, *Report of Certain Gambling Winnings*. This statement shows your total payments and the amount of New York State, New York City and Yonkers taxes withheld during the year.

You must staple your wage and tax statement(s), New York State Form IT-2102 (Copy 1) or federal Form W-2 (Copy 2), to the back of your return as shown in Step 7 on page 26 of these instructions. If you have not received your wage and tax statement(s) by February 15, 1996, or if the statement(s) you received is incorrect, contact your employer.

Estimated Tax Paid

Enter the amount of estimated tax payments made for New York State, city of New York and Yonkers. Before completing this section of your return, review the account statement that was included with your estimated tax packet. Report any discrepancies by completing Form IT-2105.1 provided in your packet and attaching this form to the front of your Form IT-201.

Paid Preparers Must Sign Your Return

Anyone you pay to prepare your return must sign it and fill in the other blanks in the paid preparer's area of your return. The preparer required to sign your return must sign it by hand; signature stamps or labels are not acceptable. If someone prepares your return and does not charge you, that person should not sign it.

Paid preparers may be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with certain requirements. For more information, see *Penalties and Interest* on page 11.

Computer Filled-In Returns

If you use a computer to fill in your return, be sure you meet these requirements:

- If you do not use the official income tax forms that we provide, any computer-generated form you use must comply with the guidelines in Publication 75, *Specifications for Reproduction of 1995 New York State Income Tax Forms*
- Your software must conform to current federal and state income tax laws.

Check Your Withholding for 1996

If, after completing your 1995 tax return, you want to change the amount of tax withheld from your paycheck, complete Form IT-2104, *Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate*, and give it to your employer. Form IT-2104 is included in this booklet. **60**

Keep Copies of Your Tax Records

Please remember to keep a copy of your completed income tax return. Also keep copies of any books, records, schedules, statements or other related documents.

You may be asked by the Tax Department to provide copies of these records after you have filed your income tax return.

Federal/State Tax Agreement

Under authority of federal and New York State laws, the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance and the Internal Revenue Service have entered into a federal/state agreement for the mutual exchange of tax information.

Privacy Notification

The right of the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance and the Department of Taxation and Finance to collect and maintain personal information, including mandatory disclosure of social security numbers in the manner required by tax regulations, instructions and forms, is found in Articles 22, 23, 26, 26-A, 26-B, 30, 30-A and 30-B of the Tax Law, Article 2-E of the General City Law and 42 USC 405(c)(2)(C)(i).

The Tax Department will use this information primarily to determine and administer tax liabilities due the state and city of New York and the city of Yonkers. We will also use this information for certain tax offset and exchange of tax information programs authorized by law, and for any other purpose authorized by law.

Information concerning quarterly wages paid to employees and identified by unique random identifying code numbers to preserve the privacy of the employees' names and social security numbers will be provided to certain state agencies for research purposes to evaluate the effectiveness of certain employment and training programs.

Failure to provide the required information may result in civil or criminal penalties, or both, under the Tax Law.

This information will be maintained by the Director of the Data Management Services Bureau, NYS Tax Department, Building 8 Room 905, W A Harriman Campus, Albany NY 12227; telephone (from New York State only) 1 800 CALL TAX (1 800 225-5829); from areas outside New York State call (518) 438-8581.

Penalties and Interest

Interest — Interest will be charged on income tax that is not paid on or before the due date of your return, even if you received an extension of time to file your return. Interest is a charge for the use of money and in most cases may not be waived. Interest is compounded daily and the rate is adjusted quarterly.

If you are due a refund, you may also be entitled to receive interest on your overpayment. Interest is compounded daily and the rate is adjusted quarterly. If the refund is made within 45 days after the due date of your return, no interest will be paid. If you file your return after the due date (including extensions), no interest will be paid if the refund is made within 45 days after the date you filed. If the refund is not made within this 45-day period, interest will be paid from the due date of the return or from the date you filed, whichever is later. However, interest will not be paid to you:

- on the portion of your refund that is attributable to the real property tax credit or earned income credit; or
- if your return cannot be processed.

To be processed, your return must show your name, address, social security number, signature and the information needed to mathematically verify your tax liability.

Late filing penalty — If you file late, you will be charged a penalty of 5% of the tax due for each month, or part of a month, the return is late, up to a maximum of 25%, unless you extend the time to file or attach to your return an explanation showing reasonable cause for the delay. If your return is more than 60 days late, this penalty will not be less than the lesser of \$100 or 100% of the amount required to be shown as tax due on the return, reduced by any tax paid and by any credit that may be claimed. For information on getting an extension of time to file your return, see *When to File* on page 9 of these instructions.

Late payment penalty — If you do not pay your tax when due, you will be charged a penalty of ½ of 1% of the unpaid amount for each month or part of a month it is not paid, up to a maximum of 25%. This penalty is in addition to the interest charged for late payments.

This penalty may not be charged if you attach to your return an explanation showing reasonable cause for paying late.

If you figure your tax incorrectly — You may have to pay a penalty if the tax you report on your return is **less** than your correct tax. If you are off by more than 10% or \$2,000, whichever is more, you may have to pay this penalty. The penalty is 10% of the difference between the tax you reported and the tax you actually owe.

Underpayment of estimated tax penalty — If your 1995 withholding and estimated tax payments do not equal at least 90% of the tax shown on your return for the taxable year or 100% of the tax shown on your return for the preceding taxable year (110% of that amount if you are not a farmer or fisherman and the New York adjusted gross income shown on that return is more than \$150,000 or, if married filing separately, more than \$75,000) based on a return covering 12 months, you may be subject to a penalty for underpayment of estimated income tax.

For more information, see Form IT-2105.9, *Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Individuals and Fiduciaries*, and its instructions, to see if you owe the penalty, how to figure the penalty and which exceptions to the penalty apply.

Negligence penalty — If your return does not show all of the tax imposed under the Tax Law, its rules or regulations, due to negligence or intentional disregard but not with intent to defraud, you will be charged a penalty of 5% of any deficient amount. In general, a deficiency is the difference between the correct tax and the tax shown on your return. In addition, 50% of the interest due on any underpayment resulting from negligence will be added to your tax.

Fraudulent returns — If any part of a deficiency is due to fraud, you will be charged a penalty of 50% of the deficiency.

In general, a deficiency is the difference between the correct tax and the tax shown on your return. In addition, 50% of the interest due on any deficiency resulting from a fraudulent act will be added to your tax.

Frivolous returns — A penalty of up to \$500 will be imposed on any person who files a frivolous tax return. A return is considered frivolous when it does not contain information needed to judge the correctness of the tax return, or reports information that is obviously and substantially incorrect, and intended to delay or impede the administration of Article 22 of the Tax Law or the processing of the return. This includes altering or striking out the preprinted language above the space provided for your signature.

This penalty is added to any other penalty provided by law.

Failure of paid preparers to conform to certain requirements - A penalty of \$50 per return or claim for refund will be assessed a paid preparer for failure to comply with any of the following requirements:

- failure to sign the tax return or claim for refund;
- failure to include the identifying number of the paid preparer (if an individual paid preparer is an employee of an employer or a partner in a partnership that is a paid preparer, the return or claim for refund must also include the identifying number of the employer or partnership);
- failure to furnish a completed copy of the tax return or claim for refund to the taxpayer not later than the time presented for the taxpayer's signature;
- failure to keep a completed copy of the return or claim for refund prepared for each taxpayer or to keep the name and identification number of each taxpayer for whom a return or claim for refund was prepared on a list and to make the copy or list available for inspection upon request.

The period for keeping a completed copy of the return or information on the list is three years after the due date of the return (without regard to extensions) or three years after the date the return was presented to the taxpayer for signature, whichever is later.

The period for keeping a completed copy of a claim for refund is three years from the time the claim for refund was presented to the taxpayer for signature.

For each of the requirements listed above, a paid preparer may be subject to a maximum penalty of \$25,000.

Imagine hundreds of creatures that sprint, swim, fly or slither. That is exactly how diverse New York's fish and wildlife species are. You too, can take an active part in ensuring the fish and wildlife diversity in New York State.

Picture yourself involved in learning about the wildlife in New York State, observing various fish and wildlife resources and helping to restore and manage them to benefit both wildlife and people.

This can be done when you **Return a Gift to Wildlife** on your New York State tax form. Also, remind your tax preparer that you wish to contribute to this worthwhile program. Remember to **Return a Gift to Wildlife**, the program dedicated to conserving New York's fish and wildlife diversity.

For additional program information or to donate directly, please write to:

Return a Gift to Wildlife, NYS DEC, Room 122, Program 5, 50 Wolf Road, Albany NY 12233-4830.



Need Help?

We will answer your tax questions if you call us (see *Information* below), but we cannot fill in your return for you.

You can get help filling in your return from:

- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE). Volunteers will give free help to lower income, elderly, handicapped and non-English-speaking individuals. Watch for VITA and TCE information in your community or call toll-free 1 800 CALL TAX (1 800 225-5829) for the location of the volunteer assistance site nearest you.
- Senior citizens centers; contact center for dates and times.
- Social service agencies.

Information

For **information** or answers to your New York State tax questions, call toll free (from New York State only) **1 800 CALL TAX (1 800 225-5829)**. From areas outside New York State, call (518) 438-8581. Telephone assistance is available from 8:30 a.m. to

4:25 p.m. Monday through Friday. To make sure that Tax Department employees give courteous responses and correct information to taxpayers, a Tax Department supervisor sometimes monitors telephone calls. No record is kept of any taxpayer's name, address or social security number.

If you want to write instead of calling, address your letter to **NYS Tax Department, Taxpayer Assistance Bureau, W A Harriman Campus, Albany NY 12227.**

Trying to Resolve a Problem with the Tax Department

New York State has a Problem Resolution Program for taxpayers who have been unable to resolve a problem with the Tax Department.

For more information, see *Resolving Tax Problems* on the back cover.

When to Call About Your Refund

Generally, early filers get their refund checks first. If you file after April 1, you may not receive your refund check for up to 8 weeks.

If you have to call to ask where your refund check is, please wait until April 17; then call our automated system toll free (from New York State only) 1 800 443-3200. From areas outside New York State, call (518) 438-6777. Have a copy of your tax return available when you call.

Hotline for the Hearing and Speech Impaired

If you have a hearing or speech impairment and have access to a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you can get answers to your New York State tax questions by calling 1 800 634-2110 toll free from anywhere in the U.S. (including Alaska and Hawaii) and Canada. Hours of operation are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you do not own a TDD, check with independent living centers or community action programs to find out where machines are available for public use. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, we will ensure that our lobbies, offices, meeting rooms and other facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. If you have questions about special accommodations for persons with disabilities, please call the numbers listed under *Information* above.

Steps for Preparing Your Return

Prepare your federal return first; much of the information on your New York State return will be the same. In many cases when New York State and federal tax laws are similar, the New York instructions do not repeat all the requirements, but instead, explain the differences.

If you elected to file federal Form 8814 with your federal return, the amount of your child's investment income over \$1,000 that was included in your federal gross income will be reported on your New York return and taxed at your rate. In this case, you will not file a New York return for your child. However, it will be to your advantage for you to file a New York return for your child since there will not be any New York tax on the first \$2,800 of your child's investment income. To qualify for filing a New York return for your child, you must first file a federal return and federal Form 8615 (instead of federal Form 8814) to report your child's investment income.

Step 1 Get all forms and publications you need.

If you need any forms or publications, see *How to Get Forms* on page 9.

Step 2 Get your tax records together.

If you received a salary or wages, get all your 1995 wage and tax statements together. These can be either New York Form IT-2102 or federal Form W-2. Only your employer can issue or correct these forms. If you have not received your wage and tax statements by February 15, or if the form you received is incorrect, contact your employer.

If you had tax withheld from annuities, pensions, retired pay or IRA payments, get together all of your New York Form(s) IT-2102-P or federal Form(s) 1099-R.

If you had tax withheld from your lottery distributions, you will need your federal Form W-2G or New York State Form IT-2102-G.

If you paid income taxes to another state, a local government within another state, the District of Columbia or province of Canada, get a copy of the income tax return you filed with that taxing authority.

If you made payments during the year for New York State, New York City or Yonkers estimated tax, compare your account statement (included in your estimated tax packet) with your records.

If you plan to take any credits or deductions, get all the supporting information and records you will need.

Step 3 Fill in your return.

Fill in your return using the line instructions for Form IT-201 that begin on page 13. Then continue with Step 4 on page 25.

Don't Delay Your Refund

We want to send your refund to you as soon as possible. You can help us by filing an error-free return. Be sure that you have checked your correct filing status and that you have signed your return and attached your wage and tax statements so that we do not have to send your return back to you. Please check the figures on your return and carefully follow steps 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 on pages 25 and 26 of these instructions.

Line Instructions for Form IT-201

All information on your return, except for your mailing address, should be for the calendar year January 1 through December 31, 1995, or for your fiscal year. If you are filing for a fiscal year, enter the month and day your tax year began, and the month, day and year that it ended at the top of the front page.

Filing in your tax return

You may notice that Form IT-201, its attachment Form IT-201-ATT, and other selected forms and attachments (Forms IT-200, 214, 215, etc.), are designed to let us use the latest scanning and image-processing equipment.

Boxes have been printed on the forms to guide you in making your handwritten entries. This will enable our scanning equipment to read your return more accurately and let us process it more efficiently. Please spend a moment reviewing the method below for making your entries:

- Please print (using a blue or black ballpoint pen; no pencils, please) or type all "X" marks and money amounts in the boxes and spaces provided.
- Write your numbers like this:

9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0

- Do not use dollar signs (\$), commas (,), decimal points (.), or any other punctuation marks or symbols. We have already printed the appropriate commas and the decimal points to assist you.

New for 1995 — If you show a loss on any line, place a negative sign — in the box **immediately to the left** of the loss amount. Do not use brackets or parentheses.

Example:

..... 6 - 1 0 2 4 . 8 1

- Carefully enter your money amounts so that the **dollar amount** ends in the box immediately to the **left** of the decimal point and the **cents amount** starts in the box immediately to the **right** of the decimal point.
- Make your money amount entries in the boxes allowing one numeral for each box.
- Leave **blank** any spaces and boxes that do not apply to you.

Example: If your total amount of *Wages, salaries, tips, etc.* for line 1 of Form IT-201 is \$32,406.18, your money field entry on line 1 of your Form IT-201 should look like this:

..... 1 3 2 4 0 6 . 1 8

If you are **rounding all money items** on your return (see *Whole Dollar Amounts* on page 10) to the nearest dollar, it should look like this:

..... 1 3 2 4 0 6 . 0 0

- When rounding or when entering a whole dollar amount, please enter "00" in the cents boxes. Do not leave the cents boxes blank.

Name and Address Box

Do not write in this box or attach your label until you have completed and checked your return.

Step 5 on page 25 of these instructions will tell you how to complete this section of your return.

After you have completed and checked your return, be sure to use your preprinted mailing label; if you do not, it may cause a delay in processing your return and your refund, if you are entitled to one.

Item A

Filing status

Show your filing status by marking an "X" in only **one** box. In nearly all cases, you must use the same filing status on your state return that you used on your federal return. If you did not have to file a federal return, use the same filing status that you would have used for federal income tax purposes.

The only exceptions to this rule apply to married individuals who file a joint federal return and:

- (1) one spouse is a New York State resident and the other is a nonresident or part-year resident. In this case you must either:
 - (a) file separate New York returns using filing status ③; **or**
 - (b) file jointly, as if you both were New York State residents, using filing status ②.
- (2) are unable to file a joint New York return because the address or whereabouts of your spouse is unknown or your spouse refuses to sign a joint New York return. In this case, you may file a separate New York return using filing status ③.

Caution - A separate return may be filed using exception (2) above only if you meet at least one of the following conditions:

- you can demonstrate that the address or whereabouts of your spouse is unknown, reasonable efforts have been made to locate your spouse and good cause exists for the failure to file a joint New York return; **or**
- reasonable efforts have been made to have your spouse sign a joint return, there exists objective evidence of alienation from your spouse such as judicial order of protection, legal separation under a decree of divorce or separate maintenance, or living apart at all times during the preceding year, and good cause exists for the failure to file a joint return.

Item B

Did you itemize your deductions on your 1995 federal return?

If you itemized your deductions on your 1995 federal income tax return, mark an "X" in the **Yes** box. If you claimed the standard deduction on your federal return, mark an "X" in the **No** box.

Item D

Do you need a tax packet (IT-201-P) sent to you next year?

If you use a paid preparer, or if you use computer software to prepare your return, or if for any other reason you do not need a tax packet mailed to you for the next year's taxes, please mark an "X" in the box at item D of your Form IT-201. By marking this box, you will help us reduce printing and mailing costs.

When you mark an "X" in the box, we will send you a mailing label that you or whoever prepares your return should use on your 1996 return. Be sure to use your preprinted mailing label; if you do not, it may cause a delay in processing your return and your refund, if you are entitled to one.

New York Adjustments/ New York Adjusted Gross Income

Certain items of income not taxed by the federal government are taxed by New York State. These *New York additions* must be included in your federal adjusted gross income. Enter any of the listed additions on lines 19 through 21. There are also certain items of income taxed by the federal government but not taxed by New York State. These *New York subtractions* must be deducted from your federal adjusted gross income. Enter any of the listed subtractions on lines 23 through 28. See the instructions for these lines to identify any additions and subtractions that apply to you.

Partners — If you have income from a partnership, include any New York additions and subtractions that apply to that income. Determine your share of partnership additions and subtractions from the partnership return, Form IT-204.

Beneficiaries (estates and trusts) — If you have income from an estate or trust, any New York additions and subtractions that apply to that income, as well as any additions to or subtractions from federal itemized deductions, will be shown in your share of a single fiduciary adjustment. If the adjustment is a net addition, enter this amount on line 21; if the adjustment is a net subtraction, enter this amount on line 28. Identify this item as a *fiduciary adjustment*.

If you filed federal Form 4970, *Tax on Accumulation Distribution of Trusts*, the income you reported on line 1 of Form 4970 is not included on Form IT-201, line 11. Since the Internal Revenue Code considers the distribution part of federal gross income, you must include it on line 21; be sure to identify the source of this income as *Form 4970 income*.

S corporation shareholders — If you are a shareholder of a federal S corporation for which the election to be a New York S corporation was in effect for the taxable year, include any of the following additions and subtractions that apply to your pro rata share of S corporation items of income, loss or deduction. Additions A-17, A-18 and A-19, and subtraction S-21 do **not** apply to you since they apply only to nonelecting S corporations. If the election to treat the corporation as a New York S corporation terminated during the taxable year, you must allocate those items. Obtain your share of S corporation items of income, loss and deduction from the S corporation's Form CT-3-S or CT-4-S.

If you were not eligible to make the election to treat your corporation as a New York S corporation because the corporation was not subject to Article 9-A franchise tax, include any of the additions and subtractions below that apply to your pro rata share of S corporation items of income, loss or deduction. Additions A-16, A-17, A-18 and A-19, and subtractions S-20 and S-21 do **not** apply to you since they apply only to electing and nonelecting New York S corporations.

If gain or loss is recognized on your federal income tax return due to the disposition of stock or indebtedness of an S corporation that did not elect to be a New York S corporation for any taxable year after December 31, 1980, make addition A-19 or

subtraction S-20, whichever applies to you.

You must make the adjustments for the taxable year of the S corporation that ends in your taxable year.

New York Additions

Line 19

Interest income on state and local bonds and obligations (but not those of New York State or its local governments)

Enter any interest income on obligations of other states or political subdivisions of those states that you received or that was credited to you during 1995 that was **not** included in your federal adjusted gross income. This includes interest income on state and local bonds (but not those of New York State and local governments within the state), interest and dividend income from tax-exempt bond mutual funds and tax-exempt money market funds that invest in obligations of states other than New York.

Line 20

Public employee 414(h) retirement contributions

Enter the amount of 414(h) retirement contributions shown on your wage and tax statement(s), New York State Form IT-2102 (Copy 1) or federal Form W-2 (Copy 2), made by:

- a Tier III or Tier IV member of the New York State and Local Retirement Systems, which include the New York State Employees' Retirement System and the New York State Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement System; **or**
- a Tier III or Tier IV member of the New York State Teacher's Retirement System; **or**
- an employee of the State or City University of New York who belongs to the Optional Retirement Program; **or**
- any tier member of the New York City Employee's Retirement System, the New York City Teachers' Retirement System, the New York City Board of Education Retirement System, the New York City Police Pension Fund or the New York City Fire Department Pension Fund.

Do not enter on line 20 contributions to a section 401(k) deferred arrangement, section 403(b) annuity or section 457 deferred compensation plan.

Line 21

Other additions

Identify any of the following additions (below and on page 16) that apply to you by writing the item number and the amount of each addition in the white area on line 21. Enter the total amount of these other additions on line 21 in the money column.

A-1 Interest or dividend income received by you or credited to you during 1995, on bonds or securities of any United States authority, commission or instrumentality that federal laws exempt from federal income tax but not from state income tax (section 612(b)(2) of the Tax Law).

A-2 State, local and foreign income taxes, including unincorporated business taxes, that were deducted from your federal gross income (section 612(b)(3) of the Tax Law). For example, if you operated a business and deducted New York City unincorporated business tax on your federal Form 1040, Schedule C, as an expense of doing business, include this tax on line 21.

Partners — Include on line 21 your distributive share of state income taxes, including unincorporated business taxes, deducted in figuring net income.

S corporation shareholders — If you are a shareholder of a federal S corporation for which the election to be a New York S corporation was in effect, include on line 21 your pro rata share of state income taxes imposed under Article 9-A which were deducted in figuring net income. However, no addition modification will be required for state, local and foreign income taxes imposed upon or paid by the S corporation to another state, political subdivision of another state or the District of Columbia.

A-3 Interest expense on loans used to buy bonds and securities whose interest income is exempt from New York State if you made a deduction for this interest expense in figuring your federal adjusted gross income. Amortization of bond premiums whose interest income is exempt from New York State tax and expenses relating to income exempt from New York State tax, if you made a deduction in figuring your federal adjusted gross income, must also be included on line 21 (sections 612(b)(4) and (5) of the Tax Law).

A-4 The amount of special additional mortgage recording tax that was excluded or deducted in figuring your federal adjusted gross income to the extent the credit was taken (section 612(b)(15) of the Tax Law). For information about the special additional mortgage recording tax credit, see *Instructions for Form IT-201-ATT*, line 18, on page 29 of these instructions.

A-5 The amount of special additional mortgage recording tax you paid when the property for which the tax was paid is sold or disposed of at a gain or loss and the basis of such property was not adjusted for the special additional mortgage recording tax credit (section 612(b)(16) of the Tax Law).

A-6 Any amount that has to be added to your federal adjusted gross income if you made an election for tax years beginning before 1987 for special depreciation or research and development expenditures, waste treatment facility expenditures, air pollution control equipment expenditures or

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New York Additions (continued)

acid deposition control equipment (section 612(b)(6) of the Tax Law). See subtraction S-12 on page 18 of these instructions.

A-7 Any deduction for percentage depletion on mines, oil and gas wells, and other natural deposits made in figuring your federal adjusted gross income (section 612(b)(10) of the Tax Law). See subtraction S-11 on page 18 of these instructions.

A-8 Amounts required under the Tax Law relating to your distributive or pro rata share of allocated entire net income, or your distributive or pro rata share of loss included in your federal adjusted gross income, from an insurance business operating as a member of the New York Insurance Exchange (section 617-a of the Tax Law). See subtraction S-13 on page 18 of these instructions.

A-9 Any gain that would have been realized for New York State tax purposes from the sale or other disposition of property acquired from a decedent and valued by the executor under New York State Tax Law because the estate had an insufficient amount of assets to require the filing of a federal estate tax return (section 612(b)(17) of the Tax Law).

A-10 Solar and wind energy systems — The amount of New York State solar and wind energy credit you claimed for residential property later sold or disposed of at a gain if the basis of that property included the cost of your energy system (section 606(g) and section 612(b)(29) of the Tax Law).

A-11 New business investment — deferral recognition — The amount of capital gain deferred on the sale of a capital asset if the new business investment property is sold (section 612(b)(22) of the Tax Law).

A-12 Safe harbor leases — The amount that was deducted in figuring your federal adjusted gross income (except for mass transit vehicles) solely because of an election made under section 168(f)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code, as it was in effect for agreements entered into prior to January 1, 1984 (section 612(b)(23) of the Tax Law).

A-13 Safe harbor leases — Any amount that would have been included in federal adjusted gross income (except for mass transit vehicles) had the election under section 168(f)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code, as it was in effect for agreements entered into prior to January 1, 1984, not been made (section 612(b)(24) of the Tax Law).

A-14 Accelerated cost recovery system (ACRS) deduction — The amount that was deducted in figuring your federal adjusted gross income for property placed in service during taxable years 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984 and for property placed in service outside New York State in taxable years beginning after December 31, 1984, but before January 1, 1994 (including property on which ACRS depreciation was figured in accordance with the Federal Tax Reform Act of 1986), except for property subject to the provisions of section 280F of the Internal Revenue Code (section 612(b)(25) of the Tax Law).

A-15 Accelerated cost recovery property — year of disposition adjustment — In the year that you dispose of property, the amount by which the total depreciation allowed for New York State purposes is greater than your total federal accelerated cost recovery deductions on that property (including ACRS depreciation figured in accordance with the Federal Tax Reform Act of 1986) (section 612(b)(27) of the Tax Law). Use Form IT-399, *New York State Depreciation Schedule*, to figure your adjustment. See subtraction S-19 on page 18 of these instructions.

A-16 S corporation shareholders — If you are a shareholder of an S corporation for which the election to be a New York S corporation is in effect for the taxable year, your pro rata share of the corporation's reductions for taxes described in sections 1366(f)(2) and (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (section 612(b)(18) of the Tax Law).

A-17 S corporation shareholders — If you are a shareholder of an S corporation for which the election to be a New York S corporation was **not** in effect for the taxable year, any S corporation loss or deduction taken into account in figuring your federal adjusted gross income pursuant to section 1366 of the Internal Revenue Code (section 612(b)(19) of the Tax Law).

A-18 S corporation shareholders — S corporation distributions not included in federal adjusted gross income due to the application of section 1368, 1371(e) or 1379(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, and not previously subject to New York personal income tax because the election to be a New York S corporation was **not** in effect (section 612(b)(20) of the Tax Law). The Internal Revenue Code sections mentioned above refer to distributions, cash distributions during post termination transition period and distributions of undistributed taxable income, respectively.

A-19 S corporation shareholders — Where gain or loss is recognized on a shareholder's federal income tax return due to the disposition of stock or indebtedness of an S corporation that did **not** have an election to treat the corporation as a New York S corporation in effect for any taxable year beginning after December 31, 1980, the increase in basis of stock or indebtedness due to the application of sections 1376(a) (as it was in effect for taxable years beginning before January 1, 1983) and 1376(a)(1)(A) and (B) of the Internal Revenue Code for each taxable year that the New York election was **not** in effect (section 612(b)(21) of the Tax Law). The Internal Revenue Code sections mentioned above refer to S corporation undistributed taxable income that was required to be included in the shareholder's federal adjusted gross income.

A-20 Five percent of your deduction for interest related to corporate acquisitions to the extent the interest was deducted in figuring your New York adjusted gross income (section 612(b)(30) of the Tax Law). If this addition applies, complete Form IT-244, *Acquisition Information Report*. Attach a separate schedule to your return showing your computation.

A-21 New York City flexible benefits program (IRC 125) — The IRC 125 amount shown on your wage and tax statement(s), New York State Form IT-2102 (Copy 1) or federal Form W-2 (Copy 2), that was deducted or deferred from your salary under a flexible benefits program established by the city of New York and certain other New York City public employers (City University of New York, New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, New York City Transit Authority, New York City Housing Authority, New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation, New York City Rehabilitation Mortgage Insurance Corporation, New York City Board of Education, New York City School Construction Authority, Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority or the Staten Island Rapid Transit Authority), on your behalf (section 612(b)(31) of the Tax Law).

A-22 The amount shown on your wage and tax statement(s), New York State Form IT-2102 (Copy 1) or federal Form W-2 (Copy 2) that was deducted from your salary (section 612(b)(32) of the Tax Law) for health insurance and the welfare benefit fund surcharge if you were a career pension plan member of the New York City Employees' Retirement System, or the New York City Board of Education Retirement System.

New York Subtractions

Line 24

Pensions of New York State and local governments and the federal government

Any pension you received, or distributions made to you from a pension plan which represents a return of contributions in a year prior to retirement, as an officer, employee, or beneficiary of an officer or employee of:

- New York State (including State and City University of New York and New York State Education Department employees who belong to the Optional Retirement Program) and local governments within the state that was included in your federal adjusted gross income;
- the United States, its territories or possessions, political subdivisions of these territories or possessions, the District of Columbia or any agency or instrumentality of any of the above (including the military) that was included in your federal adjusted gross income (section 612(c)(3) of the Tax Law).

Caution — In the case of the Optional Retirement Program, only that portion of the pension payments or return of contributions that is attributable to your employment with the State or City University of New York or New York Education Department would qualify for the above subtraction.

The portion of pension payments or return of contributions that was attributable to your employment by an employer other than a New York public employer, such as a private university, and any portion attributable to contributions you made to a supplemental annuity plan which was funded through a salary reduction program do not qualify for the subtraction. However, if these payments are periodic and the individual is 59½ or older, those payments, up to a maximum amount of \$20,000, would qualify for the pension and annuity income exclusion under section 612(c)(3) of the Tax Law. For more information, see the instructions for line 27 below.

Line 26

Interest income on U.S. government bonds

Enter the amount of interest income from U.S. government bonds or other U.S. government obligations that is included in the amount you reported on line 2. (This may be all or part of the line 2 amount, or it may be zero. Check your interest income records to determine the correct amount to enter on line 26.) Interest income on bonds or other obligations of the U.S. government is **not** taxed by New York State.

Dividends you received from a regulated investment company (mutual fund) that invests in obligations of the U.S. government and meets the 50% asset requirement each quarter qualify for the subtraction at line 26. Once this requirement is met, the portion of the dividends you receive that may be subtracted is based upon the portion of taxable income received by the mutual fund that is derived from federal obligations (section 612(c)(1) of the Tax Law).

Further information relating to meeting the 50% asset requirement and figuring your allowable subtraction (if any), can be obtained from the mutual fund.

If you include an amount on line 26 from more than one line on Form IT-201, attach a schedule showing the breakdown from each line.

Do not list the same interest more than once on lines 26 and 28; see the instructions for line 28, subtraction S-1 and subtraction S-3, below.

Line 27

Pension and annuity income exclusion

If you were age 59½ before January 1, 1995, enter the qualifying pension and annuity income included in your 1995 federal adjusted gross income, **but not more than \$20,000**. If you became 59½ during 1995, enter only the amount received after you became 59½, **but not more than \$20,000**.

Do **not** enter any pension income you received from New York State, local governments within the state, and the United States here; see the instructions for line 24 on this page.

Qualifying pension and annuity income includes:

- periodic payments for services you performed as an employee before you retired;
- periodic and lump-sum payments from an IRA, but **not** payments derived from contributions made after you retired;
- periodic payments from an HR-10 (Keogh) plan, but **not** payments derived from contributions made after you retired;
- lump-sum payments from an HR-10 (Keogh) plan, but only if federal Form 4972 is not used. Do **not** include that part of your payment that was derived from contributions made after you retired;
- distributions of benefits from a cafeteria plan (IRC section 125) or a qualified cash or deferred profit-sharing or stock bonus plan (IRC section 401(k)), but not distributions derived from contributions made after you retired.

If you and your spouse both qualify, each of you can subtract up to \$20,000 of your own pension and annuity income. However, you cannot claim any unused part of your spouse's exclusion.

If you received the pension and annuity income of a decedent, you may make this subtraction if the decedent would have qualified to make this subtraction at the time of death.

If you are also claiming the disability income exclusion, the total of your pension and annuity income exclusion and disability income exclusion cannot exceed \$20,000.

For more information, see Publication 99, *New York State Tax Credits, Retirement Benefits and Deductions*.

Line 28

Other subtractions

Identify any of the following subtractions (below and on page 18) that apply to you by writing the item number and amount of each subtraction in the white area on line 28. Enter the total amount of your other subtractions on line 28 in the money column.

S-1 Interest or dividend income on bonds or securities of any United States authority, commission or instrumentality included in your federal adjusted gross income but exempt from state income taxes under federal laws. (section 612(c)(2) of the Tax Law).

S-2 The amount of supplemental annuity and tier 2 benefits received under the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 and the amount of Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act benefits that were included in your federal adjusted gross income but exempt from state income taxes under Title 45 of the United States Code.

S-3 Any interest or dividend income included in your federal adjusted gross income on bonds or securities that is exempt from New York State income tax (section 612(c)(6) of the Tax Law).

S-4 Interest expense on money borrowed to purchase or carry bonds or securities whose interest income is subject to New York State income tax but exempt from federal income tax, provided this interest was a 1995 business expense and was not deducted in figuring your federal adjusted gross income (section 612(c)(9) of the Tax Law).

S-5 Ordinary and necessary business expenses paid or incurred during 1995 in connection with income, or property held to produce income, that is subject to New York State income tax but exempt from federal income tax, provided these expenses were not deducted in arriving at your federal adjusted gross income (section 612(c)(10) of the Tax Law).

S-6 Amortization of bond premium attributable to 1995 on any bond whose interest income is subject to New York income tax but exempt from federal income tax, provided this amortization was a 1995 business expense and was not deducted in figuring your federal adjusted gross income (section 612(c)(10) of the Tax Law).

S-7 The amount necessary to prevent taxation of amounts properly included in total New York income in prior taxable years by a shareholder of a professional service corporation (section 612(c)(12) of the Tax Law).

S-8 The amount of wages and salaries paid or incurred during the taxable year for which a deduction is not allowed with regard to claiming the federal Indian employment credit, targeted jobs credit, and empowerment zone employment credit (section 612(c)(15) of the Tax Law).

S-9 The part of any gain included in your federal adjusted gross income from the sale or other disposition of (1) property which had a higher basis for New York income tax purposes than for federal income tax purposes on December 31, 1959 (or on the last day of a fiscal year ending during 1960), and (2) property held in connection with mines, oil or gas wells, and other natural deposits which has a higher adjusted basis for New York State income tax purposes, which does not exceed this difference in basis. When the gain on the sale or other disposition of jointly owned property is divided

between you and your spouse on your separate state returns, any subtraction due to a higher New York basis than federal basis must also be divided (section 612(c)(4) and 612(c)(13) of the Tax Law).

S-10 Any amount of income (including annuity income) or gain included in your federal adjusted gross income which was properly reported as income or gain on a prior New York State return filed under former Article 16 of the Tax Law by you or a decedent, an estate or trust from whom you acquired this income or gain (section 612(c)(5) of the Tax Law).

S-11 Cost depletion figured according to federal tax law on property when percentage depletion was added on line 21 (section 612(c)(13) of the Tax Law). See addition A-7 on page 16 of these instructions.

S-12 Special depreciation expenditures or carryover of research and development expenditures incurred in taxable years beginning before 1987 in connection with depreciable, tangible business property located in New York State (section 612(c)(11) of the Tax Law). For more information, see Form IT-211, *Special Depreciation Schedule*, and instructions. Also see addition A-6 on page 15 of these instructions.

S-13 Any amount included in your federal adjusted gross income which is your distributive or pro rata share of income or gain from an insurance business operating as a member of the New York Insurance Exchange (section 617-a of the Tax Law). See addition A-8 on page 16 of these instructions.

S-14 Any loss which was to have been realized for New York State tax purposes from the sale or other disposition of property acquired from a decedent and valued by the executor under New York State Tax Law because the estate had an insufficient amount of assets to require the filing of a federal estate tax return (section 612(c)(19) of the Tax Law).

S-15 New business investment exclusion — The amount of gain to be subtracted from the sale of a New York new business investment that was included in your federal adjusted gross income (section 612(c)(20) of the Tax Law).

S-16 Safe harbor leases — Any amount that was included in federal adjusted gross income (except for mass transit vehicles) solely because of an election made under section 168(f)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code, as it was in effect for agreements entered into prior to January 1, 1984, (section 612(c)(24) of the Tax Law).

S-17 Safe harbor leases — Any amount that could have been excluded from federal adjusted gross income (except for mass transit vehicles) had the election under section 168(f)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code, as it was in effect for agreements entered into prior to January 1, 1984, not been made (section 612(c)(25) of the Tax Law).

S-18 New York State depreciation — The amount of depreciation allowed for property placed in service during taxable years 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984 and for property placed in service outside New York State in taxable years beginning after December 31, 1984, but before January 1, 1994 (including property on

which ACRS depreciation was figured in accordance with the Federal Tax Reform Act of 1986), except for property subject to the provisions of section 280F of the Internal Revenue Code (section 612(c)(26) of the Tax Law).

S-19 Accelerated cost recovery property — year of disposition adjustment — In the year that you dispose of property, the amount by which your total federal accelerated cost recovery deductions were greater than the total depreciation you took for New York State purposes on that property (including ACRS depreciation that was figured in accordance with the Federal Tax Reform Act of 1986) (section 612(c)(28) of the Tax Law). Use Form IT-399, *New York State Depreciation Schedule*, to figure your adjustment. See addition A-15 on page 16 of these instructions.

S-20 S corporation shareholders — Where a gain or loss is recognized on a shareholder's federal income tax return due to the disposition of stock or indebtedness of an S corporation that did not have an election to treat the corporation as a New York S corporation in effect for any taxable year beginning after December 31, 1980, the reduction in basis of stock or indebtedness due to the application of sections 1376(b) (as it was in effect for taxable years beginning before January 1, 1983) and 1367(a)(2)(B) and (C) of the Internal Revenue Code for each taxable year that the New York election was not in effect.

Also, the amount of any additions to federal adjusted gross income under section 612(h)(20) of the Tax Law (see addition A-18 on page 16 of these instructions) that were made with respect to the stock described above (section 612(c)(21) of the Tax Law).

The Internal Revenue Code sections mentioned above refer to the shareholder's pro rata share of S corporation net operating loss and S corporation loss and deduction that was required to be taken into account in figuring the shareholder's federal adjusted gross income.

S-21 S corporation shareholders — If you are a shareholder of an S corporation for which the election to be a New York S corporation was not in effect for the taxable year, any S corporation income included in federal adjusted gross income pursuant to section 1366 of the Internal Revenue Code (section 612(c)(22) of the Tax Law).

S-22 Disability income exclusion — Any amount that could have been excluded from federal adjusted gross income based on section 105(d) of the Internal Revenue Code as it was in effect prior to January 1, 1984. However, the sum of disability income excluded and pension and annuity income excluded may not exceed \$20,000 (section 612(c)(3-b) of the Tax Law). Use Form IT-221, *Disability Income Exclusion*, to figure your disability income exclusion and attach it to your return. See *Other Forms You May Have to File* on page 8.

S-23 Accelerated death benefits — The amount received by any person as an accelerated payment or payments of part or all of the death benefit or special surrender value under a life insurance policy or a

payment received as a viatical settlement, as a result of terminal illness defined as a life expectancy of 12 months or less, or of a medical condition requiring extraordinary medical care or treatment regardless of life expectancy to the extent the amount is includable in federal gross income for the taxable year (section 612(c)(30) of the Tax Law).

S-24 Amounts contributed for the purpose of: —

- the preservation, improvement and promotion of the Executive Mansion as a historical and cultural resource of the state of New York; or
- the preservation and improvement of the natural and historical resources constituting the natural heritage of the people of the state of New York in furtherance of their welfare and prosperity;

to the extent such amounts are not deducted in determining federal adjusted gross income or New York itemized deductions (section 54.15 and 55.15 of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law).

Tax Computation

New for 1995 — The lines for entering your federal itemized deductions have been moved to **Form IT-201-ATT**. If you itemized your deductions on federal Form 1040, fill in lines 1 through 14, Part I, of Form IT-201-ATT. Compare the line 14 amount to your allowable standard deduction amount from the **Standard Deduction Table** below and enter the larger amount on line 32.

You may also be eligible for the new excess deductions credit. For more information about the excess deductions credit, see the instructions for line 38 on page 20.

Line 32

Standard or itemized deduction

The deduction you take on line 32 depends on which deduction you took on federal Form 1040.

- If you took the standard deduction on federal Form 1040 or you did not have to file a federal return, you must take the standard deduction on line 32. Find the correct amount for your filing status in the **Standard Deduction Table** below and be sure to mark an "X" in the standard deduction box on line 32;

Standard Deduction Table

Filing status	Standard deduction — enter on Form IT-201, line 32
① Single and you marked item C Yes	\$2,800
① Single and you marked item C No	6,600
② Married filing joint return	10,800
③ Married filing separate return	5,400
④ Head of household (with qualifying person)	8,150
⑤ Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child	10,800

If you itemized your deductions on federal Form 1040, compare the Form IT-201-ATT, line 14 amount to your standard deduction from the table on page 18. Your tax will be less if you enter on line 32 the **larger of these amounts** (if you marked filing status ③, see *Caution* below). To show which deduction you are taking, be sure to mark an "X" in either the standard or the itemized deduction box on line 32.

Caution — If you are married and filing separate returns (filing status ③), both of you must take the standard deduction unless both of you itemized deductions on your federal returns and both of you elect to itemize deductions on your New York returns.

New for 1995 — If you elect to itemize deductions on line 32 of your New York return, **you must attach your completed Form IT-201-ATT to your Form IT-201.**

Line 34

Dependent exemptions

Enter on line 34 the number of your dependent exemptions from the *Dependent Exemption Worksheet* below.

If you did not have to file a federal return, enter on lines a and b of the worksheet the number of exemptions that would be allowed for federal income tax purposes.

Dependent Exemption Worksheet

- a. Enter the number of exemptions claimed on federal Form 1040, line 6e a. _____
- b. Enter the total number of boxes checked on federal Form 1040, line 6a and line 6b b. _____
- c. Subtract line b from line a. This is the number of your dependent exemptions to enter in the box(es) on Form IT-201, line 34 c. _____

Personal exemptions for you and for your spouse are **not** allowed.

Example — If the result on line c above was "2," the entry on Form IT-201, line 34 would be:

... **34.** 2 0 0 0 0 0

Since the value of each dependent exemption is \$1,000, the total value of dependent exemptions in this example is \$2,000.

Line 36

New York State tax

- If your New York adjusted gross income (amount on Form IT-201, line 31) is **\$100,000 or less**, find your New York State tax on the amount on line 35 by using the *New York State Tax Table* on red pages 41 through 48 of these instructions. Be sure you use the correct column. After you have found the correct tax, enter that amount on line 36.
- If the amount on Form IT-201, line 31, is **more than \$100,000 but not more than \$150,000**, you must compute your tax using **Tax Computation Worksheet 1** below.
- If the amount on Form IT-201, line 31, is **more than \$150,000**, you must compute your tax using **Tax Computation Worksheet 2** below; do not use the New York State tax table.

Tax Computation Worksheet 1

1. Enter your New York adjusted gross income from Form IT-201, line 31 1. _____
2. Enter your taxable income from Form IT-201, line 35 2. _____
3. Multiply line 2 by 7.59375% (.0759375) 3. _____
4. Enter your New York State tax on the line 2 amount above from the *New York State Tax Table* on red pages 41 through 48. 4.
5. Subtract line 4 from line 3 5. _____
6. Enter the excess of line 1 over \$100,000 (cannot exceed \$50,000) 6. _____
7. Divide line 6 by \$50,000 and carry the result to four decimal places (cannot exceed 1.0000) 7. _____
8. Multiply line 5 by line 7 8.
9. **Add lines 4 and 8.** Enter here and on Form IT-201, line 36. ... 9. _____

Credits/Other Taxes

Line 37

New York State child and dependent care credit

Enter the amount of New York State child and dependent care credit. You can claim this credit if you were allowed a credit for child and dependent care on your federal income tax return.

Enter in the box above line 37 the number of qualifying persons cared for in 1995. Also, enter in the boxes to the left the amount of **federal credit (not expenses)** for child and dependent care from federal Form 2441, Part II, line 10, before any limitations (if you file federal Form 1040) or from federal Form 1040A, Schedule 2, Part II, line 10. To figure your New York credit, multiply the federal credit, before any limitations, by 20% (.20) and enter the result on line 37.

New for 1995 — If you itemized deductions on your federal return, you may qualify for the new **excess deductions credit**. The excess deductions credit will be allowed for **tax years beginning in 1995 only**. If you qualify, the amount of the credit is determined based upon your taxable income. To see if you qualify, see the instructions for **line 38** on page 20.

Tax Computation Worksheet 2

1. Enter your taxable income from Form IT-201, line 35 1. _____
2. Multiply line 1 by 7.59375% (.0759375). Enter here and on Form IT-201, line 36 2. _____

Line 38

New York State excess deductions credit

Enter your New York State excess deductions credit. You qualify to claim this credit (from \$1 to \$89 maximum) if you itemized deductions on federal Form 1040, and your filing status is:

- ① Single or ③ Married filing separate return and your taxable income shown at line 35 is \$24,500 or less; or

Caution: If your filing status for 1995 is ① Single and you marked item C on Form IT-201 *Yes*, you are not eligible for the excess deductions credit.

- ② Married filing joint return or ⑤ Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child and your taxable income shown at line 35 is \$49,000 or less; or

- ④ Head of household and your taxable income shown at line 35 is \$33,400 or less.

If you itemized deductions on your federal and your New York State returns, complete the *Excess Deductions Credit Worksheet* to the right to determine the amount of excess deductions credit to enter on Form IT-201, line 38.

For those who claimed the standard deduction on line 32 — If you itemized deductions on your federal return but claimed the New York State standard deduction on line 32, complete *Worksheet SD* below. Enter the **line g** amount from *Worksheet SD* below on line 1 of the *Excess Deductions Credit Worksheet* above and complete that worksheet to see if you qualify for the credit.

If you qualify for the excess deductions credit, also transfer the **line g** amount to the boxes **to the left of line 38** on your Form IT-201.

Worksheet SD

a. Total itemized deductions, from federal Schedule A, line 28 a. _____

b. State, local and foreign income taxes and other subtraction adjustments (see instructions for Form IT-201-ATT, line 9, on page 27) b. _____

c. Subtract line b from line a c. _____

d. Addition adjustments (see instructions for Form IT-201-ATT, line 11, on page 28) d. _____

e. Add lines c and d e. _____

f. Itemized deduction adjustment (see instructions for Form IT-201-ATT, line 13, on page 28) f. _____

g. Subtract line f from line e. Enter on line 1 of the *Excess Deductions Credit worksheet* above. g. _____

(If, after completing the *Excess Deductions Credit Worksheet* above, you qualify for the credit, also transfer this line g amount to the boxes **to the left of line 38** on your Form IT-201.)

Excess Deductions Credit Worksheet

1. If, on line 32 of your Form IT-201, you claimed the **NY itemized deduction**, enter **your line 32 amount** in this box
 Or, if you claimed the **standard deduction** on line 32, complete *Worksheet SD* below and enter the **line g amount** in this box 1. _____

2. Enter the amount shown below for your filing status

- ① Single and you marked item C on Form IT-201 *No* 6,000
- ② Married filing joint return 9,500
- ③ Married filing separate return 4,750
- ④ Head of household (with qualifying person) 7,000
- ⑤ Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child 9,500 2. _____

3. Subtract line 2 from line 1. If line 2 is more than line 1, **STOP**.
You do not qualify for the excess deductions credit.
Do not continue with this worksheet 3. _____

4. Enter your taxable income from Form IT-201, line 35 4. _____

5. Enter the rate indicated for your filing status and taxable income from the rate table below 5.

6. Multiply line 4 by line 5. This is the amount of your excess deductions credit.
 Enter here and on Form IT-201, line 38 6.

Rate Table for Excess Deductions Credit		And you are:		
		① Single or ③ Married filing separately	② Married filing jointly or ⑤ Qualifying widow(er)	④ Head of household
Over:	But not over:	Your excess deductions credit rate is:		
\$ 0	\$ 5,600	.0057	.0057	.0057
5,600	7,600	.0051	.0057	.0057
7,600	8,600	.0051	.0057	.0051
8,600	11,500	.0036	.0057	.0051
11,500	11,700	.0036	.0051	.0051
11,700	12,000	.0036	.0051	.0036
12,000	15,700	.0026	.0051	.0036
15,700	16,400	.0016	.0051	.0036
16,400	17,500	.0016	.0036	.0026
17,500	17,600	.0016	.0036	.0026
17,600	20,500	.0011	.0036	.0026
20,500	21,000	.0011	.0036	.0016
21,000	23,800	.0006	.0036	.0016
23,800	24,100	.0006	.0036	.0011
24,100	24,500	.0006	.0026	.0011
24,500	28,650	No Credit Allowed	.0026	.0011
28,650	31,500	No Credit Allowed	.0026	.0006
31,500	33,400	No Credit Allowed	.0016	.0006
33,400	35,500	No Credit Allowed	.0016	No Credit Allowed
35,500	42,000	No Credit Allowed	.0011	No Credit Allowed
42,000	49,000	No Credit Allowed	.0006	No Credit allowed
49,000	70 —	No Credit Allowed	No Credit Allowed	No Credit Allowed

Line 39

New York State household credit

Enter your New York State household credit. You qualify to claim this credit if you marked the No box for item C on the front page of your Form IT-201 and if you marked

- filing status ① only (Single) and the amount on Form IT-201, line 18, is not over \$28,000; or
- filing status ②, ③, ④, or ⑤ and the amount on Form IT-201, line 18, is not over \$32,000.

Line 40

Other New York State credits

Enter the total amount of other New York State credits from Form IT-201-ATT, line 21. These are: resident credit, accumulation distribution credit, investment credit, special additional mortgage recording tax credit, solar and wind energy credit carryover and economic development zone (EDZ) credit(s). For more information, see *Instructions for Form IT-201-ATT, Other New York State Credits*, on page 29.

Line 43

Other New York State taxes

Enter the total amount of other New York State taxes from Form IT-201-ATT, line 30. These are: separate tax on lump-sum distributions, minimum income tax, add-back of investment credit on early dispositions, add-back of EDZ capital tax credit and EDZ investment tax credit on early dispositions, add-back of resident credit for taxes paid to a province of Canada and New York State tax on capital gain portion of lump-sum distribution. For more information, see *Other New York State Taxes* on page 29.

Lines 45 through 49 apply only to New York City taxes. If you are not subject to New York City taxes, do not fill in these lines.

Line 45

City of New York resident tax

Find your New York City resident tax on the amount on line 35 by using the *City of New York Tax Table* on white pages 49 through 56 of these instructions. A city of New York resident tax surcharge has been built into the tax table. The amount of the surcharge is determined by your filing status and level of taxable income. Be sure you use the correct column. After you have found the correct tax, enter that amount on line 45.

There is an example at the beginning of the table to help you find the correct tax.

Do not complete line 45 if you were a New York City resident for only part of 1995. Use Form IT-360.1, *Change of City Resident Status*, to figure your part-year New York City resident tax, and transfer it to Form IT-201-ATT, *Itemized Deduction and Other Credits and Taxes*. For more information, see IT-360.1-1, *Instructions for form IT-360.1*.

If you are married and filing a joint New York State return and only one of you was a resident of New York City for all of 1995, see the instructions for line 49 on page 22 in this booklet.

Filing status ① only (Single) - use *Household Credit Table I* below to find the amount of your New York State household credit.

Filing status ②, ④ and ⑤ - use *Household Credit Table II* below to find the amount of your New York State household credit. Married 1040EZ filers use column 2.

Filing status ③ only (Married filing separate return) - use *Household Credit Table III* below to find the amount of your New York State household credit.

New York State Household Credit Table I
Filing status ① only (Single)

If Form IT-201, line 18, is:		but not over		enter on Form IT-201, line 39:	
Over					
\$		\$ 5,000*			\$ 75
5,000		6,000			60
6,000		7,000			50
7,000		20,000			45
20,000		25,000			40
25,000		28,000			20
28,000					

No credit is allowed; do not make an entry on Form IT-201, line 39.

* This may be any amount up to \$5,000, including "0" or a negative amount.

New York State Household Credit Table II
Filing status ②, ④ and ⑤

If Form IT-201, line 18 is:		And the number of exemptions from your federal return, line 6e, (married 1040EZ filers use column 2), is:							
Over	but not over	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	over 7**
\$	\$ 5,000*	\$ 90	105	120	135	150	165	180	15
5,000	6,000	75	90	105	120	135	150	165	15
6,000	7,000	65	80	95	110	125	140	155	15
7,000	20,000	60	75	90	105	120	135	150	15
20,000	22,000	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	10
22,000	25,000	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	10
25,000	28,000	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	5
28,000	32,000	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	5
32,000									

No credit is allowed; do not make an entry on Form IT-201, line 39.

* This may be any amount up to \$5,000, including "0" or a negative amount.
** For each exemption over 7, add amount in this column to column 7 amount.

New York State Household Credit Table III
Filing status ③ only (Married filing separate return)

If Form IT-201, line 18 total from both returns is:		And the number of exemptions from both federal returns, line 6e, is:							
Over	but not over	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	over 7**
\$	\$ 5,000*	\$ 45	52.50	60	67.50	75	82.50	90	7.50
5,000	6,000	37.50	45	52.50	60	67.50	75	82.50	7.50
6,000	7,000	32.50	40	47.50	55	62.50	70	77.50	7.50
7,000	20,000	30	37.50	45	52.50	60	67.50	75	7.50
20,000	22,000	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	5
22,000	25,000	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	5
25,000	28,000	20	22.50	25	27.50	30	32.50	35	2.50
28,000	32,000	10	12.50	15	17.50	20	22.50	25	2.50
32,000									

No credit is allowed; do not make an entry on Form IT-201, line 39.

* This may be any amount up to \$5,000, including "0" or a negative amount.
** For each exemption over 7, add amount in this column to column 7 amount.

Line 46

City of New York household credit

Enter your New York City household credit. You qualify to claim this credit if you marked the **No** box for item C on the front page of your Form IT-201 and if you marked

filing status ① **only (Single)** and the amount on Form IT-201, line 18, is **not** over \$10,000; **or**

filing status ②, ③, ④, or ⑤ and the amount on Form IT-201, line 18, is **not** over \$20,000.

Filing status ① only (Single) - use *Household Credit Table IV* below to find the amount of your New York City household credit.

Filing status ②, ④ and ⑤ - use *Household Credit Table V* below to find the amount of your New York City household credit. Married 1040EZ filers use column 2.

Filing status ③ only (Married filing separate return) - use *Household Credit Table VI* below to find the amount of your New York City household credit.

City of New York accumulation distribution credit

If you are a beneficiary of a trust and received an accumulation distribution from the trust, you may be allowed a credit for the **New York City** income taxes paid by the trust (section 1310 of the Tax Law). Include the amount of the credit in your total for line 46. In the white boxes immediately following the letters **CNYADC** (City of New York accumulation distribution credit), enter the amount of the credit. Attach a schedule showing how you figured your New York City accumulation distribution credit.

Line 48

City of New York nonresident earnings tax

Complete line 48 only if you are subject to the New York City nonresident earnings tax

If you were not a New York City resident but earned wages or conducted a trade or business there (either as an individual or a member of a partnership), you are subject to the New York City nonresident earnings tax. Fill in Form NYC-203, *City of New York Nonresident Earnings Tax Return*, and enter the tax on line 48. Attach Form NYC-203 to the back of your Form IT-201. For more information, see the instructions for Form NYC-203.

Line 49

Other city of New York taxes

Enter on this line the total amount of other New York City taxes from Form IT-201-ATT, line 35. These are: part-year city of New York resident tax, city of New York minimum income tax, city of New York separate tax on lump-sum distributions and city of New York tax on capital gain portion of lump-sum distribution. For more information, see *Other City of New York Taxes* on page 30.

If you are self-employed and carry on a trade, business or profession in New York City, you may also be required to file Form NYC-202, *City of New York Unincorporated Business Tax Return*. For more information, see the *Instructions for Form NYC-202*. If you need to get forms and instructions from the NYC Department of Finance, you can get them by visiting **Taxpayer Assistance, 25 Elm Place, 4th Floor, Brooklyn, NY**. This office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. You can also call Taxpayer Assistance at (718) 935-6000 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Since New York State does not administer the New York City unincorporated business tax, do not file your NYC-202 with your state return.

If you are married and filing a joint New York State return and only one of you was a resident of New York City for all of 1995, figure the New York City resident tax on the New York State taxable income of the city resident as would be required if separate federal returns were filed. Attach a separate schedule showing your computations. Transfer the amount from your separate schedule to line 49. Be sure to write the name and social security number of the New York City resident and **Taxable Income of New York City Resident** on the schedule.

Lines 50, 51 and 52 apply only to Yonkers taxes. If you are not subject to Yonkers taxes, do not fill in these lines.

City of New York
Household Credit Table IV
Filing status ① only (Single)

If Form IT-201, line 18, is:

Over	but not over	enter on Form IT-201, line 46:
\$	\$ 7,500*\$ 15
7,500	10,000 10
10,000		No credit is allowed; do not make an entry on Form IT-201, line 46

* This may be any amount up to \$7,500, including "0" or a negative amount.

City of New York
Household Credit Table V
Filing status ②, ④ and ⑤

If Form IT-201, line 18 is:

Over	but not over	And the number of exemptions from your federal return, line 6e, (married 1040EZ filers use column 2), is:							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	over 7**
\$	\$15,000*	\$ 50	100	150	200	250	300	350	50
15,000	17,500	25	50	75	100	125	150	175	25
17,500	20,000	15	30	45	60	75	90	105	15
20,000		No credit is allowed; do not make an entry on Form IT-201, line 46.							

* This may be any amount up to \$15,000, including "0" or a negative amount.
** For each exemption over 7, add amount in this column to column 7 amount.

City of New York
Household Credit Table VI
Filing status ③ only (Married filing separate return)

If Form IT-201, line 18 total from both returns is:

Over	but not over	And the number of exemptions from both federal returns, line 6e, is:							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	over 7**
\$	\$15,000*	\$ 25	50	75	100	125	150	175	25
15,000	17,500	12.50	25	37.50	50	62.50	75	87.50	12.50
17,500	20,000	7.50	15	22.50	30	37.50	45	52.50	7.50
20,000		No credit is allowed; do not make an entry on Form IT-201, line 46.							

* This may be any amount up to \$15,000, including "0" or a negative amount.
** For each exemption over 7, add amount in this column to column 7 amount.

Line 50

City of Yonkers resident income tax surcharge

Enter on this line your Yonkers resident income tax surcharge from the *Yonkers Worksheet*, line g, below. However, if you did not make an entry on line 44, leave line 50 blank also.

Yonkers Worksheet	
a. Amount from line 44	a. _____
b. Amount from Form IT-214, line 17 (real property tax credit)	b. _____
c. Subtract line b from line a (if line b is larger than line a, do not make an entry on line 50)	c. _____
d. Amount from Form IT-215, <i>Claim for Earned Income Credit</i> , line 10 (New York filing status [®] taxpayers transfer the amount from Form IT-215, line 11), if any	d. _____
e. Subtract line d from line c	e. _____
f. Yonkers resident tax rate (15 percent)	f. <u>15</u>
g. Multiply line e by line f. Enter this amount on Form IT-201, line 50	g. _____

Do not complete line 50 if you were a Yonkers resident for only part of 1995. Use Form IT-360.1, *Change of City Resident Status*, to figure your part-year Yonkers resident income tax surcharge, and transfer it to Form IT-201, line 52. For more information, see IT-360.1-I, *Instructions for Form IT-360.1*.

If you are married and filing a joint New York State return and only one of you was a resident of Yonkers for all of 1995, figure the Yonkers resident income tax surcharge on the New York State tax of the city resident as would be required if separate federal returns were filed. Attach a separate schedule showing your computations. Be sure to write the name and social security number of the Yonkers resident, and **Yonkers Resident Income Tax Surcharge** on the schedule.

Line 51

City of Yonkers nonresident earnings tax

Complete line 51 only if you are subject to the Yonkers nonresident earnings tax.

If you were not a Yonkers resident but earned wages or conducted a trade or business there (either as an individual or a member of a partnership), you are subject to the Yonkers nonresident earnings tax. Fill in Form Y-203, *City of Yonkers Nonresident Earnings Tax Return*, and enter the tax on line 51. Attach Form Y-203 to the back of your Form IT-201. For more information, see the instructions for Form Y-203.

Line 52

Part-year city of Yonkers resident income tax surcharge

Enter your part-year Yonkers resident income tax surcharge. If you were a Yonkers resident for only part of 1995, fill in Form IT-360.1 and attach it to your return. If you were subject to the Yonkers nonresident earnings tax for the remainder of the year, see the instructions for Form Y-203. For more information, see IT-360.1-I, *Instructions for Form IT-360.1*.

Line 54

Return a gift to wildlife

If you want to return a gift to wildlife, enter the amount of your gift on line 54.

The amount you give must be in whole dollars: \$5, \$10, \$20, or any other amount.

Your gift will reduce your refund or increase your tax payment. Also, you cannot charge the amount you give after you file your return.

Payments

Line 56

New York State earned income credit

Enter the amount of New York State earned income credit (section 606(d) of the Tax Law). **You can claim this credit if you were allowed an earned income credit on your federal income tax return.**

To claim this credit, fill in Form IT-215, *Claim for Earned Income Credit*, and transfer the amount from Form IT-215 to Form IT-201, line 56. Attach Form IT-215 to your return. For more information, see *Instructions for Form IT-215* on page 39 of these instructions.

If you are having the IRS compute your federal earned income credit, complete lines 1 through 7 of Form IT-215 and write **EIC** in the white area (not in the boxes) to the left of line 56 of Form IT-201. Be sure to fill in the rest of the payment section of your return (lines 57 through 61). Do not complete lines 62 through 66. The Tax Department will figure your New York State earned income credit for you.

If you are due a refund, we will send you the refund along with a statement that shows how the refund was computed. If you owe tax, you will receive a bill that must be paid within 10 days, or by April 15, 1996, whichever is later.

Line 57

Real property tax credit

If you qualify, enter on this line your real property tax credit (section 606(e) of the Tax Law).

To claim this credit, fill in Form IT-214, *Claim for Real Property Tax Credit for Homeowners and Renters*, and transfer the amount from Form IT-214, line 17, to Form IT-201, line 57. Attach Form IT-214 to your return. For more information, see *Instructions for Form IT-214* on page 36 of these instructions.

Line 58

Total New York State tax withheld

Enter your total **New York State** tax withheld as shown on your wage and tax statement(s), New York State Form IT-2102 or federal Form W-2.

If you marked filing status [®], enter the total New York State tax withheld for you and your spouse.

Staple your wage and tax statement(s), New York State Form IT-2102 (Copy 1) or federal Form W-2 (Copy 2), to the back of your return as shown in Step 7 on page 26 of these instructions. The amount on line 58 should be the same as the total **New York State** tax withheld on your statement(s) unless you are claiming an investment credit refund, the EDZ wage tax credit refund, the zone equivalent area (ZEA) wage tax credit refund or the EDZ investment tax credit refund.

If New York State tax was withheld from annuities, pensions, retirement pay or IRA payments, staple Copy 1 of New York State Form IT-2102-P or Copy 2 of federal Form 1099-R to your return.

If New York State tax was withheld from New York State lottery distributions, staple Copy 1 of New York State Form IT-2102-G or Copy 2 of federal Form W-2G to your return.

If you are claiming an investment credit refund from Form IT-212, the EDZ wage tax credit refund from Form DTF-601.1, or the EDZ investment tax credit refund from Form DTF-603, include the amount(s) of all credit refund(s) in the total for line 58. On a separate schedule, identify the credit refund(s) claimed and show the amount(s).

If you did not have New York City tax withheld skip line 59.

Line 59

Total city of New York tax withheld

Enter your total **New York City** tax withheld as shown on your wage and tax statement(s).

If you marked filing status [®], enter the total New York City tax withheld for you and your spouse.

Staple your wage and tax statement(s), New York State Form IT-2102 (Copy 1) or federal Form W-2 (Copy 2), to the back of your return as shown in Step 7 on page 26 of these instructions. The amount on line 59 should be the same as the total **city of New York** tax withheld on your statement(s).

If New York City tax was withheld from annuities, pensions, retirement pay or IRA payments, staple Copy 1 of New York State Form IT-2102-P or Copy 2 of federal Form 1099-R to your return.

If New York City tax was withheld from New York State lottery distributions, staple Copy 1 of New York State Form IT-2102-G or Copy 2 of federal Form W-2G to your return.

If you did not have Yonkers tax withheld skip line 60.

Line 60

Total city of Yonkers tax withheld

Enter your total **Yonkers** tax withheld as shown on your wage and tax statement(s).

If you marked filing status [®], enter the total Yonkers tax withheld for you and your spouse.

Staple your wage and tax statement(s), New York State Form IT-2102 (Copy 1) or federal Form W-2 (Copy 2), to the back of your return as shown in Step 7 on page 26 of these instructions. The amount on line 60 should be the same as the total **city of Yonkers** tax withheld on your statement(s).

If Yonkers tax was withheld from annuities, pensions, retirement pay or IRA payments, staple Copy 1 of New York State Form IT-2102-P or Copy 2 of federal Form 1099-R to your return.

If Yonkers tax was withheld from New York State lottery distributions, staple Copy 1 of New York State Form IT-2102-G or Copy 2 of federal Form W-2G to your return.

Line 61**Estimated tax paid/
Amount paid with Form IT-370**

Enter on this line the total of your estimated tax payments for New York State, New York City and Yonkers. Also enter the amount you paid with Form IT-370, *Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File for Individuals*.

 Estimated Tax paid

Include on line 61 the total of your 1995 estimated tax payments (include your last installment, even if paid in 1996) and any overpayment that you asked us to apply from your 1994 return to your 1995 estimated tax. If this amount was adjusted by the Tax Department after you filed your 1994 return, please enter the adjusted amount.

If you marked filing status ② but made **separate** 1995 estimated tax payments (Form IT-2105), enter your combined total estimated tax paid. If you have separate estimated tax accounts, you will receive separate account statements. If the amount does not agree with the account statement(s) included in your estimated tax packet(s), complete Form IT-2105.1 for each account in error and mail the Form(s) IT-2105.1 immediately to: **NYS Tax Department, Estimated Tax Unit (IT-2105.1), W A Harriman Campus, Albany NY 12227**. Do not use a pre-addressed label for this form.

If you are a beneficiary of an estate or trust and are claiming your portion of any payment of estimated taxes allocated to you by the estate or trust, include your amount on line 61 and attach a copy of the notification issued by the estate or trust to the front of your return. This notification must include the name and identifying number of the estate or trust and the amount allocated to you.

Do not include any amounts you paid for the **New York City** unincorporated business tax. File the New York City unincorporated business tax directly with the New York City Department of Finance.

 Amount paid with Form IT-370

If you filed Form IT-370 to get an extension of time to file Form IT-201, include on line 61 the amount you paid with Form IT-370. **Attach a copy of Form IT-370 to your return.**

If you marked filing status ② but filed **separate** Forms IT-370, enter the total amount you and your spouse paid with your separate Forms IT-370.

Refund or Amount You Owe

Line 63**Overpayment**

If **line 62 is more than line 55**, subtract line 55 from line 62. This is your overpayment.

If you have to pay an estimated tax penalty (see line 67 instructions on page 25), subtract the penalty amount from the overpayment and enter the net result on line 63.

Your net overpayment can be: a) refunded to you (enter on line 64); or b) applied to your 1996 estimated tax (enter on line 65); or

c) apportioned between a) and b). Any overpayment credited toward your 1996 estimated tax cannot be refunded after April 15, 1996.

Enter the amount of your estimated tax penalty on line 67. If it is greater than your overpayment (line 63), enter the difference on line 66.

Line 64**Your refund**

Enter the amount of your overpayment from line 63 that you want refunded to you. You must file a return to get a refund. The Tax Department will not refund an amount of one dollar or less unless you attach to your return a signed statement asking for it.

Collection of debts from your refund — We will keep all or part of your refund if: (1) you owe a federal, New York State, New York City or Yonkers tax liability; or (2) we have been notified by the New York State Department of Social Services that you owe past-due support; or (3) you owe a past due debt because you have defaulted on (or a judgment was filed against you because you have not repaid) a student loan guaranteed by the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation or a Federal Perkins/National Defense/National Direct, health professions or nursing student loan provided to students at state-operated units of the State University of New York or the City University of New York.

We will also keep all or part of your refund if you owe a past-due legally enforceable debt to a New York State agency. This includes any state department, board, bureau, division, commission, committee, public authority, public benefit corporation, council, office, or other entity performing a governmental or proprietary function for the state or a social services district.

Any amount over your debt will be refunded.

Disclaiming of spouse's debt — If you marked filing status ② and you do not want to apply your part of the refund to your spouse's debt because you are not liable for it, complete Form IT-280, *Nonobligated Spouse Allocation*, and attach it (not a photocopy) to your original return. We need the information on it to process your refund as quickly as possible. Once you have filed your return, you cannot file an amended return to disclaim your spouse's defaulted student loan, past-due support liability, or past-due legally enforceable debt owed to a state agency. (However, you will be notified if your refund is applied against your spouse's defaulted student loan, past-due support or past-due legally enforceable debt owed to a state agency and you did not attach Form IT-280 to your return. You will then have ten days from the date of notification to file Form IT-280. However, this will result in a delay in your refund and extra work for you.) For more information, see Form IT-280.

If you have any questions about whether you owe a past-due legally enforceable debt to a state agency, contact that particular state agency.

If you have any questions about whether you owe a federal, New York State, New York City or Yonkers tax liability, past-due support,

whether you have repaid your HESC guaranteed or state or city university student loan, or about the amount owed, call or write to the appropriate agency shown below:

 For a federal tax liability only —

(718) 488-9150
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P O BOX 911 G P O
BROOKLYN NY 11202

1 800 829-1040
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P O BOX 1040
NIAGARA SQUARE STATION
BUFFALO NY 14202

(212) 732-0100
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
625 FULTON STREET
BROOKLYN NY 11201

 For a New York State, New York City or Yonkers tax liability only —

1 800 835-3554
(from the continental U.S. only)
From all other areas, call (518) 482-0778.

NYS TAX DEPARTMENT
TAX COMPLIANCE DIVISION
W A HARRIMAN CAMPUS
ALBANY NY 12227

 For past-due support only —

(518) 473-8029
NYS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT
FISCAL OPERATIONS UNIT
P O BOX 14 - ONE COMMERCE PLAZA
ALBANY NY 12260

 For NYS HESC guaranteed student loans only —

1 800 666-0991
NYSHESC
99 WASHINGTON AVENUE
ALBANY NY 12255

 **For State University student loans only —
(Federal Perkins/NDSL/HPSL/NSL only)**

(518) 443-5626
STUDENT LOAN SERVICE CENTER
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
SUNY PLAZA
ALBANY NY 12246

 For City University student loans only —

(212) 397-5620
FEDERAL PERKINS/NDSL/NSL DEPARTMENT
ROOM 1420
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
UNIVERSITY ACCOUNTING OFFICE
555 WEST 57TH STREET
NEW YORK NY 10019

Line 65**New York State, city of New York and city of Yonkers estimated tax for 1996**

Enter the amount of overpayment from line 63 that you want applied to your New York State, New York City and Yonkers estimated tax for 1996. Do not include any amount that you claimed as a refund on line 64.

Line 66

Amount you owe

If line 62 is less than line 55, subtract line 62 from line 55. This is the amount you owe.

If you owe more than one dollar, include full payment with your return. (You do not have to pay one dollar or less.) Make your check or money order payable to **New York State Income Tax** and write your social security number and **1995 Income Tax** on it. **Do not send cash.**

If you also have to pay an estimated tax penalty (see line 67 instructions below), that amount must be included on line 66 with any tax you owe. Send one check or money order for the total amount (estimated tax penalty plus tax due).

Clip your payment to the area indicated on the front of your return.

If you include penalties or interest with your check or money order, identify and enter those amounts in the right margin of the back page of Form IT-201.

Line 67

Estimated tax penalty

Generally, you are not subject to a penalty if your 1995 prepayments equal at least 100% of your 1994 tax (110% of that amount if you are not a farmer or fisherman and the New York adjusted gross income shown on that return is more than \$150,000 or, if married filing separately, more than \$75,000) based upon a return covering 12 months. However, if line 66 is at least \$100 and, in addition, represents more than 10% of the tax shown on your return or you underpaid your estimated tax liability for any payment period, you may owe a penalty. For more information, get Form IT-2105.9, *Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Individuals and Fiduciaries*, to see if you owe a penalty and how to figure the amount.

If you owe an estimated tax penalty, enter the penalty amount on line 67. Also add the penalty amount to any tax due and enter the total on line 66. If you are due a refund, subtract the estimated tax penalty amount from the overpayment and enter the net result on line 63. Be sure to attach Form IT-2105.9 to your return.

Do not include any other penalty or interest amounts on line 67. If you include penalties or interest with your check or money order, identify and enter these amounts in the right margin on the back page of Form IT-201.

Now continue with Step 4 below

Step 4

Check the figures on your return and any attachments.

Step 5

Complete the top of the front page of your return.

Mailing label — Remove the peel-off label from the cover of your packet and place it in the name and address box at the top of your return. Check the label to make sure the information on it is complete and correct. The mailing label is designed to include 2 bar codes which represent the numeric information on the label. It will allow us to take advantage of the latest technology available to process your return.

School District Code		Carrier Route Designation	
Social Security Number(s)		County	Sequence No.
Name			
Number and Street			
City		State	ZIP code

On the label is a series of numbers which shows your social security information, a single letter that indicates the form you filed last year, and the carrier route (CR) designation for the post office. The number sign (#) that appears on some labels at the right of the school district code is for mail-sorting purposes only.

- If your name (or your spouse's name) or address is wrong, cross it out and make the corrections directly on the label. Space for names on the label is limited to 36 characters. Do not correct the label if it is correct except for some missing final characters.
- If any other information is incorrect or missing - or if you do not have a mailing label - enter the correct information in the white spaces and boxes. If you file a joint return and you and your spouse have different last names, separate the names with the word **and** (e.g., Brown, Mary L. and Smith, John C.). Be sure your social security numbers are in the same order as your names. (Your social security number(s) is printed directly above your name(s); your county of residence is in the middle.) If this information is not on your label, enter it in the white spaces and boxes at the top of the form.

School district name and code number —

If your public school district code number is missing or incorrect, enter the correct code number in the three boxes at the top of your return. Also enter in the white space above the code number the name of your public school district. This is the district where you were a resident on December 31, 1995. School districts and code numbers are on pages 57 through 60 of these instructions. If you do not know the name of your school district, contact your nearest public school.

You must enter your school district name and code number even if you were absent from the school district temporarily, if the school your children attended was not in your school district, or if you had no children attending school. **School aid may be affected if the school district or code number is not correct.**

Permanent home address —

Enter your permanent home address within New York State on December 31, 1995, if it is **not** the same as the address on your mailing label.

We ask for your permanent home address to verify your school district name and code number, which are used in figuring state aid to local school districts.

Your permanent home address is the address of the dwelling place in New York State where you actually live, whether you or your spouse own or rent it. A summer or vacation home is not your permanent home.

Your permanent home address is not always the same as the mailing address that is entered on your income tax return. For example, you may use a post office box number for your mailing address; this is not your permanent home address.

- If you use a paid preparer and you use the preparer's address as your mailing address, enter the address of your permanent home in the space provided.
- If you are a permanent resident of a nursing home, enter the nursing home address as your permanent home address.
- If you are in the armed forces and your permanent home was in New York State when you entered the military, enter your New York permanent home address regardless of where you are stationed.
- If you are married and maintain separate New York State residences and are filing separate New York State returns, enter as your permanent home address the address of your own residence.
- If you moved after December 31 1995, enter your permanent home address as of December 31, 1995, **not** your current home address.

Death of taxpayer - If a taxpayer is deceased, enter the decedent's **first name and date of death**.

If you do not have a mailing label, enter all of the following information in the white spaces and boxes at the top of the front page of your return.

- name and address** (both names if filing a joint return);
- permanent home address** (if different from mailing address);
- the decedent's first name and date of death** (if taxpayer is deceased);
- social security number(s)**;
- New York State county of residence on December 31, 1995**;
- school district name and code number.**

Step 6

Sign and date your return at the bottom on the back page.

You must sign and date your original return. If you are married and filing a joint return, you must both sign it. **Your return cannot be processed if you do not sign it.**

You should keep a copy of your original return and attachments in a safe place in case you need to refer to them at a later date. If someone prepares your return for you, be sure to get a copy for your records.

If the return is for someone who died and there is no surviving spouse to sign it, the name and address of the person signing it must be printed or typed below the signature.

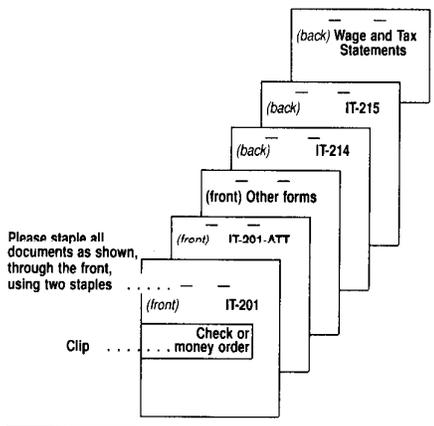
A paid preparer must also sign your return.

If you pay someone to prepare your return, the paid preparer must also sign it and fill in the other blanks in the paid preparer's area of your return. A person who prepares your return and does not charge you should not fill in the paid preparer's area.

Step 7**Return Assembly**

Illustrated below is the correct way to assemble your return and the various attachments for the most efficient handling. You can help ensure that your return (and your refund, if you are entitled to one) is processed as quickly as possible by taking a few moments to assemble your forms as shown.

- If you are filing Form IT-280, *Nonobligated Spouse Allocation*, please clip it, along with any correspondence and payments, to the front of your return, with the payments on top.
- **Clip** payments, if any, to the front of your return.
- Form IT-201, face up.
- Attach Form IT-201-ATT and any other forms (IT-214 and IT-215 filers, see below) you may have had to fill out, face up, behind your return.
- If you are filing Form IT-214, *Claim for Real Property Tax Credit for Homeowners and Renters*, attach that form behind the others, face down.
- If you are filing Form IT-215, *Claim for Earned Income Credit*, attach that form behind the others, face down.
- Staple your wage and tax statements last, face down.
- Please attach photocopied forms back to back.

**Step 8****Checklist**

Before you mail your return, a quick check will help you avoid common errors that may delay your return. **Did you:**

- attach your peel-off label?** If you do not have a label, did you enter your name, address and social security number(s), county of residence, school district name and school district code number in the white spaces and boxes at the top of your return?
- enter your permanent home address** (if different from your mailing address)?
- mark an "X" in your filing status box?**
- mark an "X" in the Yes or No box at items B and C of Form IT-201?**
- mark an "X" in the box at item (D) on the front of Form IT-201 if you do not need a tax packet mailed to you for next year?**
- enter in the boxes the number of exemptions claimed on your federal return at item E?**
- mark an "X" in the Standard or Itemized deduction box on line 32 of Form IT-201?**
- attach Form IT-201-ATT if you elected to claim the New York itemized deduction on line 32 of Form IT-201, or if you are claiming other New York State credits, or if you are subject to other New York State or New York City taxes?**
- enter your dependent exemption amount on line 34 of Form IT-201?**
- use the correct tax table(s) and column(s)?**
- figure your New York State child and dependent care credit by entering the number of qualifying persons cared for in 1995 and the amount of federal credit for child and dependent care in the boxes on line 37 of Form IT-201?**
- figure your excess deductions credit (if you qualify) by completing the worksheet(s) in the instructions for line 38.**
- attach Form IT-215 if you are claiming the New York State earned income credit and transfer the amount of the credit to line 56 of Form IT-201?**
- claim any adjustments or credits that you may qualify for?**
- sign your return** (both husband and wife must sign a joint return)?
- staple your wage and tax statement(s), Form IT-2102 (Copy 1) or federal Form W-2 (Copy 2), to the top of the back of your return?**
- make your check or money order payable to New York State Income Tax for the full amount you owe?**
- write your social security number and 1995 Income Tax on your check or money order?**

Step 9**Use the preaddressed mailing envelope**

To speed your refund, use the preaddressed envelope that came with your tax packet. If you are claiming a refund, mark an "X" in the box on the front of the envelope. If you do not have a preaddressed envelope, address your envelope —

For refund returns:

STATE PROCESSING CENTER — REFUND '95
ONE WATERVLLET AVE EXT
ALBANY NY 12261-0001

For all other returns:

STATE PROCESSING CENTER
ONE WATERVLLET AVE EXT
ALBANY NY 12261-0001

Instructions for Form IT-201-ATT, Itemized Deduction and Other Credits and Taxes

New for 1995 — The lines for entering your federal itemized deductions have been moved to **Form IT-201-ATT**. If you itemized your deductions on federal Form 1040, fill in **lines 1 through 14, Part I, of Form IT-201-ATT**. Compare the line 14 amount to your allowable standard deduction amount from the **Standard Deduction Table** on page 18 and enter the larger amount on line 32 of your Form IT-201.

If you completed the *Worksheet for Figuring Which Deduction is Larger* on page 7 of these instructions and you take the New York standard deduction, skip lines 1 through 14 of Form IT-201-ATT (unless you qualify for the excess deductions credit; see instructions for line 38 of Form IT-201 on page 20 of these instructions).

Purpose of Form IT-201-ATT — If you elect to claim the New York itemized deduction, or if you are claiming the new excess deductions credit, or if you are claiming other New York State credits, or if you are subject to other New York State or New York City taxes, fill in Form IT-201-ATT and attach it to your return. If you need more forms or schedules, see *How to Get Forms* on page 9 of these instructions.

Be sure to carefully enter your money amounts in the boxes on lines 1 through 39. See *Filing in your tax return* on page 13 for more information.

Part I — New York State Itemized Deduction

If you itemized your deductions on federal Form 1040, fill in lines 1 through 14. Compare the line 14 amount to your allowable standard deduction amount from the *Standard Deduction Table* on page 18 of these instructions and enter the larger amount on line 32 of your Form IT-201. If your standard deduction amount is larger, you may still qualify for the new excess deductions credit. For more information, see the instructions for line 38 of Form IT-201.

Lines 1 through 8

Enter on each line the total of each group of itemized deductions (medical and dental, taxes you paid, job expenses, etc.) and total itemized deductions exactly as you reported them on your federal *Schedule A — Itemized Deductions* (Form 1040). If your federal adjusted gross income is more than \$114,700 (more than \$57,350 if married filing separately), you may not be able to deduct all of your itemized deductions. For those taxpayers with income above this amount, the total of Form IT-201-ATT, lines 1 through 7, in most instances will not equal the amount on line 8. The difference represents itemized deductions disallowed for federal purposes.

Line 9

State, local and foreign income taxes and other subtraction adjustments

Worksheet SD; Form IT-201 — If you are completing *Worksheet SD* on page 20 to see if you qualify for the excess deductions credit on line 38 of your Form IT-201, total any applicable state, local and foreign income taxes and other subtraction adjustments (as if you were completing line 9 of Form IT-201-ATT) and transfer that amount to **line b** of *Worksheet SD*.

If your Form IT-201, line 18 amount is **\$114,700 or less** (\$57,350 or less if you are married filing separately), and you itemized your deductions on your federal return:

— enter the amount of state, local and foreign income taxes included on line 2 of Form IT-201-ATT and any other subtraction adjustments (from itemized deductions), A through F, listed below.

If your Form IT-201, line 18 amount is **more than \$114,700** (more than \$57,350 if you are married filing separately), and you itemized your deductions on your federal return, you may elect to either:

— enter the amount of state, local and foreign income taxes included on line 2 of Form IT-201-ATT and any other subtraction adjustments (from itemized deductions), A through F, listed below; or

— complete the **Subtraction Adjustment Limitation Worksheet** on page 28

If you elect to complete the *Subtraction Adjustment Limitation Worksheet*, add to the result on line 2 or line 7 (whichever applies) of the worksheet any other subtraction adjustments (from itemized deductions) A through F listed below that apply to you and that are related to federal itemized deductions not subject to the 3% limit (e.g., investment interest expense related to tax exempt U.S. obligations). Enter the total of your subtraction adjustments on Form IT-201-ATT, line 9.

Exception for city of New York nonresident earnings tax

— If you included the New York City nonresident earnings tax on federal *Schedule A*, line 5, you do **not** have to include on line 9 the difference between the New York City nonresident earnings tax on wages figured at the old rate (0.25%) and the tax figured at the current rate (0.45%). To figure the amount of New York City nonresident earnings tax you have to include on line 9, multiply your New York City taxable wages (from Form NYC-203, line 3) by .0020 and subtract the result from your state, local and foreign income tax deduction included on federal *Schedule A*, line 5.

Example — Your federal *Schedule A*, line 5 amount includes your New York City nonresident earnings tax, as well as other state, local and foreign income taxes, for a total income tax deduction of \$1,000. Your taxable wages from Form NYC-203, line 3, are \$16,000. Multiply \$16,000 by .0020 which equals \$32, the amount you do **not** have to include on line 9. Then subtract \$32 from \$1,000 to find the difference of \$968, the amount to enter on line 9.

The above also applies to the New York City nonresident earnings tax on net earnings from self-employment. The amount you do not

have to include on line 9 is the difference between the tax figured at the old rate (0.375%) and the tax figured at the current rate (0.65%). To figure the amount you have to include on line 9, multiply your New York City taxable net earnings tax from self-employment (Form NYC-203, line 7) by .00275 and subtract the result from your state, local and foreign income tax deduction included on federal *Schedule A*, line 5.

Other subtraction adjustments from itemized deductions

On a separate sheet marked **Form IT-201-ATT, Line 9 — Other Subtraction Adjustments**, identify by item letter (from the list of subtractions below) other subtraction adjustments that apply to you. Show the amount of each and attach this sheet to your return. Total all your subtractions and include that amount in the total for line 9.

- A** Interest expense on money borrowed to purchase or carry bonds or securities whose interest is exempt from New York income tax.
- B** Ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred in connection with income, or property held for the production of income, which is exempt from New York income tax but only to the extent deducted in figuring your federal taxable income.
- C** Amortization of bond premium attributable to 1995 on any bond whose interest income is exempt from New York income tax, but only to the extent deducted in figuring your federal taxable income.
- D** Your distributive or pro rata share of deductions from an insurance business operating as a member of the New York Insurance Exchange (section 617-a of the Tax Law).
- E** If you are a shareholder of a federal S corporation that did not elect to be a New York S corporation, any S corporation deductions included in your federal itemized deductions. If an S corporation short year is involved, you must allocate those deductions.
- F** Five percent of your deduction for interest, subject to the limitation amount, related to corporate acquisitions to the extent the interest was deducted in figuring the New York itemized deduction (section 615(c)(7) of the Tax Law). If this subtraction applies, complete Form IT-244, *Acquisition Information Report*. Attach a separate schedule to your return showing your computation.

Partners — Include on line 9 the subtractions described above that apply to your share of partnership deduction items (if not included in your New York subtractions on the front page of Form IT-201). Determine your share of partnership items from Form IT-204, *Partnership Return*.

(continued)

S corporation shareholders — If you are a shareholder of a federal S corporation for which the election to treat the corporation as a New York S corporation was in effect for the tax year, or if you were not eligible to make the election to treat your corporation as a New York S corporation because the corporation is not subject to Article 9-A franchise tax, include on line 9 subtractions A through D and F, described on page 27 that apply to your pro rata share of S corporation items of income, loss or deduction. If the election to be a New York S corporation terminated during the tax year, you must allocate those items. Obtain your share of S corporation items from the S corporation's Form CT-3-S, *New York S Corporation Franchise Tax Return*, or Form CT-4-S, *New York S Corporation Franchise Tax Return - Short Form for Small Businesses*.

If you are a shareholder of a federal S corporation that did not elect to be a New York S corporation, include subtraction E only.

Subtraction Adjustment Limitation Worksheet	
1. Federal itemized deductions subject to the federal limitation from federal worksheet, line 3	1. _____
2. Amount of state, local and foreign income taxes and other subtraction adjustments included on line 1	2. <input type="text"/>
3. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3. _____
4. Enter amount from federal itemized deduction worksheet, line 9	4. _____
5. Multiply line 3 by 80% (.80). If line 5 is greater than or equal to line 4, transfer the above line 2 amount to Form IT-201-ATT, line 9. Do not continue with this worksheet. If line 5 is less than line 4, continue on line 6	5. _____
6. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6. <input type="text"/>
7. Subtract line 6 from line 2. Add this amount to any other applicable subtraction adjustments listed (A through F). Enter the total on Form IT-201-ATT, line 9.	7. _____

* For a description of subtraction adjustments, see the instructions for line 9 of Form IT-201-ATT on page 27.

Line 10

Subtract line 9 from line 8 and enter the result.

If you made no entry on line 9, enter the amount from line 8 on line 10.

Line 11

Addition adjustments for itemized deductions

Worksheet SD; Form IT-201 — If you are completing *Worksheet SD* on page 20 to see if you qualify for the excess deductions credit on line 38 of your Form IT-201, total any applicable addition adjustments for itemized deductions (as if you were completing line 11 of Form IT-201-ATT) and transfer that amount to **line d** of *Worksheet SD*.

On a separate sheet marked **Form IT-201-ATT, Line 11 - Addition Adjustments to Itemized Deductions**, identify by item letter (from the list of additions below) addition adjustments that apply to you. Show the amount of each and attach this sheet to your return. Total all your additions and include that amount in the total for line 11.

- G** Interest expense on money borrowed to purchase or carry bonds or securities whose interest is subject to New York income tax, but exempt from federal income tax, if this interest expense was not deducted on your federal return or shown as a New York subtraction on the front page of your state return.
- H** Ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during 1995 in connection with income, or property held for the production of income, which is subject to New York income tax but exempt from federal income tax, if these expenses were not deducted on your federal return or shown as a New York subtraction on the front page of your state return.
- I** Amortization of bond premium attributable to 1995 on any bond whose interest income is subject to New York income tax, but exempt from federal income tax, if this amortization was not deducted on your federal return or shown as a New York subtraction on the front page of your state return.

Partners — Include on line 11 the additions described above that apply to your share of partnership deduction items (if not included in your New York additions on the front page of Form IT-201). Determine your share of partnership items from Form IT-204, *Partnership Return*.

S corporation shareholders — If you are a shareholder of a federal S corporation for which the election to treat the corporation as a New York S corporation was in effect for the tax year, or if you were not eligible to make the election to treat your corporation as a New York S corporation because the corporation is not subject to Article 9-A franchise tax, include on line 11 additions G through I, described above, that apply to your pro rata share of S corporation items of income, loss or deduction. If the election to be a New York S corporation terminated during the tax year, you must allocate those items. Obtain your share of S corporation items from the S corporation's Form CT-3-S, *New York S Corporation Franchise Tax Return*, or Form CT-4-S, *New York S Corporation Franchise Tax Return - Short Form for Small Businesses*.

Line 12

Add lines 10 and 11 and enter the total on line 12.

If you made no entry on line 11, enter the amount from line 10 on line 12.

Line 13

Itemized deduction adjustment

Worksheet SD; Form IT-201 — If you are completing *Worksheet SD* on page 20 to see if you qualify for the excess deductions credit on line 38 of your Form IT-201, figure your total itemized deduction adjustment (as if you were completing line 13 of Form IT-201-ATT) and transfer that amount to **line f** of *Worksheet SD*.

Enter the amount of your itemized deduction adjustment. If Form IT-201, line 31 is:

- \$100,000 or less, leave line 13 blank.
- more than \$100,000 but not more than \$475,000, fill in **Worksheet A** below.
- more than \$475,000 but not more than \$525,000, fill in **Worksheet B** below.
- more than \$525,000, enter 50% (.50) of line 12 on line 13.

Worksheet A

1. New York adjusted gross income from Form IT-201, line 31, ... 1.	_____
2. Filing status ① or ③ enter \$100,000, or filing status ④ enter \$150,000, or filing status ② or ⑤ enter \$200,000 ... 2.	_____
3. Subtract line 2 from line 1. (If line 2 is more than line 1, leave line 13 on Form IT-201-ATT blank. Do not continue with this worksheet.) ... 3.	_____
4. Enter the lesser of line 3 or \$50,000 ... 4.	_____
5. Divide line 4 by \$50,000 and carry the result to four decimal places ... 5.	_____
6. Enter 25% (.25) of Form IT-201-ATT, line 12 ... 6.	_____
7. Multiply line 5 by line 6. ... 7.	_____

Transfer this amount to Form IT-201-ATT, line 13.

Worksheet B

1. Enter the excess of New York adjusted gross income over \$475,000 (cannot exceed \$50,000) ... 1.	_____
2. Divide line 1 by \$50,000 and carry the result to four decimal places ... 2.	_____
3. Enter 25% (.25) of Form IT-201-ATT, line 12 ... 3.	_____
4. Multiply line 2 by line 3 ... 4.	_____
5. Add lines 3 and 4. ... 5.	_____

Transfer this amount to Form IT-201-ATT, line 13.

Line 14

Subtract line 13 from line 12.

Enter the result on line 14 and on line 32 of your Form IT-201.

New for 1995 — If you elected to itemize deductions on your New York return, you must attach your completed Form IT-201-ATT to your Form IT-201.

Part II — Other New York State Credits

If you are claiming other New York State credits listed below, fill in Part II. These credits do not apply to New York City taxes. New York State does not allow a credit similar to that claimed on federal Schedule R, *Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled*, of Form 1040.

Line 15

Resident credit

Enter the amount of resident credit. If your income was from sources outside New York State and you paid income taxes to another state, to a local government of another state, to the District of Columbia or to a province of Canada, you may qualify for a tax credit against your New York State tax (section 620 of the Tax Law).

If you qualify, figure this credit on Form IT-112-R, *Resident Tax Credit*, and transfer the amount to Form IT-201-ATT, line 15. Attach Form IT-112-R and a copy of the tax return filed with the other state, or province of Canada, to your New York State return. For more information, see Form IT-112-R. For information on the resident credit against the separate tax on lump-sum distributions, see line 23 instructions on this page.

Line 16

Accumulation distribution credit

Enter the amount of New York State accumulation distribution credit. If you are a beneficiary of a trust who received an accumulation distribution, you may be allowed a credit for New York State income taxes paid by the trust (section 621 of the Tax Law). Attach a schedule showing how you figured your credit.

Line 17

Investment credit

Enter the amount of investment credit. You can claim an investment credit if 1) you produce goods by manufacturing, processing, mining, agriculture or similar activities; 2) you use certain property for research and development purposes, pollution control purposes, waste treatment purposes; or 3) your business is a retail enterprise and you have qualified rehabilitation expenditures on property located in New York State (section 606(a) of the Tax Law). To figure this credit, fill in Form IT-212, *Investment Credit*, and attach it to your return. For more information, see Form IT-212-1, *Instructions for Form IT-212*.

Line 18

Special additional mortgage recording tax credit carryover

This credit is no longer allowed to shareholders of electing New York S corporations. 1993 was the last year that this credit could be claimed. However, any unused credit from a prior year can be carried over. Include on line 18 your prorated share of the S corporation's special additional mortgage recording tax credit carryover from corporation years beginning before 1994.

For all others, 1987 was the last year that this credit could be claimed. However, any unused credit from a prior year can be carried over. Include on line 18 your special additional mortgage recording tax credit carryover for 1995. Attach a schedule showing how you figured your credit carryover.

See additions A-4 and A-5 on page 15 of these instructions.

Line 19

Solar and wind energy credit carryover from 1994

Enter the amount of solar and wind energy credit carryover. 1985 was the last year that this credit could be claimed. Section 606(g)(6) provides that any unused credit can be carried over to the following year or years. Taxpayers carrying over any unused credit from 1994 to 1995 must attach Form IT-218.1, *Solar and Wind Energy Credit Carryover*, to their 1995 return.

Line 20

Economic development zone credits

Wage tax credit — Enter the amount of wage tax credit. In order to claim the wage tax credit, a taxpayer must be certified under Article 18-B of the General Municipal Law as eligible to receive the wage tax credit. The wage tax credit is available in those areas designated as economic development zones and zone equivalent areas:

Economic development zone (EDZ) — The computation of the wage tax credit in an economic development zone is limited to five consecutive taxable years beginning with the first year that economic development zone wages are paid. The credit may only be claimed up to four years following the taxable year in which the designation of the economic development zone expired (section 606(k) of the Tax Law)

Zone equivalent area (ZEA) — The computation of the wage tax credit in a zone equivalent area is limited to two consecutive taxable years beginning with the first year that economic development zone wages are paid. The credit must be claimed during the five-year period immediately following the date of designation as a zone equivalent area (section 606(k) of the Tax Law).

If you qualify, figure this credit on Form DTF-601, *Claim for EDZ Wage Tax Credit*, or DTF-601.1, *Claim for ZEA Wage Tax Credit*, or both, and include the amount on Form IT-201-ATT, line 20. Attach Form DTF-601, DTF-601.1, or both, to your return. For more information, see Forms DTF-601 and DTF-601.1 and their instructions.

Capital tax credit — Enter the amount of capital tax credit. The EDZ capital tax credit is allowed for qualified investments or contributions to an economic development zone capital corporation, qualified investments in certified zone businesses and contributions of money to certain community development projects from one or more economic development zone capital corporations established pursuant to section 964 of the General Municipal Law (section 606(l) of the Tax Law).

If you qualify, figure this credit on Form DTF-602, *Claim for EDZ Capital Tax Credit*, and include the amount on Form IT-201-ATT, line 20. Attach Form DTF-602 to your return. For more information, see Form DTF-602.

EDZ investment tax credit — Enter the amount of investment tax credit. The EDZ investment tax credit is 8% of the cost (or other federal basis) of qualified property which was acquired, constructed, reconstructed or erected in an economic development zone after its date of designation and prior to its date of expiration as an economic development zone. To claim this credit, you must also be certified pursuant to Article 18-B of the General Municipal Law (section 606(j) of the Tax Law).

If you qualify, figure this credit on Form DTF-603, *Claim for EDZ Investment Tax Credit and Additional EDZ Investment Tax Credit*, and include the amount on Form IT-201-ATT, line 20. Attach Form DTF-603 to your return. For more information, see Form DTF-603 and its instructions, Form DTF-603-1.

Part III —

Other New York State Taxes

If you are subject to other New York State taxes as listed below and on page 30, complete Part III.

Line 22

New York State separate tax on lump-sum distributions

Enter your New York State separate tax on lump-sum distributions. If you used federal Form 4972 to figure your federal tax on lump-sum distributions, figure your state separate tax on Form IT-230 and attach it to your return. For more information, see Form IT-230-1, *Instructions for Form IT-230*.

Line 23

Resident credit against separate tax on lump-sum distributions

Enter the amount of resident credit you are claiming against the separate tax on lump-sum distributions. If you received a distribution that is considered a lump-sum distribution for federal income tax purposes, you may qualify for a credit against the state separate tax on lump-sum distributions reported on line 22. This distribution must be from sources outside New York State and must be subject to income tax or to a separate tax by another state, by a local government of another state, by the District of Columbia, or by a province of Canada.

To claim this credit, fill in Form IT-112.1, *Resident Credit Against Separate Tax on Lump-Sum Distributions*. Attach Form IT-112.1 and a copy of the tax return filed with the other state or province of Canada to your New York State return.

Line 25

New York State minimum income tax

Enter your New York State minimum income tax. If you had New York State tax preference items totaling more than your specific deduction of \$5,000 (\$2,500 if married and filing separately), you may be subject to the

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state minimum income tax. Fill in Form IT-220 and attach it to your return. For more information, see Form IT-220-1, *Instructions for Form IT-220*.

Line 26**Add-back of investment credit on early dispositions**

Enter the amount of add-back of investment credit on early dispositions of investment credit property. If you dispose of property on which an investment credit has been taken, or prior to January 1, 1987, a research and development credit was taken, or if the property ceases to be in qualified use before the end of its useful life or specified holding period ends, you must add back in the year of disposition the difference between the investment credit or research and development credit taken and the investment credit or research and development credit allowed. Fill in Form IT-212 and attach it to your return.

Line 27**Add-back of economic development zone capital tax credit and EDZ investment tax credit on early dispositions**

Enter the amount of add-back of economic development zone capital tax credit on early dispositions of stock, a partnership interest or other ownership interest arising from the making of a qualified investment. If you sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of corporate stock, a partnership interest or other ownership interest that was the basis for the allowance of the EDZ capital tax credit or where a contribution or investment is in any manner recovered by you, you must add back in the year of disposition the difference between the EDZ capital tax credit taken and the EDZ capital tax credit allowed. Fill in Form DTF-602 and attach it to your return.

Enter the amount of add-back of economic development zone investment tax credit on early dispositions of qualified property located within the economic development zone. If you dispose of property on which an EDZ investment tax credit has been taken or if the property ceases to be in qualified use before the end of its useful life or specified holding period ends, you must add back in the year of disposition the difference between the EDZ investment tax credit taken and the EDZ investment tax credit allowed. Fill in Form DTF-603 and attach it to your return.

Line 28**Add-back of resident credit for taxes paid to a province of Canada**

Enter the amount of add-back of resident credit for taxes paid to a province of Canada from Form IT-112-R. If any part of the provincial tax that entitled you to a resident credit in a previous year is claimed as a foreign tax credit on your federal return in a succeeding year, you must add back the amount that exceeded your provincial resident tax credit in that succeeding tax year. Attach Form IT-112-R to your return.

Line 29**New York State tax on capital gain portion of lump-sum distribution**

Enter the amount of New York State tax on the capital gain portion of your lump-sum

distribution after completing **Worksheet A** on the back of Form IT-201-ATT. If you used federal Form 4972, Part II, to figure your federal tax on the capital gain portion of a lump-sum distribution, figure your state tax on Form IT-230, *Separate Tax on Lump-Sum Distributions*, Part II, and attach it to your return. For more information, see Form IT-230-1, *Instructions for Form IT-230*.

Part IV — Other City of New York Taxes

If you are subject to other New York City taxes as listed below, complete Part IV.

Line 31**Part-year city of New York resident tax**

Enter your part-year New York City resident tax. If you were a New York City resident for only part of 1995, fill in Form IT-360.1 and attach it to your return. If you were subject to the New York City nonresident earnings tax for the remainder of the year, see the instructions for Form NYC-203. For more information, see IT-360.1-1, *Instructions for Form IT-360.1*.

Line 32**City of New York minimum income tax**

Enter your New York City minimum income tax. If you are a New York City resident and you are subject to the New York State minimum income tax, you must also figure your **New York City** minimum income tax on Form IT-220 and attach it to your return. For more information, see IT-220-1, *Instructions for Form IT-220*.

Line 33**City of New York separate tax on lump-sum distributions**

Enter your New York City separate tax on lump-sum distributions. If you are a New York City resident and if you used federal Form 4972 to figure your federal tax on lump-sum distributions, figure your New York City separate tax on Form IT-230 and attach it to your return. For more information, see IT-230-1, *Instructions for Form IT-230*.

Line 34**City of New York tax on capital gain portion of lump-sum distribution**

Enter the amount of city of New York tax on the capital gain portion of your lump-sum distribution after completing **Worksheet B** on the back page of Form IT-201-ATT. If you are a New York City resident and if you used federal Form 4972, Part II, to figure your federal tax on the capital gain portion of a lump-sum distribution, figure your city of New York tax on Form IT-230, *Separate Tax on Lump-Sum Distributions*, Part II, and attach it to your return. For more information, see Form IT-230-1, *Instructions for Form IT-230*.

Part V — Carryover and Refund: New York State Investment Credit and EDZ Credits

If you qualify for any of the following credits, refunds and carryovers, complete Part V.

Line 36**Net investment credit available for carryover to 1996.**

Enter the amount of net credit available for carryover to 1996 from Form IT-212, line 28.

Line 37**Net economic development zone credit available for carryover to 1996**

Enter the amount of net credit available for carryover to 1996 from Form(s) DTF-601, DTF-601.1, DTF-602 or DTF-603.

Line 38**Investment credit refund for new businesses**

Enter the amount of investment credit refund for new businesses. If your new business qualifies, you can claim a refund for the amount of your current year's unused investment credit instead of carrying it over to next year. For more information see Form IT-212-1, *Instructions for Form IT-212*.

Also include the amount of your investment credit refund for new businesses on Form IT-201 in the total for line 58.

Line 39**Economic development zone (including zone equivalent area) wage tax credit and investment tax credit refund(s)**

Enter the total amount(s) of your wage tax credit refund computed for the economic development zone from Form DTF-601, line 27, zone equivalent area from Form DTF-601.1, line 27, and the economic development zone investment tax credit refund from Form DTF-603, line 11. If you qualify as the owner of a new business, you can elect to claim a refund of 50 percent of your unused credit carryover as an overpayment of tax, to be credited or refunded for the tax year for which the credit is allowed.

Unused credit carryover is defined as the amount of credit, including any carryover that exceeds your tax, plus the portion of the credit that may not be deducted because of the restriction that the credit may not exceed 50% of your 1995 tax liability. For more information, see the instructions for Forms DTF-601, 601.1 and 603.

Include the amount of your EDZ (including ZEA) wage tax credit and EDZ investment tax credit refund(s) on Form IT-201 in the total for line 58. For more information, see the instructions for line 58 on page 23.

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Resolving Tax Problems

The best ways to avoid tax problems are to keep accurate tax records and to stay on top of current tax requirements. These instructions contain information that can help you do both: the instructions list free publications you can order and give toll-free numbers you can call for answers to your specific questions.

Most tax problems can be resolved informally. If your refund is late, call our toll-free refund information number; if you receive a tax deficiency notice that you think is in error, promptly call the number listed on the notice. These instructions also list a toll-free number for ordering any forms you might need.

If you have a problem with the Tax Department which you have not been able to resolve through normal channels, or if for any reason you have a complaint about the Tax Department, call toll free (from New York State only) 1 800 CALL TAX (1 800 225-5829). From areas outside New York State, call (518) 438-8581.

Our representatives will, depending upon the nature of your complaint, either give you the address and phone number of the Problem Resolution Officer in your area, or refer your complaint for further investigation and analysis.

Our Problem Resolution Officers are available to assist you when you have repeatedly attempted to clear up a difficulty and you have been unable to do so.

Problem Resolution Officers help remedy specific taxpayer circumstances that have not been resolved through routine department procedures.

If you have made two or more attempts to resolve your problem and feel that you aren't getting anywhere, you may want to turn to our Problem Resolution Program, which is described in these instructions. The program is set up specifically for taxpayers who have tried to resolve their problems through the normal channels but have been unsuccessful.

Only a relative handful of tax problems fail to be resolved by these informal means. However, if you are issued a *Notice of Deficiency* or a

refund denial and you feel that the Tax Department has made a mistake, you still have a number of options available to you:

- You can request a **conciliation conference** through the Bureau of Conciliation and Mediation Services. The conference is conducted informally by a conferee who issues an order that is binding on the Tax Department, but not on you (you can appeal by filing a petition for a formal hearing, as explained below). To set up a conference, get a *Request for Conciliation Conference* by calling toll free 1 800 462-8100 or by writing to the Bureau of Conciliation and Mediation Services, NYS Tax Department, W A Harriman Campus, Albany NY 12227.
- You can request a **small claims hearing** before an impartial presiding officer if the disputed amount is within certain dollar limitations set by the *Rules of Practice and Procedure*. The presiding officer's decision is final, but at any time before the end of the small claims hearing, you can request a transfer to a formal hearing before an administrative law judge. A copy of the *Rules of Practice and Procedure* will be sent to you when you request a petition form as explained below.
- You can file a petition for a **tax appeals hearing**. The hearing is held before an administrative law judge, and both you and the Tax Department may appeal the judge's decision to the Tax Appeals Tribunal. The Tax Department cannot seek a review of the Tribunal's decision, but you can by instituting an Article 78 proceeding in the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court. You can get the petition forms by writing to the Division of Tax Appeals, Riverfront Professional Tower, 500 Federal Street, 4th Floor, Troy, NY 12180-2894.

Regardless of which appeal option you exercise, you may appear on your own behalf or you may have an authorized representative present your case for review. An authorized representative must have Power of Attorney from you in order to appear on your behalf. Further, your representative must be in compliance with the Ethics in Government Act which restricts appearances by former Tax Department employees. A summary of these restrictions is included on the back of Form DTF-14, *Power of Attorney (Individual)*

Your Rights Under the Tax Law

The Taxpayer Bill of Rights requires, in part, that the Tax Department advise you, in writing, of your rights and obligations during an audit, when appealing a Tax Department decision and when your appeal rights have been exhausted and you need to understand enforcement capabilities available to the Tax Department to obtain payment. For a complete copy of the information contained in all of these statements, you may request Publication 131, *Your Rights and Obligations Under the Tax Law*, by calling toll free (from New York State only) 1 800 462-8100. From areas outside New York, call (518) 438-1073.

Need Help?

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Telephone assistance is available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:25 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Persons with Disabilities - In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, we will ensure that our lobbies, offices, meeting rooms and other facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. If you have questions about special accommodations for persons with disabilities, please call the information and assistance numbers listed above.

Hotline for the Hearing and Speech Impaired - If you have a hearing or speech impairment and have access to a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you can get answers to your New York State tax questions by calling 1 800 634-2110 toll free from anywhere in the U.S. (including Alaska and Hawaii) and Canada. Hours of operation are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you do not own a TDD, check with independent living centers or community action programs to find out where machines are available for public use.

If you need to write, address your letter to: NYS Tax Department, Taxpayer Assistance Bureau, W A Harriman Campus, Albany NY 12227.

Mail your return and any attachments in the preaddressed envelope that came with your tax packet. If you do not have one, address your envelope —

For refund returns: STATE PROCESSING CENTER — REFUND '95
ONE WATERVLIT AVE EXT
ALBANY NY 12261-0001

For all other returns: STATE PROCESSING CENTER
ONE WATERVLIT AVE EXT
ALBANY NY 12261-0001